

2019 TSHWANE DIAMOND ROAD CLASSIC

Date: 26 May 2019
Time: 07h00
Venue: Baviaanspoort Correctional Facility
(Zambezi Drive off-ramp R513 off N1 towards Cullinan)
Distances: 110km, 50km
Kids Rides (2-4 year-olds and 5-7 year-olds) and
5km Fun Walk: 08h00
(Enter with a R10 donation at Rugby Stadium Race Office on the morning)

On-line entry fees: 110km: R350
50km: R250

Timed by RaceTec

To access the 110km Strava Route go to <https://www.strava.com/routes/16875005>

To access the 50km Strava Route go to <https://www.strava.com/routes/16874877>

The event caters for all categories of licensed CSA cyclists as well as open/seeded riders. Riders will be seeded in bunches according to the Cycle Events National Seeding Ladder.

A brand new National Classic road race for Gauteng!

The Tshwane Diamond Classic, presented by Hectic Promotions (a non-profit organisation), is a brand-new National Classic road race for Gauteng! Hectic Promotions annually present the Bestmed Cycle4CANSAs and the Tshwane Classic, in association with Jacaranda FM. Since its incorporation into the Tshwane Metro, Cullinan represents the perfect location for a mass participation road cycling event with delightfully quiet roads with good road surfaces, and it's situated only 30km from the centre of Pretoria. Our big Cycle Classic for Cullinan has been in the making for a while now and by utilising the organising infrastructure of our company and our current good standing and relationships with the Tshwane Metro we will create a safe cycling environment. The event starts and finishes at the impressive **Baviaanspoort Correctional Facility (after taking the Zambezi Drive off-ramp off the N1, turn right - Zambezi Drive (R513) runs past the facility)**, which presents ample parking, lots of shade, neat ablutions and impressive catering facilities to accommodate a mass participation cycling event.

We are hosting the event on **26 May 2019**. The date falls within a wonderful climate time on the Highveld when Fall temperatures are mild and the chances of rain slim, ensuring that the race optimises the potential participant base. The race will be bolstered with our logistical experience and boast a prize fund of R20 000. The road race presents a feature **110km distance** while a **50km fun ride** distance also forms part of the weekend to make the event as inclusive as possible. We also have a kids' event and a fun walk inside the correctional facility terrain to complete the picture. The traction of the Tshwane Diamond Classic is locked into the delightful and quiet Sunday morning road conditions around Cullinan as well as the Tshwane Metro's support and the town's vicinity to the major cycling catchment area represented by Johannesburg and Pretoria.

About Cullinan

Cullinan is situated 30km east of Pretoria. It is a small town along the Diamond Route that is reliant on tourism and the mine that dominates the skyline. The town is named after diamond magnate Sir Thomas Cullinan. On 25 June 1905, the famed Cullinan Diamond, the largest in the world at 3 106 carats, was discovered here. It was bought by the Transvaal government, presented to King Edward VII and still forms part of the Crown Jewels in London Tower. With the Tshwane Metro's support to create the race we are launching a concerted effort to vest this as a major sporting event in South Africa and to remain sustainable.

A major focus of the marketing platform is to entice riders and families to the area to visit the various tourist attractions, including the Big 5. A cycling race is a perfect tourist enabler as one gets a wonderful feel for your surroundings from the back of a bicycle and you get to see places you normally wouldn't.

Route Description:

Since its incorporation into the Tshwane Metro, vast sections of the roads in and around Cullinan have been consistently resurfaced. Years ago, the town hosted many recognised road rides, but as road surfaces deteriorated it became less and less suited to hosting road races.

This has changed over the past two years and **our route designer, David Labuschagne**, has put together a delightful route which is safe, challenging, and which ticks all the boxes to make effective route control possible.

Labuschagne heads up Pretoria's largest cycling club, The Bestmed Bicycle Company, and his club has committed to coming out in full force on race day.

The 110km route presents **1030metres of elevation gain** and is mildly undulating, except for a sharp climb on the outskirts of Cullinan at the Petra Diamond Mine up to the 18km mark, which is set to stretch the bunches early on. The route starts on Zambezi Drive (R513) towards Cullinan from the Baviaanspoort Correctional and runs from Cullinan towards Rayton and Bronkhorstspuit. From Bronkhorstspuit it loops back to Cullinan anti-clockwise to ensure predominantly left turns and then does a final loop around Cullinan before joining up with Zambezi Drive again to finish in the opposite direction to the start. **The 50km route** presents **561metres of vertical ascent** and cuts out the long-distance loop towards Bronkhorstspuit and back.

The split/join point for the two distances is in Cullinan.

Activities at the Venue:

A kids' race (3-4 year-olds and 5-7 year-olds) and 5km fun walk for the entire family is presented in conjunction with the road race at Baviaanspoort. Participants can enter on the morning at the Rugby Stadium Race Office for a R10 donation towards the upkeep of the facility. The kids race and 5km fun walk will start at 08h00. It is a stated aim of the event to incorporate the entire family, and the kids' races are always very popular at our events. It is the highlight for many families. Kids take part, and everyone is a winner with every child receiving a medal and goody bag. Ample drinks and eats will be on sale at the venue – the catering is done masterfully by Correctional Services – while ample ablutions and parking are available at the facility's rugby stadium. Clubs can also erect gazebos on the rugby field from early morning. Baviaanspoort Correctional boasts beautifully shaded braai facilities surrounding the dam and riders can bring their "dop en tjop" along to braai on the banks of the dam – entrance to the dam is a donation of R20 towards the upkeep of the facility.

Number collection will take place at the following venues:**Thursday 23 May 2019:**

10h00 – 16h00 Cycle Lab Fourways (Nicol Grove)

Friday 24 May 2019:

10h00 – 16h00 The Bicycle Company Centurion (8 Larch St, Zwartkop, Centurion Tel: 012 663 2645)

Saturday 25 May 2019:

09h00 – 13h00 Solomons Cycles Pretoria North (529 Gerrit Maritz Street) Tel: 012 546 0243

Sunday 26 May 2019:

From 05h30 at Baviaanspoort Correctional Facility Rugby Stadium where the Race Office is set up.

Entries for kids rides and Fun Walk at the Rugby Stadium on the morning - R10 donation.

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