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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Entries for the 2009 Scott Australian 24 hour Mountain Bike Championships now open**

**17 July 2009** - Scott no mates? Ride as a solo. Scott mates? Enter as a team! And do it soon! The website for the 2009 Scott 24hr is now live and entries are open. This year we are capping rider number at 2500 so, to secure your spot in the greatest 24 hour mountain bike race of them all, get your name on an entry form asap.

On October 10th and 11th Canberra Off Road Cyclists (CORC) will be taking you along for a trip, returning to our roots, celebrating what's best about mountain biking – getting out with our mates, riding and having fun!

2009 will bring together everything that has given The Scott its legacy of the longest running 24 hour race in Australia.

Participants will not only get an awesome weekend, there will be T-shirts, heaps of free swag, a finisher's prize, random give-always, hot showers, camping under the stars with pizza a phone-call away.

Over \$50,000 in cash and product prizes!

Teams can be formed with up to 6 riders, in male, female and mixed categories. There is also a corporate category with 10 rider teams. For details, check out the website [www.scott24hr.com.au](http://www.scott24hr.com.au)

It all begins with the prologue on Saturday morning, before the main race. The prologue replaces the 'fastest lap' prize in the main 24hr event, and aims to increase exposure to the top riders using a single 'flying lap' time trial format. During the prologue, an additional feature will be the 'King and Queen of the Mountain', a race within a race for the fastest to Echidna Gap (the Col du Stromlo). This event is one of the most exciting and fast paced races all weekend and is definitely one not to be missed!

After the prologue the main endurance and dirt challenge is kicking of. Starting then and there brave mountain bikers will set off on a journey like no other.

Last year it was estimated that the majority of riders took approximately one hour to complete one course respectively, totalling an approximate 65 km during the race.





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The solo riders on the other hand, subjected themselves to over 400 kilometres of cross country riding for the duration of the 24 hours.

Exactly what the laps look like this year and what you should expect from riding them will not be revealed until daybreak the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

Over the weekend riders and spectators alike will enjoy a range of exciting entertainment including demonstrations as well as a trade show showcasing the latest must-have mountain biking accessories, gadgets, and bikes.

The campground will be buzzing as lights keep passing through the surrounding forest and riders keep climbing on and off their bikes all through the night.

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