

Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Competition NPC

(Registration no. 2019/030641/08)

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Boland 90 Event Newsletter March 2023

Greetings to all and we hereby wish you the very best for this year. The members of the Steering Committee has already begun with our planning for this years' event and we take this opportunity to communicate the plans as well as some of the key changes for this years' event planned for **Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th October 2023.**

We will provide a draft event program beforehand which will communicate the further required information for your planning. We intend to build on our successful re-launch of last year and are excited to announce the key changes for the Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge for this year as follows;

Boland 90 Ultra Interclub Hiking Challenge	3 days 90 kms	No change
Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge - 2 Day	2 days 60 kms	Held on the last 2 days of the Ultra event and using the same route
Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge - Junior	1 day approx 8 to 10 kms for ages between 10 y/o and 15 y /o and a team of 2	Held on the last day of the Ultra event. and using a section of the same route.
Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge - Trail Run	1 or 2 days 90 kms	The final details will be communicated at a later stage.

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For this year's event we also further propose the following:

1. We will accept individual entries which may be placed with available teams where the person team is incomplete or we may form teams with individuals so entered;
2. The Junior Boland 90 may enter teams of 2 with their age level which must apply during the current year and accompanied by parents/guardians;
3. The Boland 90 Trail run will be as per trail running competition rules with further details to be confirmed at a later stage.

Calling on Marshal Volunteers

As in the past the Boland 90 event would not be possible without the Marshal volunteers and therefore we request that each team entering should also nominate marshals for the event. We are planning for overnight reconnaissance (recce) hikes in the Nuweberg Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve for the purpose of Marshal volunteers orientation, training and development on the route and the event route logistics planning.

Therefore we request the Marshal volunteers to join us for the following dates to diarise as follows:

Recce # 1	21 to 23 April 2023	Landroskop / Shamrock
Recce # 2	19 to 21 May 2023	Boesmans Kloof
Recce # 3	23 to 25 June 2023	Mara Farm/ Junior Boland Route
Recce # 4	21 to 23 July 2023	Landroskop / Shamrock
Recce # 5	25 to 27 August 2023	Boesmans Kloof

This will include all marshals, event officials and search and rescue teams, the full details and itinerary to be provided to those committed for these dates. A marshal application form would be provided to those interested and available for these dates. Kindly share this with your club members and other interested persons. We would encourage marshal volunteers to join all the recce's where possible.

Please also find the separate notice calling on marshals with all the required details included.

The contact details for this are as follows:

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Area of interest	Contact person	Contact details
Marshal volunteers	Mr Deon Holloway Chief Marshal	Deon.holloway@boland90.co.za 083 995 2041
Competition matters	Mr Bennie Pietersen Director	Benjamin.pietersen@boland90.co.za 082 202 5821

We also encourage competitors to join us during these dates as part of their preparations, however space may be limited and marshals will be prioritised and competitors will be accommodated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

CALLING EVENT ENTRIES

We hereby **officially open entries to the event as from 1 April 2023** and teams may enter in the various categories of the event. A separate notice will also be distributed which provides all the details of how to enter and the cost per person for the event.

Please also find the separate notice calling on event entries for 2023 with all the required details included

We have been exceedingly pleased with the positive comments and telephone calls we have received since the re-launch last and it was uplifting as we prepare for the current year. Therefore as previously received with thanks please continue to send us your comments, questions, suggestions as we look forward to hear from all outdoor loving and interested people. Kindly feel free to share this communication amongst your family, friends, members within your organizations and networks.

We take the opportunity to wish all our Muslim friends and family well during this blessed month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid-al-Fitr at the end of this period. We also wish all our Christian friends and families observing the holy period of Lent well and a blessed Easter season following.

The Steering Committee

Date: March 2023