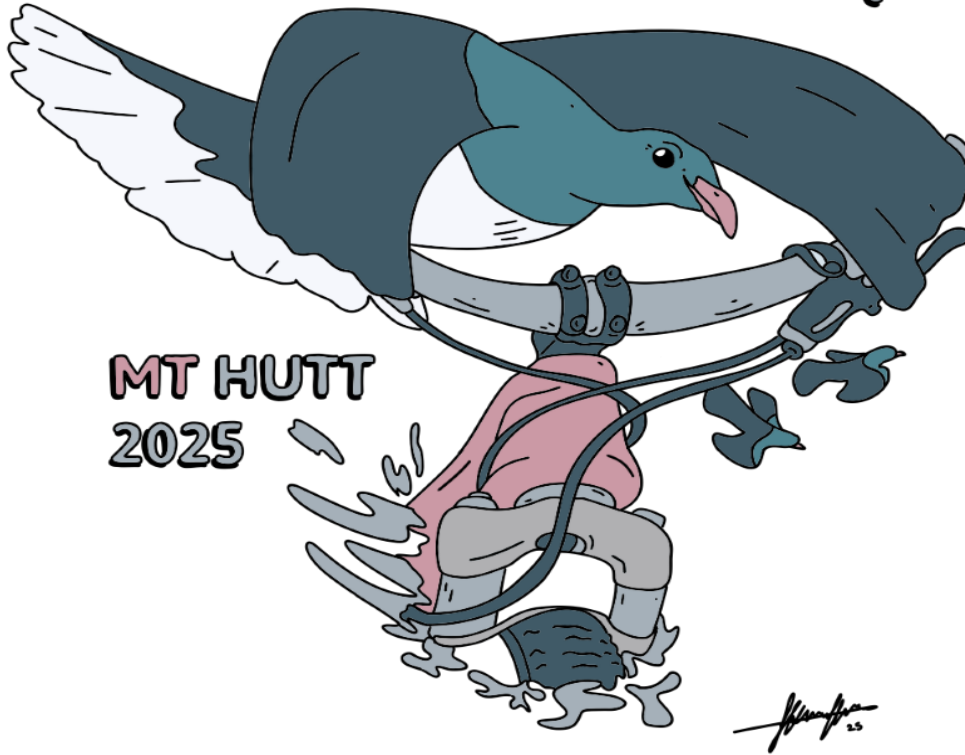


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# SISS MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 EVENT MANUAL

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## KIA ORA

From the team at Bike Methven we are excited to host you at Mt Hutt Bike Park and share our little piece of mountain biking heaven. Our tracks are maintained and funded by 100% volunteer time and fundraising, we think they have everything that is great about NZ riding. We hope you enjoy the racing and your time in Methven, good luck and stay safe!

Glen Currie  
Event Manager

### OFFICIALS & EVENT STAFF

PATRON (NZSCA):

CHAIRPERSON (NZSCA):

EVENT MANAGER: Glen Currie

RESULTS AND TIMING: Marcus Diprose

CHIEF COMMISSAIRE: Andrea Davis

### KEY VERSION UPDATE SUMMARY

Version	Date	Comments
1.0	21/11/2024	First Publication
1.1	6/3/2025	Second Publication <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timing updates</li></ul>

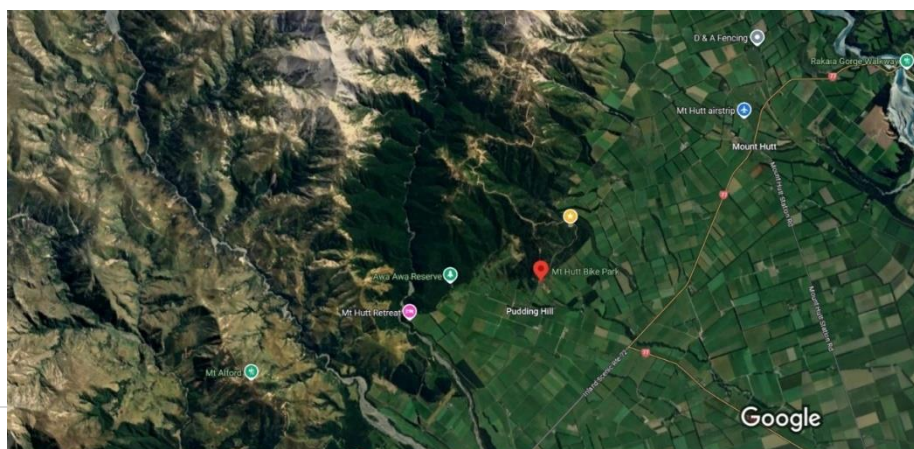
## VENUE & GETTING THERE

### Mt Hutt Bike Park

Mt. Hutt Bike Park boasts a 40km+ trail network, from a family friendly XC loop to epic single track, double-black diamond technical descents and with some nice climbs to link it all together. All tracks are well maintained with berms, bridge features and jumps. But don't let the jumps put you off; there are easy lines around all the features and jumps catering for all riders.

The Bike Park is located at the foot of the Mt Hutt Ski Area and can be shuttled using the Mt Hutt Access Road. The Event Village will be located in the Mt Hutt Information Booth Carpark see google map link below:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7Y2LNiKBKwCsjn2H8>



## EVENT SCHEDULE

**Note: All times are subject to change. Follow the Cycling NZ Schools Facebook event for updates and check you are viewing the latest manual version.**

### **Registration/Race plate pick up:**

- All plates are packaged per school. Individual plates will not be broken out of school packs at registration.
- Plates are available to be picked up at Registration Office from:
  - Samuels Bar 5.00pm – 7.00pm Tuesday 25 March
  - Wednesday 0730 onwards.
- **Riders use the same plate for all events.**
- **Prizegivings** will be at the event village in the information carpark.

### **MONDAY/TUESDAY 14/25 MARCH PRACTICE TIME**

Shuttle Practice Time Available as per

<https://events.humanitix.com/sis-mtb-shuttles>

<https://events.humanitix.com/tuesday-25-march-sis-mtb-shuttles>

### **WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH**

Cross Country Individual and Team Relay

### **THURSDAY 27 MARCH**

U13, U14, U15 DH RACE DAY

### **WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH**

U16, U17, U20 DH RACE DAY

### **SATURDAY 29 MARCH**

ENDURO all categories

## ENTRY INFORMATION

### SCHOOL AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

All entries must be through your school through Enter Now (no individual entries accepted). Details are on the Cycling New Zealand Schools event page. Schools must be affiliated with Cycling New Zealand Schools before they can enter. All school affiliation fees, and event entry fees must be paid before riders are permitted to start the event. Please check with your school to ensure payment has been made. Event fees are:

Cross Country Individual (XCO): \$55

Cross Country Team relay: \$50 / team of three.

Downhill (DH): \$75\*

Enduro (END): \$65\*\*

\*\*Includes one shuttle on the day

\*Includes shuttles on the day

### RESTRICTED ENTRY

*Due to the restricted number of entries available for the Downhill and Enduro, Cycling New Zealand Schools will open a pre-registration period for the **Downhill and Enduro only** (see dates below). Schools have until the advertised cut-off date to get their (pre) registrations in. If entries have not yet reached the maximum capacity after the pre-registration period then all entries will be confirmed and invoices sent out to schools. If entries have exceeded maximum capacity after the pre-registration period, CNZS reserves the right to determine which schools may need to remove riders from the entry list (see the criteria in appendix 5). Please read Appendix 5 - the Capacity Event Entry Process in the [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) for more details on this.*

### DATES:

Entries will open on Monday 3 February 2025.

Schools must be [affiliated](#) for 2025 and follow the 6 Step by Step Guide [here](#) before they will be able to enter this event..

### Entry Limits

**Enduro** = 400

**DH limit (U13, U14, U15)** = 250 per day

**DH limit (U16, U17, U20)** = 250 per day

Entry is not guaranteed until entries have closed. This is to provide fair and equitable weighting across all schools.

In determining which riders/schools will be accepted into the event (where entries exceed the maximum limit), CNZS may take into account any of the following criteria:

- The total number of riders entered into the limited event by age or gender category
- The total number of riders entered into the limited event by a single school
- Entries received by the advertised due date & Payments made by the advertised due date
- Prior history of the school in participation at the particular event
- Prior history of the school in support of the particular event (providing volunteers etc.)
- Past performance of riders at the particular event and at other CNZS or CNZ events
- Eligibility for medals
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10 March Allocation of entries confirmed by schools/ database

Database finalized

24/25 March Optional DH/ENDURO Practice Days

26 March – 30 March - Event including weather day and unofficial practice.

## RACE INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION LOCATION & TIMES

#### **Race plate and Lift pass pick up:**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: 5pm – 7pm Samuels Bar Methven

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 0730 – 0900 Event Village

Note that individual plates will not be able to be broken out of the school packs.

### AGE CATEGORIES

The age category for a rider is determined based on their age as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

### COURSE

Riders are not permitted to shortcut the courses. The responsibility for following the official route lies with the rider. If you do not follow the official route you will be disqualified.

If a rider exits the course or breaks through tape, they must re-enter at the place they exited or they may be disqualified.

Riders are not permitted to willingly alter the course in any way. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles.

### PRACTICE

***Pre-event (before 26<sup>th</sup> March):*** Riders can practice the courses before the event at their own risk. All courses will be taped no later than Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Private practice day booking available at <https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/>

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Private practice day bookings available at <https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/>

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Competitors can access tracks on the Southern Side of skifield road by riding the uphill only. Enduro tracks DHNZ, Scotts Saddle and Reservoir/Slicks Feta may be accessed

#### ***During Event:***

Wednesday – Tracks on the northern side of road closed for XC. All other trails are open. Only competitors will be able to ride on the designated race course for that day. No shuttles on these days and no self shuttling.

Thursday/Friday – DH trail closed (MAIN DOWNHILL LINE/FUZZ) Other trails can be ridden but not shuttles on the day outside of the event.

Saturday – The entire park will be closed for the Enduro event.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

For equipment requirements, please refer to the MTB Protection Policy in the

The required protective equipment must be correctly worn at all times during the event, this includes practice sessions and racing.

### XCO

- MANDATORY: A helmet that satisfies current New Zealand or equivalent international standards is compulsory.
- Highly Recommended: Sunglasses or protective eyewear
- Highly Recommended: Full Finger gloves

### ENDURO

- MANDATORY: Full face helmet. A helmet with chin-bar and meeting approved Safety Certification (see below) is permitted. 'Enduro Style' 2-piece helmets with removable Chin-bar are permitted if they meet the approved Safety Certification below. Other 2-piece helmets are not permitted. Note: Your helmet must be worn at ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING IN THE PARK, including practice runs and when moving between Enduro stages. The chin bar may be removed when not racing. Approved Safety Certification standards are: ASTM-F1952 (ASTM for DH), UN/ECE Reg No. 22, AS 1698, NZ5430, British standard BS 6658 or Japanese standard T8133
- Mandatory: Knee protection
- Highly Recommended: Elbows/Forearm protection
- Highly Recommended: Shoulder / Spinal / Neck protection
- Highly Recommended: Full Finger gloves
- Recommended: Protective eyewear

### DOWNHILL - Junior: (U13, U14, U15, U16, U17)

- MANDATORY: Full face helmet. A helmet with chin-bar and meeting approved Safety Certification (as per Enduro, above) is permitted.
- MANDATORY: Neck Brace. Leatt (leatt.com) or similar to work in conjunction with the Full Face Helmet
- MANDATORY: Elbows/Forearm Protection. Regardless of the length of shirt.
- MANDATORY: Knee/Shin Protection. Regardless of the length of pants.
- Highly Recommended: Spinal protection.
- Highly Recommended: Shoulder protection.
- Highly Recommended: Hand protection.

### DOWNHILL: - Senior (U20)

- MANDATORY: Full face helmet. A helmet with chin-bar and meeting approved Safety Certification (as per Enduro, above) is permitted.
- MANDATORY: Elbows/Forearm Protection. Either long sleeve jersey, worn to the wrist, or short sleeved jersey worn with elbow protectors as per regulations.
- MANDATORY: Knee/Shin Protection. Either long pants with full cover to the ankle, or shorts worn with knee protectors as per regulations.
- Highly Recommended: Spinal protection.
- Highly Recommended: Shoulder protection.
- Highly Recommended: Neck Brace.
- Highly Recommended: Hand protection.



## MARSHALS/VOLUNTEERS

Schools **MUST** enter ONE marshal for every FOUR entries. If schools do not put forward sufficient marshals their riders will not be able to race. Please register here:

## MECHANICALS

Bike changes are not allowed - all riders must start and finish each event on the same bike with the same number plate they started with.

XCO: External technical assistance can only be given in the XCO tech zone. Riders can do their own repairs and/or assist other riders from their own school anywhere on the course, but they must only use tools/parts carried by the rider(s) or collected from the Tech Zone.

ENDURO: External technical assistance is permitted between timed stages. Repairs may be carried out by competitors, their support people or neutral technicians. There is no restriction on repairs, however, the same bicycle frame must be used for all stages.

## NON-COMPLETION OF EVENT

Please reiterate to your students that if for some reason they cannot finish the event they must tell a race official and **MUST** return their race timing chip.

## PASSING

Riders must act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake, without deliberately obstructing them. Riders who get off their bikes to walk a section of the course must clear the course so other riders can pass safely. Poor conduct may result in disqualification.

## RACE PLATES

**Riders will use the same race plate for all events.** These can be picked up as per details above. Race Plates must be mounted vertically in front of the handlebars so the number is clearly visible. Altering, cutting, bending or placing of unauthorised sponsor's logos on number plates may result in disqualification. All riders must display their race numbers if riding the course on the official practice times or on race day.

## RESULTS

**Any queries regarding results are to be made by the Team Manager only** directly to the Chief Commissaire. Any Protests are to be submitted in writing (see form at back of manual) and will be reviewed by the Disputes Panel. Final results will be posted to <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/results> as soon as possible after the event.

We are planning on having live timing and will be posting the event URL's closer to the time on Cycling NZ and Bike Methven pages as well as at the event. Please note live timing is only preliminary results, NOT final.

## RULES

The event is endorsed by School Sport New Zealand and is run under Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules. The [NZSCA Rules for School Cycling Events](#) (1/01/21) and the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#) (18/06/19) are available online through these links.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Riders must not use offensive or abusive language during the event, act in any anti-sporting manner, be disrespectful to the event volunteers / officials or ignore the race regulations.

## **START LISTS**

Start lists will be posted on the [Event Website](#) after entries close and seedings are finalised.

## **TIMING CHIPS**

We will be using active timing chips with the chips to be zip tied to the fork of the bike.. Chips will be collected from competitors immediately upon finishing a race so we can record your time. No chip no time! Lost chips or willfully damaged chips will be charged at \$100.

## **XCO SEEDING**

The seeding order for XCO will be determined by the PCP according to section 22.5 of the NZSCA Rules for School Cycling Events.

## **UNIFORMS**

This is a School event and riders must wear their school riding uniform or PE uniform or a shirt/shorts in a plain colour that reflects your school colours. You are representing your School, not your sponsors! Uniform checks will be carried out before each event. Please make sure you comply with the uniform rules [NZSCA Rules for School Cycling Events](#) or you will not be allowed to race. Note that singlets are not permitted.

## **AWARDS**

First, second and third place getters in each race will receive medals.

Overall champions will be notified after the event. The Overall Champion in each age group will be the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the **XC**, **DH** and **Enduro** races. (They must start **ALL** races to be eligible.) Points for Overall Champion will be awarded as follows:

1st	60	7th	38
2nd	54	8th	36
3rd	49	9th	35
4th	45	10th	34
5th	42	11th	33
6th	40	12th	32

Etc. Until 43rd and below who all receive 1 point. DNF = 0

**In the event of a tie for a placing** (i.e. same number of points for the two races), then the fastest time in each age group in the Enduro race total time will decide the rankings.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### BIKE REPAIRS

Riders should ensure their bikes are in race ready condition and/or serviced before the event. Big Als Snow and Sports in association with Maxxis will be operating a mechanical service on site. Repairs at your own cost. Big Als will also be operating in Methven from their store location in the evenings.

### CANCELLATIONS

The organisers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website. ***Please note that there will be no refunds if any event is cancelled.***

### CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The event recognises that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distance being adjusted in the interest of participant, volunteer and officials safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the Event manager and PCP.

Sunday 30 March is the official weather day to which an event may be transferred should it be necessary. If this were the case the entire event schedule would slide along one day. The events will not be postponed beyond this.

### FIRST AID

If you require any special medication (e.g. asthma inhaler) please make sure you have it with you. Trail Safety and Promed will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course. In the first instance in case of an accident or medical emergency please contact your nearest marshal. They are in radio contact with Trail Safety to respond.

The nearest A&E is at <https://www.cdhb.health.nz/hospitals-health-facilities/ashburton-hospital/>

### FOOD & WATER

Food, coffee and a potable water supply is available from the Event Village during event hours. There will be a food cart and also a fundraising bbq at the event village.

### RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

This is a mixture of DOC recreation reserve and private land and dealing with our rubbish to minimize our footprint is essential. Please use the four streams of rubbish bins correctly. Competitors must not drop any food wrappings or other litter on any course. All litter must be carried out and put in the bins provided. Including Race number plates and plastic cable ties.

### PARKING

All vehicles are to park in the designated carparks. Private vehicles will not be allowed on the skifield road during the event. Please follow parking instructions.

## SCHOOL TENTS/SITES

### For a tent site in the Event Village you need to book on the link below

There is a large area available for village set up. These sites can remain set up for the duration of the event from the Monday onwards. We ask that you book a site using the form below so we can set out the space in advance.

[School Tent Site Booking Form \(google.com\)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbWpHe4TMF-aSnCNmNsfPQT6xocyiVsEg_zOOYsdEuLvy_8g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbWpHe4TMF-aSnCNmNsfPQT6xocyiVsEg\\_zOOYsdEuLvy\\_8g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbWpHe4TMF-aSnCNmNsfPQT6xocyiVsEg_zOOYsdEuLvy_8g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

We advise that you tie any tents down in case of wind, please note organizers are not responsible for any school tents.

## SPECTATORS

There will be a complimentary shuttle to access a number of course viewing areas. This will depart from the event village, a map will be provided of good viewing locations at the event.

## SAFETY COMMITMENT

Cycling New Zealand Schools are committed to providing and maintaining upmost health and safety standards, by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm from occurring to the event staff, participants and all other personnel involved in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Please report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Event Manager or Coordinator at the Event Information Desk.

Please make sure you have the correct protective equipment as set out in this document. Riders must ensure their helmets meet the required standard. Bell Helmets with removable chin bar are NOT allowed, unless they are the new DH model. Riders will be checked when loading onto shuttles. You will NOT be allowed to practice or race with non-regulation equipment. Check the MTB protection policy [here](#).

## SMOKE, DRUG AND ALOCHOL FREE

The entire event is smoke, drug and alcohol free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to get involved in the event through social media. The key links are provided below:

Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/">https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/</a>
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschoools/">https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschoools/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/mthuttbikepark/">https://www.instagram.com/mthuttbikepark/</a>
Website	<a href="https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events/south-island-mtb-championships">https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events/south-island-mtb-championships</a> <a href="https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/">https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/</a>
Event Hashtag	#SISMTBChamps #MHBP

## COMMUNICATIONS

Mt Hutt has 4G mobile coverage over most of the mountain.

**TOILETS**

A Port a loo is available at the top and bottom of the DH  
Otherwise all other portaloos are available at the event village.

## DOWNHILL INFORMATION

**Event:** South Island Schools DH Championships  
**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March UNDER 13, 14 and 15 Male and Female  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March UNDER 16, 17 AND 18  
**Venue:** Mt Hutt Bike Park  
**Track Closure:** Thursday/Friday Main-downhill Line, Jump Line, Fuzz is closed all day.  
**Marshals** 8.00am Thursday and 7.30 am Friday report to event HQ (1 school marshal per 4 riders see pg 8.)  
**Briefings:** On race day there are two compulsory briefings. Practice briefing and race briefing  
**Prize giving:** as soon as practical after completion of event  
**Timing chip:** Pick up prior to race at times in table below  
**Practice Runs:** \* **Riders must complete 2 practice runs** \* They may only do two practice runs each  
 Riders must be registered and have their race number on their bike to show that they are entered to participate in practice.

Age Grade	Plate & lift pass pick up	Briefing	Practise run start	Practise finish	Race briefing	Seeding run start	Race run start	Prizegiving
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March U13, 14, 15</b>	7.30am	8.20am	8.30am	11.00am	11.10am	11.00am	1.30pm	4.30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March U16 Grades</b>	7.00am – 7.30am	7.50am	8.00am	9.30am	9.45am	10.00am	11.30am	6.30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March U17, U20 Grades</b>	7.00am	12.30pm	1.00pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	6.30pm

Riders leave at 30 sec intervals for seeding and race runs.

Riders must line up in an orderly fashion for the first lift load of their group to allow commissioners to complete a gear check. See “Race Information’ for safety gear requirements.

**Weather:** In the event of poor weather, seeding run times may be used to determine overall race results.

**Course:** The course will use a L5 Black Downhill trail (riders must be confident on black trails). The average rider will take about 4 minutes to complete the course.



## CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

**Event:** South Island Schools XCO Championships  
**Date:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Venue:** Mount Hutt Bike Park  
**Registration:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 – 8.45am  
**Marshals:** 8.00am report to event HQ (1 school marshal per 4 riders)  
**Briefings:** See below for details or racing and briefing times  
**Timing chip:** Pick up just prior to race start - see table below for times  
**Prize giving:** 5pm: (or as soon as practical after completion of event)

INDIVIDUAL XC race					
Age Grade		Line up in start line pens for briefing	Wave 1	Race Start Wave 2	Wave 3
U13, 14 - Boys & Girls		9.20am	09.30am	09.33am	09.36am
U15, 16 - Boys & Girls		10.30pm	10.40pm	10.43pm	10.46pm
U17 & 20 - Boys & Girls		12.00pm	12.10pm	12.13pm	12.16pm

RELAY XCR race			
Grade		Line up in start line pens for briefing	Race Start
Junior U16 Boys, Girls & Mixed		1.30pm	1.33pm
Senior U20 Boys, Girls & Mixed		2.20pm	2.30pm

**Equipment:** See “Race Information’ for protective equipment requirements

**Feed/Tech Zone:** Competitors may only receive food, drink and clean eyewear from an assistant within the designated **Feed/Tech zone**. Only one feeder per competitor is permitted in the feed zone. Water may not be sprayed onto competitors.

Riders may only receive technical assistance within the **Feed/Tech Zone**. Active riders can do their own repairs and/or assist other riders from their own school anywhere on the course, but they must only use tools/parts carried by the rider(s) or collected from the Feed/Tech Zone.

Riders may only travel in reverse on the course while inside the Feed/Tech Zone. If the rider passes the “End Feed/Tech Zone” sign, they must complete another lap of the course to receive feeding/technical assistance.

**Lap Guidelines:** **Provisional** laps and waves are in the table below. Final wave groups and lap numbers will be determined by the Commissaires on race day.



Race	Wave	Age group	Main loop (4 km)	Total Distance (km)
1	A	U14 Boys	2	9
1	B	U13 Boys	2	9
1	C	U13 & U14 Girls	2	9
2	A	U16 Boys	3	13
2	B	U15 Boys	3	13
2	C	U15 & U16 Girls	3	13
3	A	U20 Boys	4	17
3	B	U17 Boys	4	17
3	C	U17 & U20 Girls	4	17
4	A	Girls Snr & Jnr	3	13
4	B	Boys Snr & Jnr	3	13
4	C	Mixed Snr & Jnr	3	13

Course: The lap length is approx. 4 km. The race will start on a long gradual climb from the Finishing Key area. A rider's race **ceases** when they complete their final lap (Commissaires may close the course if most of the field has finished). The race will follow a multi-lap format with each lap taking approximately 15 minutes to complete for the average rider. The same course will be used by all competitors and so is designed to cater for intermediate to experienced riders (dependent on weather). Tracks are a mixture of 4WD and single track. The course has several climbs, one long and constant, the other a testing twisty and steep trail. Total climb 125m per lap.

## RELAY

The relay race is for teams of three riders. Each rider will complete one lap in an order chosen by the team. The first rider will complete 1 kilometre further than the final two riders. Teams will be issued one timing chip on an ankle bracelet which is to be transferred within the nominated transition zone between the two riders.



**Etiquette** Riders must permit faster riders to overtake, without deliberately obstructing them. Riders who get off their bikes to walk a section of the course must clear the course so other riders can pass safely.

**Warm-up** If warming up on public roads please obey all road rules. The Skifield Access Road is always open as a public road.

**Start Order:** Boys grade (wave 1), then next youngest boys grade after 3 minutes (wave 2), then girls grades 3 minutes later (wave 3). The start order will be determined by the commissaires as per CNZ Schools Rules. Riders will be placed in this order in the starting pens.

**Track Closures:** All tracks on the northern side of the road will be closed on this day

## ENDURO INFORMATION

- Event:** South Island Schools ENDURO Championships
- Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Venue:** Mt Hutt Bike Park
- Track Closure** The entire park will be closed this day
- Training** The trails to be used are available every day prior except for closures noted in Appendix 2.
- Marshals** 800am report to event HQ (1 school marshal per 4 riders see pg 8)
- Briefing:** 8.30am
- Prize giving** 2.30pm: (or as soon as practical after completion of event)
- Timing chip:** Pick up prior to race, times in table below:

Age Grade	Late Plate & lift pass pick up. ALL Timing chip pick up - Event village	Briefing	Rider Shuttle to Scotts	Stage 1 Drop
U13, 14, 15	8.00am – 8.45am	8.30am	9.00am	9.30am
U16, 17 & 20			11.00am approx	

**Order:** Under 13, 14 and 15 categories will be shuttled to Liaison 1 first from 9.00 am. Under 16, 17 and 20 grades will be released in school groups when released they will complete **Liaison 4** at 9.30am. Under 13, 14 and 15 will complete Stages in order SHUTTLE 1,2,3,4, 5. Under 16, 17 and Under 20 competitors will complete the stages as follows 4, 5 SHUTTLE 1, 2, 3.

**Equipment:** See “General Information’ for safety gear requirements. Riders should also carry at least 600 ml of water, a tyre inflation device, puncture repair kit and/or spare tube, folding tool set and a chain breaker plus a jacket as you are riding in the alpine.

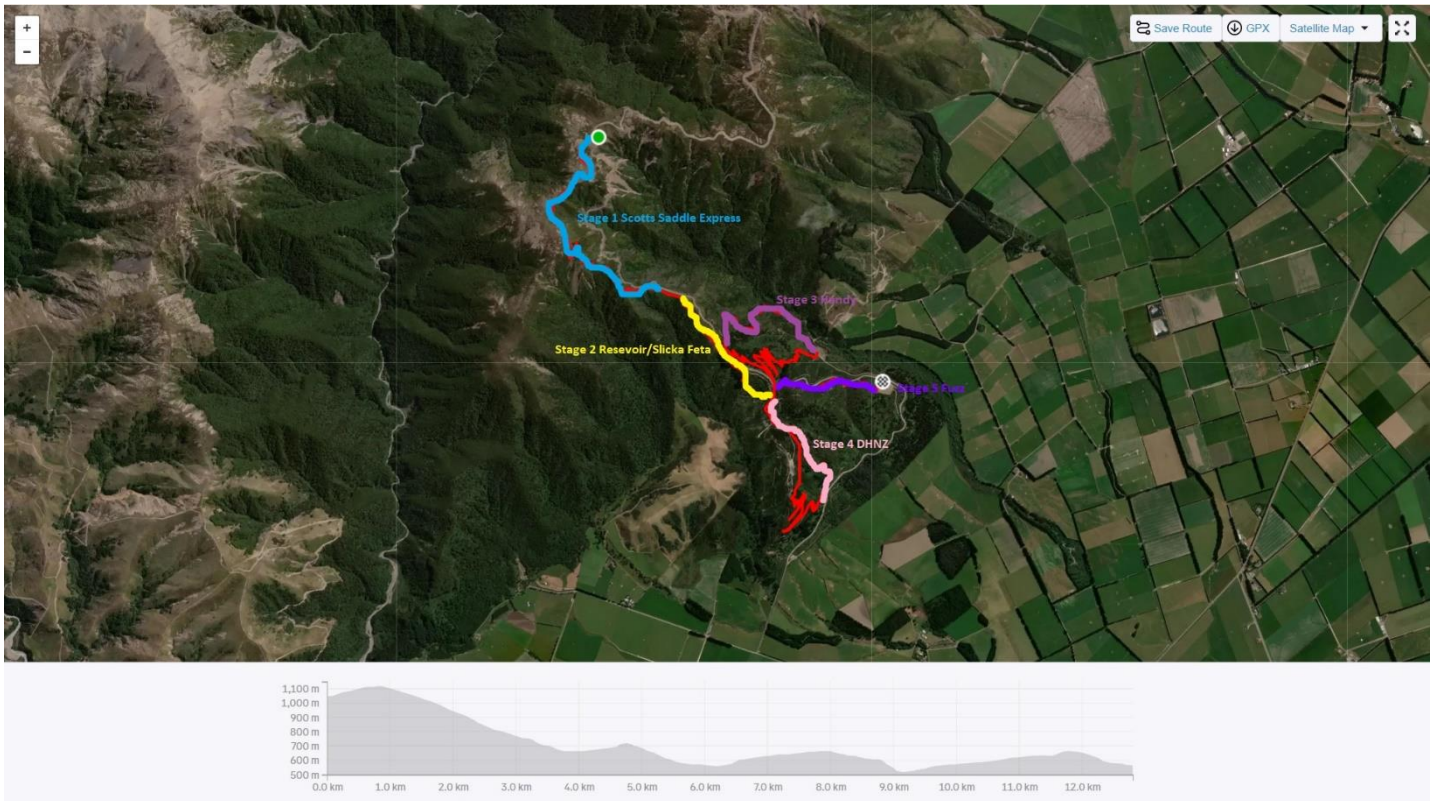
Repairs are permitted between timed stages, however all stages must be completed on the same bicycle using the same bicycle frame

**Course:** The course will use a mix of blue L3 and L4 tracks and will take the average rider two and a half hours to complete. There are five timed stages.

**Liaison One** SCOTTS SADDLE CLIMB  
**Stage One** SCOTTS SADDLE EXPRESS

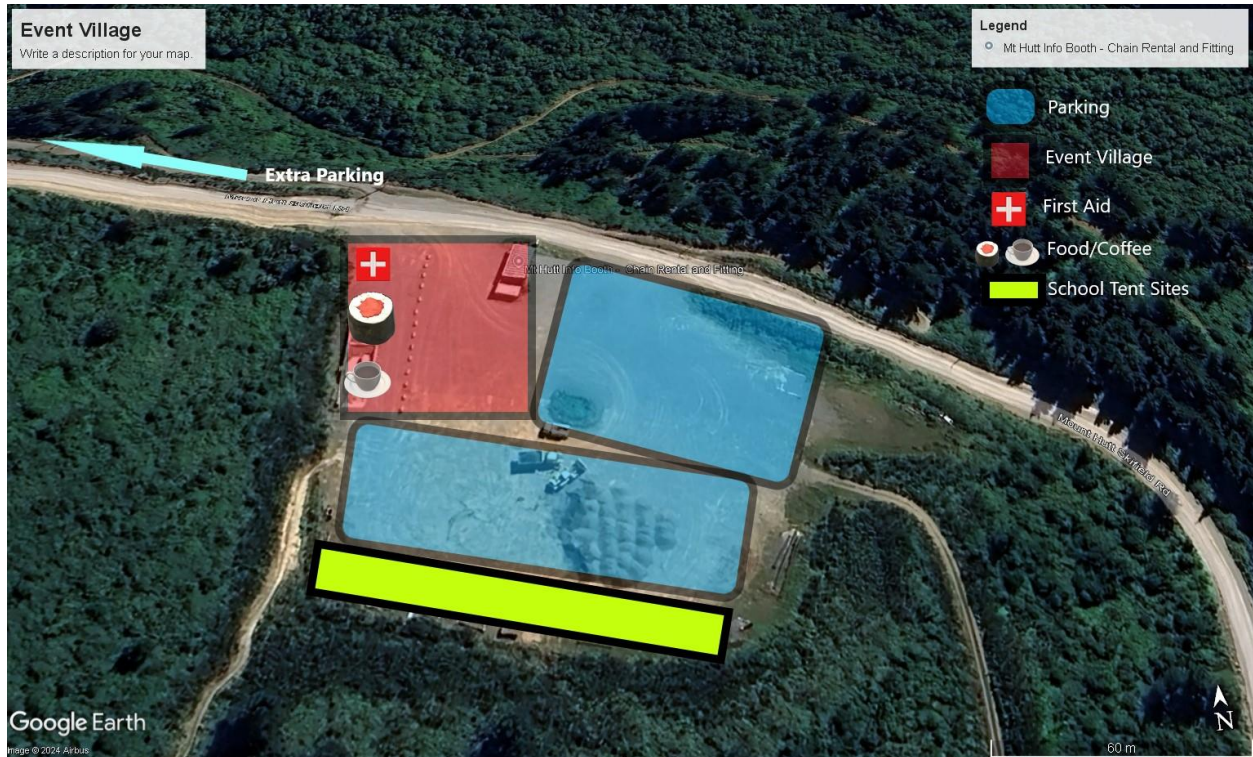
**Stage Two** RESEVOIR, IZZYS CUT, SLICKA FETA  
**Liaison Three** MIDDLE TREEVERSE  
**Stage Three** HANDY  
**Liaison Four** TREEVERSE  
**Stage Four** BOBS BRIDGE/DHNZ  
**Liaison Five** FRONTDOOR  
**Stage Five** FUZZ/SHAFT

Weather: In the event of poor weather, a stage may be dropped.



## APPENDIX 1: EVENT VILLAGE

### RACE VILLAGE



## APPENDIX 2: TRACK CLOSURES DURING EVENT

Track closures are limited to those affected by the event.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

All tracks north of the access road, including Handy, Treeverse, Up the Guts, Diggler, Nats, Lil Ripper, DH course closed

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Main Downhill, Flaxes, Jumpline and Fuzz closed

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Main Downhill, Flaxes, Jumpline and Fuzz closed

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

The entire park will be closed.

### APPENDIX 3: Mt Hutt/Methven Information

Mt Hutt Bike Park is run and managed by the incorporated society Bike Methven. The tracks can be ridden at any time and the road is available to shuttle on. Please note the road will be closed the week of the event

Full details available on the website <https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/>

There are numerous accommodation options in Methven and more information can be found at [www.bikemethven.co.nz](http://www.bikemethven.co.nz)

#### Partners

We would like to thank our partners as without them the event would not be possible

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**APPENDIX 4: Protest form**

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Protesting School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Team Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Rider or Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Party (Rider, Team or Official): \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Incident (Brief Description): \_\_\_\_\_

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Outcome Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Organisers Use Only**

Date/Time Protest Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Protest Fee (\$50) Received/Held by: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Receiving Protest: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed to Chief Commissaire (Date/Time) \_\_\_\_\_