



2018 SAM MIRANDA GRAN FONDO – RIDER INFORMATION KIT

Thank you for your entry into the 2018 Sam Miranda Gran Fondo. This email includes everything you require for your ride on Saturday morning. This year's event has seen huge growth since the first Gran Fondo in 2012 event and we thank you for your support. Many of you have ridden all 6!

Before you depart on Saturday morning be sure to watch Stage 3 of the Men's Tour of the King Valley National Road Series departing from the event village. Over 140 men from over 20 teams are competing in the men's version of the Sam Miranda Tour of the King Valley.

The Women's NRS Stage will depart from 1:00pm with an estimated finish at 4:15pm so don't forget to stay around and watch the action in the afternoons racing including National Road Series Tour of the King Valley featuring some of the best female cyclists in Australia.

Rear Red Tail Light:

Please ensure that you have a working rear red taillight fitted to your bike. **It is an important part of our permit requirements**

For all open road events (i.e. events not run under a rolling road closure or closed road conditions) sanctioned by Cycling Victoria, participants must have a red light operating on either the seat post or right rear seat stay of their bike. The light must be operational during the entire event and must be visible from 200 metres to the rear.

General information

Event 'Check in'

Registration will be open from the Sam Miranda Cellar Door on Friday 1:00pm - 7:00pm to register early and avoid the queue on Saturday morning

Registration will also be open from 7:00 – 8:30 am on the morning of the ride in the Event Village marquee.

Your rider kit will be available for collection during the above time and will consist of

Rider Transponder number (to be fitted to your seatpost)

Meal Ticket for your post event meal

Limited Edition Sam Miranda Gran Fondo Jersey (first 200 to register)

Start Location

The event will commence from Sam Miranda King Valley 1019 Snow Road (Glenrowan – Myrtleford Rd Oxley) Participants are advised, when travelling from Melbourne on Hume Freeway, to the exit signed Milawa Taminick (Alternate Snow Route) from the Snow Road Intersection / Wangaratta Whitfield Intersection please follow the yellow 'BIKE RACE PARKING' arrows

Parking

Please follow the yellow 'BIKE RACE PARKING' arrows to enter the property from the Wangaratta – Whitfield Rd (not through the normal Sam Miranda Entrance)

All day event parking is available for all Gran Fondo participants for a Gold Coin donation to parking attendants with the money going to a local charity.

Please observe their instructions / directions.

Event Village

The Event Village located in the car park of Sam Miranda King Valley will open 6:30 with a variety of services on offer including:

- Event Information
- Public Toilets
- Genovese Coffee
- Rider Registration

- Food
- First Aid
- Last minute bike repairs
- Sponsor Displays

Arriving at the event

We strongly recommend that participants arrive at the Event Village no less than 45 minutes prior to the start of the event. The arrival time of participants is one thing the event organizers cannot control. So we ask that you use common sense and avoid delays by planning ahead.

Start Times:

Gran Fondo 8:35am

Course marshalling commences at 8:30am just after the departure of the Men's NRS event

Starting Format

To ensure a safe start for all riders, the field will leave the start area in waves. Riders will be marshaled in waves of 30 while in the start area.

All participants are required to assemble in the marshalling area located on the start line prior to the event. An official event briefing will take place at 8:15 am for all participants

Mechanical Support

Basic repairs will be available at the start/finish line. Please check your tyres before your ride, don't leave it to the last minute. We strongly recommend all participants service their bikes prior to the event and carry with them any spares they may require on the day. If your bike is as well prepared as you are, there will be less likelihood of mechanical problems occurring, so you can relax and enjoy the ride.

Nearest bikes shops:

West End Cycles in Muntz St Wangaratta 03 5721 4519

Rock and Road Cycles in Rowan St Wangaratta 03 57214 744

Transponder Timing

All riders have been assigned a transponder seat post label which needs to be attached to your seatpost. Please follow the directions listed on the label. A demo bike will be located near the rego desk.

You do not have to return your timing label at the finish.

Your ride time will be available from our website www.sammiranda.com.au/sam-miranda-gran-fondo.

Timing Finish Line

The Official Timing Point for the Gran Fondo finishes approx. 200m from the 'Real' finish line. The Official Timing Point is located on the Oxley Greta West Rd just outside the entrance to Sam Miranda Winery. This has been done in-case you get stopped by traffic management or police if a race is leaving the Start Line.

Time Cutoffs

As there other events on throughout the day we have implemented a time cut at Myrree (50km) if you are caught by the Lead Police vehicle which accompanies the Womens NRS Race before Myrree you will be asked to go straight ahead to Moyhu instead of turning at the Myrree intersection and heading towards the Strade Nero. If you average more than 15km/h or above you will be well ahead of the time cut.

Coffee

Thanks to Genovese Coffee we have included coffee at the Hydration stop again for 2018! All Gran Fondo riders will be able to stop for a coffee at the top of the climb if they wish, before descending into Whitfield.

First Aid

St John Ambulance will provide first aid assistance for all participants. A Static First Aid post will be located in the event village with 2 mobile units located on the course.

Litter (IMPORTANT!!)

Riders must not discard bidons or rubbish of any kind on the roadside.

Riders found to be littering will be fined in accordance with local council laws.

We have had several instances in the past of bidons and gel wrappers being dropped on course. Please take your gel wrappers with you and dispose at the end of the race.

Sag Wagon

In the event that you need to abandon the Sam Miranda Gran Fondo, please contact the race director on 0409 124 692 to arrange assistance.

We will also have an assistance moto on course who will be carrying extra tubes in the event of breakdowns.

We will have a Sag Wagon following at the end of the event. You will not be left stranded.

Spot Prizes

We have some fantastic spot prizes that will be awarded at the presentation ceremonies after the Women's NRS has completed their race.

Thule have a Round Trip Pro Bike bag valued in excess of \$800 up for grabs along with some other great prizes. Make sure you hang around to see if your name is called out.

Don't forget to book your accommodation! We suggest that you book through the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre on 1800 801 065 or www.visitwangaratta.com.au