



NORTH ISLAND CYCLO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 Cycling New Zealand Schools North Island School MTB Championships hosted by Mountainbike Tauranga. We would like to extend a warm welcome to participants, spectators, teachers, managers, and contractors who all play a part to make this event happen.

We'd also like to acknowledge Summerhill Charitable Trust who provide the venue for this, our first ever Cyclocross event in Tauranga. We are excited to show the North Island what this awesome facility has to offer.

This manual outlines the fundamental information to take part in this event.

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Event Details

Event:	North Island School Cyclocross Champs
Location:	Summerhill MTB Park 319 Reid Road, Papamoa
Date:	21 st July 2024

Event Schedule

EVENT SCHEDULE*	Sunday 21st July 2024
Time	Event
3.30pm (Saturday)	North Island Schools CX Commissaires track walk
8.30am	Parking Open
8.45am	North Island Schools CX Registration Open
9.00am	North Island Schools CX Course open for practice
9.45am	North Island Schools CX Course registration finish
10.00am	North Island Schools CX Course closed for practice
10.15am	North Island Schools CX Race 1 briefing
10.30am	North Island Schools CX Race 1 start
11.45am	North Island Schools CX Race 2 briefing
12.00pm	North Island Schools CX Race 2 start
1.20pm	North Island Schools CX Relay briefing
1.30pm	North Island Schools CX Relay start
2.15pm	North Island Schools CX prize giving
2.15pm	Summerhill CX Registration open
2.15pm	Summerhill CX Race Course open for practice
2.45pm	Summerhill CX Registration closed
2.45pm	Summerhill CX course closed for practice
2.55pm	Summerhill CX Race briefing
3.00pm	Summerhill CX Race start
4.15pm	Summerhill CX Prize giving

Event Venue



Race Course.



Parking.



Event Registration.



Overflow Parking.



Overflow Parking walk access (blue ribbons).

Parking

Parking will occur in the main Summerhill Carpark. 319 Reid Road. If this carpark is full then please use the overflow carparking 200m further up Reid Road on the right. Follow the blue ribbons from overflow carparking to access the event village.

Please do not park on the side of Reid Road.

As Summerhill is a working farm, no dogs are permitted at the venue.

Tent Setup

There will be plenty of space for schools to set up tents with no booking necessary. More information will be published in the V2 of the event manual.

Water

Summerhill has no drinking water. We will have some water containers present at the event, but we strongly encourage that you bring plenty of your own water.

Food

TBC – We are exploring coffee cart and BBQ fundraiser options currently.

Entry List

Entry list can be found here once registrations close.

School Affiliation & Entry Fees

All CNZ Schools affiliation fees and event entry fees must be paid before the riders are permitted to start the event. Race packs will not be issued to a school whose payments are outstanding.

Spectators

The course will be very spectator friendly. We ask that all spectators are aware of events in place and riders on course when crossing the track. Course crossing points will be put in place in high volume areas.

Rack Pack Pickup

Race pack pickup will occur at 9.00am to 10.00am for all North Island School events. Please ensure you are present within this time window to pickup your race packs! Race packs will only be issued to the team manager for each school, we will not be handing out individual race packs to each rider/family. Please ensure the team manager details are up to date as we'll only be handing packs to the specified manager.

Race Briefing

Race briefings will occur approx 15 minutes prior to each race as per the schedule. Please muster near the start line which will be sprayed 'Start'. This line will be different to the finish.

Race Duration

All North Island School Cyclocross races will be run as per Schools Cycling regulations. The 80% rule will not be applied, meaning all riders will finish after the time duration outlined below. The race duration varies for each category. Male and females will compete for the same time duration as each other, according to their category.

Grade	Duration	Race
U15	30 mins	Race 1
U14	30 mins	Race 1
U13	30 mins	Race 1
U20	40 mins	Race 2
U17	40 mins	Race 2
U16	40 mins	Race 2

Course

The course will be confirmed in Event Manual V2. It will be about 6 minutes long for the fastest U20 males. It will involve grass, dirt, sheep tracks, stockyards, and cross a gravel road with appropriate obstacles.

Practice/Warmup

Please refer to the event schedule for practice times. There is plenty of space for stationary trainers to be setup and used.

Pits

A single pit will be provided for riders to change wheels or bicycles during the event. Riders are permitted to one support person in the pits at any time.

Event Withdrawals

Please notify the timing team that you are withdrawing from the race.

Uniforms

Please ensure your uniforms comply with the Cycling NZ School Rules.

Medical & Emergency

We will have Peak Safety operating onsite. They will manage any medical needs on site. If you need medical attention offsite then we have a strong connection with Consult365 - Pāpāmoa Clinic. 3 Palm Springs Boulevard, Papamoa Beach, Papamoa 3118

Rules

The event is run under [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#).

Equipment Regulations

The key equipment is outlined in the Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules are below:

30.3 Equipment regulations for all grades

- Dropped or straight handlebars are permitted.
- Bar ends and aero bars are not permitted.
- Fixed wheel bicycles are not permitted.
- Metal studs on tyres are not permitted.
- Electric Bikes are not permitted.
- No restrictions apply on tyre width.
- Mountain bikes, hybrid bikes, and single speeds are permitted as long as they meet the requirements above.

Spare equipment is permitted but not mandatory.

For more information about equipment regulations visit [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#).

FAQ's

What is Cyclocross?

It's a form of bicycle racing which incorporates mixed terrain, different surfaces and obstacles in a short circuit completed multiple times. Riders can dismount and push, lift or even run with their bikes. It tests all aspects of the rider's physiology with spectators close to the action in a party like atmosphere. It is a heap of fun!

Do I need a special bike to take part?

No, you don't, but your bike will need to fit the equipment requirements outlined above, and be suitable to navigate mixed terrain and surfaces.

Do I need to wear Lycra?

No, you don't! If your school doesn't have a set cycling uniform, then you can wear your P.E uniform or plain clothing.

How long am I racing for?

U13, U14, U15 are racing for 30 minutes. U16, U17, U20 are racing for 40 minutes. The event officials will ring the bell, so you know when your final lap of the course begins.

How does the start work?

Everyone starts together bunched in their age groups with a minimum of one foot on the ground. The starter will count you down. Depending on final entries, age groups may be staggered.

Will I get lost on the course?

The course will be taped off thoroughly for practice and racing. We will also have marshals and medical support on site for practice and racing.

What happens if I get lapped?

Keep on riding, try and keep off the main line to allow faster riders to pass.

Results

We will post a results link here in V2 of the event manual.

Medal Presentations

Medal presentations will take place at 2.15pm or as soon as reasonably practicable within the schedule on the day. Medals are awarded to the top 3 of each age group and gender. We ask that riders are in their school uniform or racing kit for the medal presentations.

The Schools Passion Award

CNZ Schools want to celebrate and recognise those riders off the podium that turn up and try their best and have a good attitude. So we have created an award that the riders can strive to win by displaying good sportsmanship in our Schools Cycling events called the Passion Award. We hope this will encourage good behaviour and participation and become a goal for any rider who takes part.

[Click here](#) to understand more about the criteria and how this award works.

This idea came to life thanks to the 2023 Schools Cycling Focus Group.

Big thanks to Harraways Oats for sponsoring this award for all our events in 2024.

Social Media

Provided in Event Manual V2.

Summerhill CX

We will be hosting a publicly accessible Cyclocross event for the community following North Island Schools (refer to the schedule). We encourage parents, siblings and friends to take part and race some locals on the same course as North Island Schools.

Smoke, vape, drug and alcohol-free event.

Thankyou for respecting that the entire event and venue is smoke, vape, drug and alcohol free.

Contingency Planning

The event organisers recognises there are potential circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distance being adjusted in the interest of participant or officials safety. If such conditions exist then all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the event committee. There is no contingency day for this event.

Closing

Enjoy the event and the beautiful Western Bay of Plenty. Race hard, race fair and most importantly... HAVE FUN!!!