

## **VELO NORTHWEST /// 2020 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN.**

### **"LIMIT YOUR PARTY" / DEMOGRAPHIC / SPACE**

We will ask that all racers leave any unnecessary family members at home, while this will limit the party that we can have at this event, it will also reduce risk!

Additionally, most of our riders (95%) fall in the age range of 12-49, are healthy and athletic. Any rider who does not feel well will be encouraged not to attend, and will have their race entry forwarded to next year's event.

### **REGISTRATION**

Our current registration / packet pickup is already a "touchless" and quick functioning system. All entries fees are paid in advance, and we intend to have all racers sign their liability waiver through DocuSign or a similar platform.

### **SERVICES / HANDWASHING / RESTROOMS**

There will be a handwashing station, gloves, and hand sanitizer for use by all attendees. Masks will be on hand for those that do not have one, and will be offered to those who are not wearing them.

### **STAGING / RACING**

Awards will be held in the open field, rather than our main staging area.

Riders will be called to the start line in order at set times throughout the day, this will keep groups small and the format of our start line naturally encourages social distancing due to the riders being lined up and having two large wheels between them (along with the fact that they space out naturally. **High fives and hugging will be discouraged, unfortunately.**

The trails we use cover a very large area, approximately 800 acres – this keeps riders very spread out, and the nature of the terrain encourages social distancing as well.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be held in the open field, rather than our main staging area, which will give participants plenty of room to spread out. We will space the podium boxes 6 feet away from each other.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

This years race format will require about half as many volunteers as normal, reducing the overall contact between riders and event volunteers.

### **GENERAL PRACTICES**

Attendees will be consistently urged to follow current COVID-19 mitigation practices -

1. frequently wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;
2. Avoid touching their face;
3. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of their elbow;
4. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible;
5. Strongly encourage and consider using face coverings.