



Technical Guide

" Winner Epic Israel"

14-17/10/26

MTB Stage Race

Epic Israel, a 4-day MTB stage race (Prologue + 3 stages), S1 UCI stage race in teams of 2 riders.

Designated for mountain bike riders that love the hours on the saddle, the spectacular views of nature and challenged by the long routes.

The race routes change from year to year to give the rider a challenging, versatile and balanced route, usually between 75 to 110 km per day and the big challenge is to finish and within the time limit.

The race village for 2026 is located on the grounds of the Mate Asher Regional Council in the Western Galilee, on the Mediterranean coastline, 120 km north of Tel Aviv. It provides all the facilities to meet both the basic and luxurious needs of riders during the event.

Accommodation options include the Aquaduct Hotel next to the race village and Dolphin Village in Shavei Tzion, located 2 km away, allowing every rider to choose what suits them best.

It has all the facilities for both the basic and luxurious needs of the riders during the 4-day event.

The hotels has 150 rooms to facilitate the riders of different levels to allow different costs.

There are also plenty of accommodation options in the area that can offer services for the riders.

The race is Full board; the registration package includes full nutrition support – meals off and on the bike.

Epic Israel is a memorial event for Giora Tsachor who died in an accident during one of his morning rides.

One of Epic Israel goals is to make awareness of road safety and safe riders, doing that by a campaign of "Life at the side of the road".



THE Routes

- The type of race: S1 MTB Stage race
- The route description is revealed on July 2026, no GPX file will be given, the route will be fully marked.
- Description and detailed plan of the course indicating marshal location and medical points, will be published to crew members only, commissars and medical staff.
- A map with Location of Parking, Start/Finish, award ceremonies, race office, press conference room, race meeting room, Race village medical area, etc - will be sent to the Riders and published on the website at the middle of September.
 - Type of start: Mass start, except Stage 1 which will be a Time Trial start.
 - 1st stage will have a water point, The 2nd and 3rd stages will have at least 3 feed zones along the route and the 4th stage will have 1 feed zone. Recovery Feed zone will be in the end of all stages.

In case of hot weather water points will be added along the route.

Technical Zones – All outside support is not permitted.

Each team can send a team box and a wheel set to the main Feed Zone of every day (2nd Feed Zone). The boxes will be supplied by the organizers at the registration on Tuesday & Wednesday on 13/10 & 14/10 at the hours of registration

Boxes should be checked-in no later than 17:30 at the information desk\registration on the evening before the stage.

No boxes will be collected in the morning of the stage.

In the 1st and 3rd Feed zone there will be a box with parts for self-service repairs, In the 2nd feed zone will be a technical support with a mechanic of the race.

Tuesday 13/10

14:00 Check in for pre-race package

16:00 – 18:00 Opening of Registration at Epic Israel race village

18:30 Riders' briefing & Team managers meeting at Aqueduct Hotel

19:00 Dinner (For pre-race package)



Wednesday 14/10

07:00 Breakfast (For pre-race package)

08:00 – 06:00 Registration at the Epic Israel race village

08:15-10:30 Prologue – TT starts

11:00 Race village services open: Expo, Trek, Shimano & Joe Service area

18:30 Dinner at the race village dining area.

19:00 Award ceremony

Riders' briefing (**Obligatory**).

Thursday 15/10

05:00 – 06:00 Breakfast

06:30 Start Lane opens

06:45 Jersey wearers callup

06:50 Riders' Briefing

07:00 Race Start

11:00 Race village services open: Lunch buffet, Expo, Trek, Shimano & Joe Service area

18:30 Dinner at the race village dining area.

19:00 Award ceremony

Riders' briefing (**Obligatory**).

Friday 16/10

04:45 – 06:00 Breakfast

06:00 Start Lane opens

06:15 Jersey wearers callup

06:20 Riders' Briefing

06:30 Race Start

11:00 Race village services open: Lunch buffet, Expo, Trek, Shimano & Joe Service area

18:30 Dinner at the race village dining area.

19:00 Award ceremony

Riders briefing (**Obligatory**).

Saturday 17/10

05:00 – 06:00 Breakfast

06:30 Start Lane opens

06:45 Riders' Briefing

07:00 Race start

10:00 Race village services open: Lunch buffet, Expo, Trek, Shimano & Joe Service area

11:00 Award ceremony for all races.

Registration

Registration will open at 12/4/2026 and close at 31/5/2026 or when fully booked.

<https://www.epicisrael.org.il/en/>



After the end of registration until the start of the race riders will get via email Riders Info's with specific and detailed information about the race.

On the 14/10 all riders must arrive to the race village to complete registration.

Points scale – S1 Stage race

UCI Points	Place
150	1
120	2
100	3
80	4
75	5
65	6
60	7
55	8
50	9
45	10
40	11
35	12
30	13
28	14
26	15
24	16
22	17
20	18
18	19
15	20
10	21
9	22
8	23
7	24
6	25
5	26
4	27
3	28
2	29
1	30



Prize Awards

The prize money will be accordance with the UCI 2025 Financial Obligations, at the end of the race (17/10) after the closing ceremony riders must fill in all their details in the race office, money will be transferred to the bank account of the riders in the month after the race.

Prize money - per stage - per team	
	ME +WE (EURO)
1	200
2	150
3	100
4	75
5	50

Prize money - GC - per team

	ME + WE (EURO)
1	900
2	750
3	600
4	450
5	375
6	300
7	225
8	187.5
9	150
10	75



Race Regulations

The race is conducted based on the UCI regulations for Stage Race Mountain Bike Races.

Specific regulations –

Both team members must ride in identical cycling jerseys at all times.

For all Epic Israel regulations: <https://www.epicisrael.org.il/?section=81>

Categories

Categories invited to the international competition are: ME, WE.

The race also includes Mixed, Master and Grand Master categories.

Jersey leaders will be given to the leaders in all category

Men – Yellow

Women – Pink

Masters women – light blue

Mixed – green

Masters – Blue

Grand masters - Purple

Super Grand masters - Red



Organizers Information

For inquiries and more information: contact@epicisrael.org.il / +972526305238

Broadcast – live coverage with English commentary of the race will be broadcasted on our website + YouTube and Facebook channel, as well as international TV stations in Italy, Spain and South Africa.

Live coverage with Hebrew commentary of the race will be broadcasted in the national Israeli sports channel - channel 55

Accommodation

- Aquaduct hotel + Dolphin village hotel - the accommodation at the time of the event will be booked and organized by the race organizers.

Nearest Hospital

Nahariya hospital – Galil Medical Center

<https://www.gmc.gov.il/>

Located 8 KM form the race village.

Travel Information - International riders are advised to arrive to Ben Gurion Airport (Tel-Aviv)

Train station is available directly from Ben Gurion airport to Nahariya train station which is 10 min. drive from the race village.