



Issaqueena Composite Mountain Biking

Who Are We?

Issaqueena Composite Mountain Biking is a co-ed mountain biking organization for students in 6th-12th grades in Oconee, Pickens, and northern Anderson counties. The term "Composite" means that we come from different schools as well as home-schooled students. Though we practice together and do everything as one big family, we race in the South Carolina league of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) as three separate teams: D.W. Daniel (the 2021 State Champions!), Walhalla, and Issaqueena Composite (student athletes who are zoned for schools other than Daniel or Walhalla or are home schooled).

In 2021 we had 42 student athletes and 15 coaches, and we anticipate significant growth for the 2022 season.

Our Mission is to build strong minds, bodies, character, and communities through cycling.

Our Vision is that every youth is empowered to be part of a thriving and engaged cycling community.



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Who Rides?

Everyone rides! This is a no-cut sport with “no kids left on the bench” and with no-drop rides at practice: any student athlete from our region in grades 6-12 is welcome regardless of skill level or gender. We have boys and girls that are new to mountain biking as well as individual state champions.

Who Races?

Everyone can race! Though racing is not required of students on the team, most students choose to race and love the atmosphere, camaraderie, fun, and sense of accomplishment each race provides. Students race against grade- and gender-specific peers. The season is July 1 to November 15th and there are five races, one locally and then four others located in various parts of South Carolina. The racecourse consists of one lap that is approximately 4 miles long and athletes race 1-4 laps depending on their age and speed.



Volunteer Coaches

The key to our success with getting more kids outside on bikes is the profound commitment by our all-volunteer coaches. In 2021 we had 15 coaches, which allows us to split into at least four different skill groups at practice and train accordingly, working on mountain biking basics with new riders and improving skills, stamina, and speed with the more experienced riders. Every skill group is led by one to several coaches: student athletes NEVER ride without at least one coach at practice.

Why These Kids Need Your Support

We are seeking sponsors to help with four main organizational needs.

1. Getting more kids on bikes. As with most sports, mountain biking can be expensive. Our athletes need trail- and size-appropriate bikes and equipment, and the fees for NICA are considerable. The annual cost per child including fees and equipment is approximately \$500. We aim to lower this barrier for families who need scholarships for their child to participate. We are committed to providing scholarships for students who might not otherwise be able to participate, with the goal of being able to provide financial assistance with registration fees and to be able to provide loaner bikes to those without.

2. Supporting our coaches. Our volunteer coaches volunteer countless hours of their time for practices and races, but they also have to pay approximately \$200 for registration fees, a background check, CPR training, and a coaching clinic. In addition, we need as many coaches as possible to take Wilderness First Aid (\$250) and take advanced coaching training classes. We aim to reduce the financial burden on our volunteer coaches while increasing the extent of their first aid and mountain bike specific coach expertise with the goal of recruiting and retaining the best coaches for our athletes.

3. Improving safety. We always aim to have fun and to learn, but the safety of the athletes and coaches comes first. We need strong, high-quality radios for coaches leading group rides at practice where cell service is often not available. We need first aid kits for each coach to carry while riding and bigger kits to be left at the trail head.

4. Acquiring team equipment. Participating in race weekends with 40+ athletes is a big production and requires lots of bits and pieces, both large and small. This includes everything from specialized tools for bike maintenance to tents and banners and a trailer to haul it in.

Sponsor Levels and Benefits

GOLD - \$500 SILVER - \$250

Recognition on team website, Facebook, Instagram, videos, community presentations, , newsletter, and team T-shirts.

Gold and Silver Level sponsors logos are printed larger and more prominently.



Issaqueena Composite Mountain Biking Sponsor Registration Form

Company Name (as you would like it displayed): _____

Contact Person: _____

Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Donation Level:

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In-Kind Donation*: _____ Cash Value \$ _____

Total Pledge: \$ _____

*In-kind contribution sponsorships are equivalent to half the cash value and subject to pre-approval

Check All That Apply:

___ I will send a high-resolution logo to issaqueenamtb@gmail.com (vector file or high-quality jpeg)

___ I want to provide on-line or paper coupons or samples from my company to coaches, team riders, and families

___ I want to be contacted about joining the team on trail rides.

Payment Information:

___ Check enclosed. (Payable to Issaqueena Composite)

___ I will mail a check. Estimated arrival date: _____

___ Please contact me to use another form of payment.

Please return this form to:

Issaqueena Composite
103 East Brookwood Dr.
Clemson, 29631

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