

2024 Grand Prix of Grand Beach - *Event Manual*

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Presented Dark Red Racing

ONLINE Registration ONLY - NO ON-SITE Registration

Race Name: Grand Prix of Grand Beach

Race Date: Sunday, May 5th, 2024

Race Website: [Grand Prix of Grand Beach 2024](#)

Host:

Dark Red Racing Cycling Club

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Location: The [Grand Beach Cross Country Ski Trails](#) are located in Grand Beach Provincial Park.

Directions: To get to the Gran Prix of Grand Beach Race, go to the Park's East Gate and turn right at the Cross-Country Ski Trails, 200 meters past the East Gate entrance. Stay to the left to get to the trailhead parking lot.

Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/VMvm1Q5yfBQmLcz96>

Parking:

There will be parking on-site at the Grand Beach Ski Trails parking lot (Adjacent to the staging area). Please watch for children and cyclists.

Eligibility:

The race is open to all. The Grand Prix Main Event is open for younger riders as well, but the lower age limit is 11+ years old. Parents/Guardians, please exercise discretion regarding the ability of your child to ride a lap of the full adult course in a safe manner. Please contact the race organizer if you have questions/concerns. Transgender, Gender Fluid, and Non-Binary participants may choose whichever category makes them most comfortable. We are an inclusive and safe space for all. Valid UCI/CCA/MCA race license, or a Day Permit* are required. To purchase a UCI/CCA/MCA license visit the [MCA Website](#).

*Day permits are available at a cost of \$20 per event for non-MCA licensed riders who wish to participate in an MCA-sanctioned event without purchasing a full license. Up to three Day Permits may be purchased per year. The cost of Day permits can be "rolled" into a full license at any time.

*****IMPORTANT***** Day permits DO NOT provide sport accident or liability insurance for the permit holder. Rather, they are in place to "Protect" the MCA, the Race Organizer and volunteers, and licensed riders. We strongly encourage all participants to consider the benefits of a full MCA racing license.

Registration:

Registration: ONLINE ONLY!

PLEASE NOTE: Unlicensed persons may register and participate but they must purchase an additional "Day Permit" for \$20 when registering (\$5 for Kids)

Link: [Zone4](#)

Registration closes: 11:59pm Friday, May3rd, 2024

Race day registration:

There will be No Race Day Registration*

*Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis.

Check In: All registered riders must "Check-in" at the registration table. On-site check-in opens at 8:00am for kids and MB summer games Qualifying event, and 8:30am for Main event. On-site check-in closes 1/2 hour before your event start time. Licensed riders will receive their MCA race numbers for the 2024 season.

Categories:

- **Kids Race*** - Choice of 1 or 2 laps (kids course). (+/- 10-15 min lap) - recommended for kids U11
- **Manitoba Summer Games Qualifier Race**

The Manitoba Summer Games U13 / U15 Qualifier Event is for youth participants whose birth year is 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013 (11 -14 years old as of Dec 31, 2024) and would like to qualify for a spot on one of the cycling (MTB) regional teams for the 2024 MB Summer Games being held in Dauphin Aug 11-14, 2024. This is the first of five qualifier events available. Youth participants will need to race in at least one MB Summer Games Qualifier events to be eligible for selection for the MB Summer Games. The MB Summer Games Qualifier Event will be between 3 to 4 km per lap, consist of multiple laps with both age categories and both genders racing at the same time. Duration of the race is expected to be between 20-45 min for U13 and 30-55 min for U15. More Information about the MB Summer Games for cycling can be found on the MCA website: <https://mbcycling.ca/manitoba-summer-games/>

- **MAIN EVENT:**

The Grand Prix Team Relay is our Main Event! Take turns riding as many laps as you desire on a team of 2-4 riders. Teams can consist of all male, mixed (all gender/any gender/no gender), or all female participants. Each team member must ride at least one lap of the course for their team to qualify for prizing. There will be a Grand Prize for the team that rides the most laps within the 4-hour time limit. Choose your teams carefully! Mixed teams will receive a bonus lap, while all-female teams will receive 2 bonus laps towards their team's final lap count! Please specify your team members on the registration page, as well as a team name!

The Grand Prix Solo Event - Ride as many laps of our beautiful course as you can or desire with no-one else to worry about! Categories are male and female solo. (Transgender, Gender Fluid, and Non-Binary participants may choose whichever of the two categories makes them most comfortable). Prizing will be proportionally based on field depths.

*All Races at GP of Grand Beach have gender neutral starts. Please self-seed at staging based on your perceived ability level for your event of choice. Allow faster riders to the front.

Event Pricing:

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| ● Kids Races (U11) | | \$15 (per person) |
| ● MB Summer Games | | \$25 (per person) |
| ● Youth (11-U19) | Solo event or Team | \$25 (per person) |
| ● Adult (19+) | Solo event or Team | \$35 (per person) |

Course Pre-ride:

Course pre-riding will be allowed on Saturday May 4th beginning at 5:00pm, However, the course may not be fully marked. Crew may be still working on course preparation so please be respectful and ride in a safe manner. Full pre-ride will be available on Sunday, May 5th 8:00-8:45am*.

**Kids races may utilize a portion of the adult course. Pre-riders must be off the course by 9:00am. This is not a large pre-ride window... so prepare early for one lap pre-ride if you so choose.*

Podium & Prizing:

- **Kids Races:** There will not be a podium for kids races. Kids race participants will candy or similar food items.
- **MB Summer Games Qualifying Event:** Podium will occur after the start of the main event, around 11:30 am.
- **Team Relay Event:** There will be a Grand Prize for the team that rides the most laps within the 4-hour time limit.
- **Solo Event:** There will be podiums for Male and Female categories, prizing based on respective field depths.
- **Grand Draw Prize:** Will be drawn during the final podiums at 4:00pm. You must be present to receive your draw prize or there will be a redraw.

Thanks to Bikes & Beyond for special prizes!

Course Description:

The track surface may consist of a variety of terrains including singletrack, doubletrack, dirt, loose dirt, gravel, sand, hard pack, stone, mud, and/or grass. The course will offer technical features that may include rocks, roots, logs, and human-made special features. Difficult technical features may offer several line choices, "A" denoting the more difficult option, and "B" denoting the alternate or moderate option, and potentially an option "C" which would denote the easiest option.

Race-day Schedule:

(Staging for each race will begin at least 15 minutes in advance, please listen for the commissaires to announce staging and prepare early)

8:00am	Course open for pre-ride (Main Event, MB Qualifier, Kids Races)
8:00am	Registration table Open - Kids Races and MB Qualifier Only
8:30am	Registration table Open - All Events, Now open for Main Event Riders
8:45am	Course Closed (no riders out)
8:45am	Kids Race Staging
9:00am	Kids Race Start (Both Waves)
9:50am	MB Summer Games Qualifier Event Staging
10:00am	MB Summer Games Qualifier Event Start
10:45am	Grand Prix Main Event Staging (Solos plus Team Rider#1)
11:00am	Grand Prix START (All Riders)
11:30am	Podium for MB Summer Games Qualifier Event
3:00pm	Lunch Available
2:45pm	Lap lane closed (Riders cannot start a lap after this time)
2:45pm	Course Sweeper and course teardown commences
3:30pm	Official Race End. Laps completed after this time will NOT be counted!!
4:00pm	Podium and Prizes
4:30pm	See you next year!!!

Food:

There will be food and beverage available for all event participants (both kids, MB Games, and main events) from 2:30 pm until 4:00pm. Lunch is included with all registrations. Additional food may be available on a first-come-first-serve basis for non-participants. Cash Only.

General Race Rules :

- Pre-riding may only be done during the designated times for your category.
- Everyone riding on the course during scheduled Pre Ride/training times MUST have a current MCA general membership (or race license), or day permit (Avail through Registration) Non members are not permitted to operate a bicycle on the course during scheduled event times.
- All racers must operate a bicycle with both front and rear working brakes.
- All racers must wear a safety approved helmet deemed appropriate for cycling AT ALL TIMES while riding (i.e. while training, racing, riding around the staging area etc.). No exceptions.
- Riders shall act and race with caution and respect for their fellow racers. They shall be held responsible for any accidents that they cause.
- Racers may be required to present their license or proof of day permit at the Registration/Check in table. Do not come to a race without your license. FYI, technically, the license is to remain on your person throughout the race.
- It is a racer's responsibility to know the race course and the number of required laps before the race starts. Marshals are not obligated to give out directions to confused riders.
- A racer must act in a sporting manner at all times and shall permit any faster rider to overtake without obstructing.
- If a rider exits the course for any reason, he/she must return to the course at exactly the same point from which they exited (i.e. do not cross over tape to reenter the course).
- Sleeveless jerseys are NOT allowed.
- Handlebars must have end caps. Kickstands should be removed. Water bottle holders must be secured in appropriate locations on the bicycle frame or seat post.
- Race plates must be secured to the handlebar so that the number can be clearly read by the Commissaires at the Finish line. Do not alter the plate in any way. Ensure the plate is not obscured by brake cables or bent such that the numbers are difficult to read from a distance. Ensure the bottom of the plate is secured so that it cannot flip up.
- Before the race, know exactly where the finish line is situated. Your finish time is recorded on the finish line. Do not stop your race until you cross the finish line. Once finished, exit the area immediately.
- The finish line is for finishers. Never cross the finish line twice.
- If you leave the race for any reason you MUST alert one of the Commissaires as soon as you are able. It is not fun to look for a "lost" rider who has left the race course unannounced.
- Glass containers are not allowed on the course, including the feed zone.
- Please walk your bicycle in the parking areas & any other road ways adjacent to the race site.
- Please walk your bicycle in the registration, spectator and staging areas.
- Please consult the UCI and CCA rules to see all applicable rules and regulations.