

Singapore Bike Asia 100 Mountain Bike Race – Communique No. 1

I would like to thank DirTraction for the opportunity to officiate at an awesome event that has great potential and a bright future.

I would like to take this opportunity, to further explain that the event was called off due to lightning strike and the possibility of exposure and the inherent risk related to this, by all competitors, marshalls, spectators and various members of the public

This decision was made after consultation with the events management committee, Meteorological Services, coupled with up-to-date warnings and on site visual sight of lightning strikes converging on the venue.

My decision was made in my capacity as the Commissaire exercising “Duty of Care” to all who were present.

This decision to “call off” the event and not just to “suspend” was made based on the unreliability of how long the lightning strikes may last, coupled with how long or how soon a new bad weather condition will return.

As an event organiser, I understand the decision to suspend or call off an event is never an easy decision to make, with commitments and responsibilities to competitors, marshalls, spectators and of course sponsors all of whom make any event a success.

In my professional capacity as the Commissaire in Charge my responsibilities are towards the considerations of safety, security and Duty of Care which far overrides all other considerations.

I understand that this may not be a favourite decision to make and sometimes difficult for event organisers and competitors to accept, again as the Commissaire in Charge I have to make my decisions based on corresponding facts and a judgement that is safe and secure for all.

I do hope that this does not dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of all the competitors and all involved in this event, and in particular DirTraction as event organisers, who are obviously passionate about making this event a success.

I know DirTraction will keep up the good work and I look forward to your feedback and comments.

Best Regards

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