



Press release

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BARBERTON XCM POSTPONED TO 8 MAY 2021 – giving you more time to train!

25 years.

In 25 years we have never had to consider changing a date or cancelling an event. We have always been the season opener and we wish to maintain this title. Unfortunately, we have been informed by the Regulating bodies and authorities that our event cannot continue as planned on 30 January 2021. We have tried all the avenues and means available to our disposal to adapt and make the changes in order to continue, however this was still not acceptable or viable. We have therefore come to the final decision to postpone the race to 8 May 2021. We initially announced that the date will move to 15 May, however, we received multiple requests to move the date again in order to accommodate riders who will compete in the Sani2C. We thank the Hectorspruit MTB team who were willing to sacrifice their date for us.

Please note the following:

- All pre-entries will be transferred to the race on 8 May 2021
- No refunds will be available - the money will go towards charity
- We remain committed to present you with a safe, compliant and world class event on 8 May 2021.

Some of the considerations / influencing factors includes:

- The event categorization which was issued by SAPS was cancelled and we were informed that the event cannot take place on 30 January 2021
- A memo from the Department of Education stating that no sporting events may take place on their terrains
- The significant increase in the number of infections in Mpumalanga
- The limited number of hospital beds available in the area
- Closing of the borders, we have a relatively large number of riders from Mozambique and Swaziland that has been supporting our race over the past two decades
- The Presidents call for all South Africans to be responsible and to consider others

We trust that you will understand that we have been placed in an extremely difficult position, where we ultimately had no input in the matter, and that we now have to make do with the limited options available.

If you needed more time to exercise & get ready for the race - this is your chance.
#NoExcuses #SeeYouSoon #DaisyWarrior

Please continue to pre-enter at www.barbertonxcm.co.za

We thank you for your continued support over the past 25 years and we trust that we will see you all in Barberton on 8 May 2021. Please stay safe and do your bit to flatten the curve.

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