



## Sustainable Events Supporting Sustainable Trails

### *FVMBA Special Event Trail Policy*

#### Goal

The intent of this policy is to ensure that higher impact events held on trails maintained by the FVMBA support the association's mission of building a culture of inclusive mountain bike communities and sustainable trail networks.

It provides a framework for developing positive relationships with event organizers while ensuring the sustainable management and support for the trails and networks used by special events.

Races, shuttles, guided tours, clinics, demo events, etc... all contribute to increased wear on the trails. Factors such as the number of participants, weather conditions preceding the event and on the day of the event, and other factors all play a role in the effect the event has on the trail.

#### Course / Trail Selection

Course selection for all race courses using FVMBA-maintained trails will be guided by the FVMBA Operations Manager and the FVMBA Board & Area Representatives for the trail network where the race is being held. Race courses will be evaluated based on their suitability for the type of race, expected skill level of the race participants, ability of the trail to withstand the volume and riding ability of the racers, and trail conditions.

Organizers are to present their suggested course to the FVMBA Board of Directors and FVMBA Operations Manager at least 6 months in advance of the event.

Organizers must obtain applicable permits from land managers prior to the event.

Organizers must obtain appropriate liability insurance for the event and FVMBA must be named in the policy.

The FVMBA asks that event organizers appoint a Course Marshal to monitor course conditions and to tape the course (with guidance from the FVMBA) to help reduce the creation of shortcuts and braids.

## Compensation for Higher Impact Events (More than 25 Participants)

Event organizers are expected to support the FVMBA's maintenance of the trails. Compensation will be dependent on the impacts of the events on the trails and will be agreed upon prior to the event. All funds will be donated directly to the FVMBA.

Examples:

- Races
- Ride Festivals
- Multi-day events
- Events that operate regardless of the weather

The following standards outline the expected compensation::

1. All funds are to be donated directly to the FVMBA (not via a third party)
2. The amount of donation will be agreed on prior to the event so that FVMBA can plan trail work prior to and after the event.
3. For MTB XC, MTB Enduro, and running races, the donation amount will be a minimum of \$5 per participant for every 10 km of FVMBA maintained trails used in the event.
4. For MTB DH races (where a single trail is practiced by participants multiple times prior to the race), the donation amount will be a minimum of \$15 per participant for every 5 km of FVMBA maintained trails.