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TOUR DE DAMAC

DATE : 20TH MARCH 2021

TIME : 7 AM

LOCATION : DAMAC AKOYA



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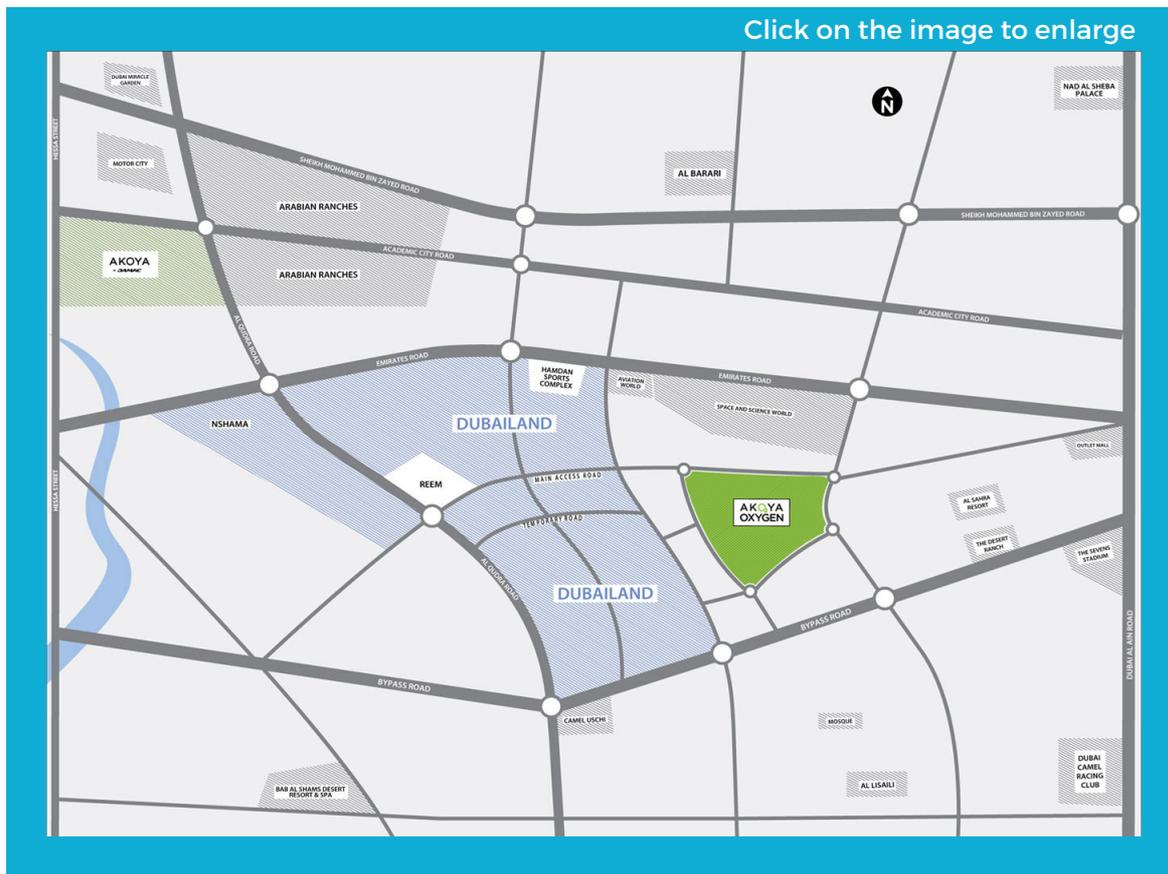


INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the inaugural edition of **DAMAC Cyclethon - Tour de Akoya** which will be held on the 20th of March 2021 at DAMAC Akoya. The DAMAC Cyclethon is a 60km Cycling Challenge for adults and features a Junior Cycling Challenge of 7km for the kids. Please read the race booklet carefully to understand everything about the race, the schedules and all activities that are available at the venue. We look forward to greeting you at the gates of DAMAC Akoya!

EVENT LOCATION & HOW TO GET THERE

The event will take place at DAMAC Akoya. Routes from Abu Dhabi, Central Dubai and Sharjah & Northern Emirates can be found below. We request all participants to only commute together with people from their own household to ensure safety of all attendants of the event and to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19.

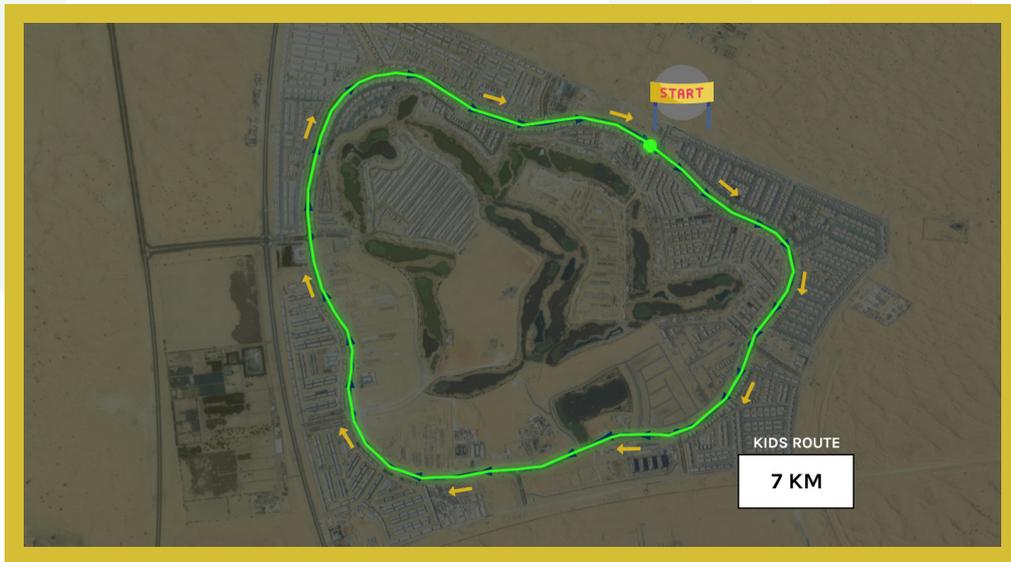


To park your car, enter DAMAC Akoya and follow the signs to the grand parking lot next to Carrefour Market.

Junior Race

The Junior Ride will start at the same place where the adult race starts, inside Akoya. Juniors will do a 7km lap inside Akoya and finish at the same point they started.

For parents: Riding with your children is not allowed. The entire course is controlled and marshals and medical teams are on route. We deliberately designed the Junior course to be inside Akoya to ensure no traffic can interfere and maximum safety for your children so that they can enjoy their race to the fullest while you wait for them on the finish line to cheer them on.



For Village

The Race village is a fun family area for the participants. A kids zone will be dedicated for the little ones with inflatables, an arts and crafts corner as well as entertainment. Families can enjoy the music and entertainment shows while they grab a bite from the F&B outlets catered by Paramount Hotels.



To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, make sure to wear a face mask at all times. We have created a large race village to ensure that all attendants can maintain the 2-meter social distance standard. We kindly request all attendants to follow these rules.



RACE PACK COLLECTION

Race Pack Collection will take place on the 17th March from 12:00 to 19:00 and 18th March from 10:00 to 19:00 at Revolution Cycles Dubai.

Location Link : <https://goo.gl/maps/xe1EQPnKGphrdgNX8>

YOUR RACE PACK CONSISTS OF :

- 1 x Bib Number
- 4 x Safety Pins
- 1 x Bike Plate (Please attach the bike plate to your saddle post with the included cable ties)
- 2 x Cable Ties
- 1 x Timing Chip + Ankle Strap

Please ensure to return your timing chip at the end of the race in the finish line chute.

Timing & Results

To ensure the most accurate and reliable timing for all athletes we rely on **MYLAPS Pro-Chip Technology** provided by Premier Timing. The active timing technology is accurate to 0.001 second and is used in professional cycling races such as UAE Tour, Vuelta, Giro d'Italia and the Olympic Games.

All participants will receive a timing chip in their race pack including an ankle strap. Wear the timing chip on your left ankle and ensure that the strap is tightly secured so you don't lose it during the race. Participants who lose their timing chip will not be eligible for ranking or prize money.

NOTE :

As per UCI regulations, the race is scored on Gun time, meaning that all participants receive the same start time. If you are a fast or competitive rider that is fighting for the title, make sure you are in the front rows of the start line.

Results will be published within 2 hours after the last finisher crosses the line and the link to the official results will be communicated to all participants.

Race Start

The front rows of the start line are reserved for fast/competitive riders. If you are one, make your way to the front rows to ensure you can race for the win. All participants must wear a face mask inside the race village, once you enter the start chute there are bins to dispose of your face mask. If you have a reusable face mask you may take it off and store it away when you enter the start chute.

Within the start chute, social distancing protocols remain in place. Therefore we have marked out the places on the start line where you can position yourself. Obstructing the social distancing rules at the start line will lead to immediate disqualification.

The Race starts inside DAMAC Akoya. A lead vehicle will guide all participants out of the compound on to the main road. No racing is allowed during the controlled start. Once the lead vehicle releases the participants, the race is on!

NOTE FOG SEASON : Fog season is upon us, therefore make sure to arrive on time and make sure your bike has a rear red light. We may have to delay the start of the race if it is deemed unsafe to race during the fog. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

RACE RULES

Start of the Race :

- Maintain social distancing as marked out on the start chute.
- During the controlled start, racing is not allowed.

During the Race :

- If you are a non-competitive rider, please keep right.
- Overtaking is done from the left.
- TT bars and Aero bikes are not allowed in the race.
- Obstructing fellow riders by unnecessarily breaking, blocking or pushing will lead to immediate disqualification.

Finish of the Race :

- After crossing the finish line, participants will enter the finish chute towards the race village.
- Please slow down (the race has ended).
- Inside the finish line chute, you will receive a fresh face mask to wear.
- Upon arrival to the race village all participants must wear a face mask again.
- Resting areas are provided inside the race village. Stopping, resting or gathering inside the finish line chute is not allowed.

During the race referees inside the support vehicles will enforce the rules. Any participant not following the above rules may risk disqualification from the race.

Mechanical Support

Revolution Cycles Dubai will be on-site during the event for basic mechanical support. In the race village, they will have a workshop next to the race pack collection area to help participants with any basic pre-race mechanical issues.

They will also have one on-road mechanic to support any rider that faces a mechanical issue during the race. If the issue can be fixed, they will do so, if the issue is too complicated to be fixed on-road you will be forced to retire from the race.

Water Stations

At the start and finish line, water will be provided by MAI DUBAI. We kindly request all participants to use their bottle only for themselves and refrain from sharing to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

On the route, at kilometer 40, there will be 1 water station that you will pass by 4 times (1 time every loop). Water bottles will only be handed out during the third loop. If you require more water, please bring your own bottle to the race.

Medical Support

At the Race Village, there will be medics available for medical support. Additionally, there will be ambulances on route for immediate and urgent support. All medics on site are professionals, if they recommend you retire from the race, please do so.

Gifts and Medals

Upon finishing you will enter the finish line chute. At the end of the finish line chute there will be several stations in the following order :

- **COVID-19 Prevention station** : All participants will receive a face mask to wear immediately. If you have your own reusable face mask, please wear it upon entering the finish line chute.
- **Water and Food station** : Water will be provided by MAI DUBAI and some food to regain your strength.
- **Medal Station** : All finishers will receive a medal. Please note that the medal will be provided in a sealed plastic bag for sanitary reasons. If you unpack the medal, please throw the plastic bag away in the designated bins.
- **Goodie Bag Station** : All finishers will receive a goodie bag with lots of surprises!

Please note that each participant will only receive one medal and one goodie bag.

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

DAMAC Cyclethon 2021 is committed to maintaining and preserving the health and safety of all riders under the current pandemic. Therefore, there will be several safety protocols in place that all attendants will have to adhere to.

Please read the below carefully and familiarize yourself and others around you.

-  **Arrival :** Please ensure that you follow the local authority restrictions around vehicle capacity. Also, we recommend attendants to only travel with members of their household.
-  **Spectators :** No spectators will be allowed to enter the start and/or finish line chute to avoid group gatherings and encourage social distancing.
-  **Temperature checks :** Please check your temperature before your departure to the event. If you are displaying any COVID-19 related symptoms, please contact your nearest medical facility and do not come to the race.
-  **Wear a face mask :** Face masks are mandatory for all attendants of the race. Participants of the race can only take their face mask off during the race in the start line chute and will receive a new one (or can wear their reusable one) in the finish line chute. If you refuse to wear a face mask at the event venue you will be asked to leave immediately.
-  **Social Distancing :** On the start line chute there will be markings on where participants can stand. Please use these. If social distancing rules are not adhered in the start line chute, you will be disqualified. Inside the race village there is enough space to remain socially distant, please do so. Organizers and local authorities will be monitoring the social distancing rules.
-  **Sanitization:** Hand sanitizing gel will be provided inside the race village at several locations. Please sanitize your hands before and after the race.

QUESTIONS ?

For any questions or unclarities please contact us on :

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