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## 2026 Grand Prix of Grand Beach - *Event Manual*

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**ONLINE Registration ONLY - NO ON-SITE Registration**

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# Race Name: *Grand Prix of Grand Beach 2026*

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**Race Date:** Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

**Race Website:** [Grand Prix of Grand Beach 2026](#)

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

**Main Event Course Map:** [2026 Grand Prix of Grand Beach Course Map](#).  
Download [GPX File](#).

**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.

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## Eligibility:

The Event is open to all. The Grand Prix Main Event is open for younger riders as well, but the lower age limit is 10+ years old for the Main Event. There is a kids race for 6-12 year old Riders. 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 for unlicensed riders will be available for purchase at the time of registration on Zone4.

\*Day permits are available at a cost of \$5 for kids, \$10 for youth, and \$35 for adults 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 will 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" (available through Zone4)

**Link:** [Race Website 2026](#)

**Registration closes: 11:59pm Friday, May 1st, 2025**

**Race day registration:**

**There will be No Race Day Registration\***

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

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**Check In:** All registered riders must "Check-in" at the registration table. On-site check-in opens at 8:30am for kids event, and 9:00am for Main event. On-site check-in closes 1/2 hour before your event start time. All racers will receive custom Dark Red Racing plates for this event.

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**About the Grand Prix of Grand Beach:** The GP of Grand Beach is essentially a kickoff party for MTB in Manitoba! Come enjoy the smooth and flowy single track of Grand Beach on a carefully curated course, rideable for beginners and experienced riders. Ride the event Solo or with friends! Reconnect with friends and lovers of Mountain Biking and celebrate the return to summer riding after a long, cold winter!

**Kids Event** - Choice of 1 to 3 laps on a beautiful and shortened course. (+/- 10-15 min lap) - recommended for kids 6-12 years old (age as of December 31, 2025 - also known as U13).  
\*Experience riders between the ages of 10 to 12 will be allowed to register for the Main Event or Solo Event discretion advised.

**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. Each team member must ride at least one lap of the course for their team to qualify for prize. There will be a Prize for the team that rides the most laps within the 4-hour time limit. Teams can consist of all male, mixed (all gender/any gender/no gender), or all female participants. Mixed teams will receive a bonus lap towards their total lap count, 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 4 Hour 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).

\*All events 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.

**The Grand Prix Prizing** - we will have plenty of bike-related draw prizes as well as a Grand Prize presented by our friends at Bikes and Beyond!

## Event Pricing:

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| ● Kids Races (U11) |                    | \$20 (per person) |
| ● Youth (11-U19)   | Solo event or Team | \$30 (per person) |
| ● Adult (19+)      | Solo event or Team | \$40 (per person) |

## Course Pre-ride:

Course pre-riding will be allowed on Saturday May 4th beginning at 3:00pm, 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 8:00-9:00am, and 10:00-10:45am\*. Feel free to [download the GPX](#) file of the course (Recommended). See above!

Google Maps Map of Trail [Here](#).

*\*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 events. Kids race participants will candy or similar food items.
- **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 both for U19 and Senior participants. Prizing will be based on respective field depths.
- **Grand Prix Draw Prizes and 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 sponsoring our prizes again in 2026!***

## 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)

8:30am	Course open for pre-ride (Main Event, MB Qualifier, Kids Races)
8:30am	Registration table Open - Kids Races and MB Qualifier Only
9:00am	Registration table Open - All Events, Now open for Main Event Riders
9:00am	Course Closed (no riders out)
9:00am	Kids Event Staging
9:10am	Kids Event Start (All Waves)
10:00am	Course Open for Main Event Pre-ride
10:45am	Grand Prix Main Event Staging (Solos plus Team Rider#1)
11:00am	Grand Prix START (All Riders)
1:00pm	1:00 pm Lunch Available (All Participants)
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 and main events) from 1:00 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.