

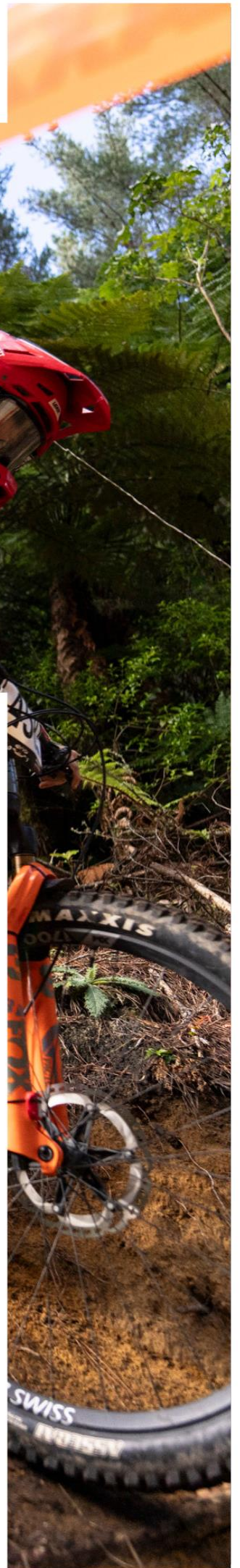
EVENT MANUAL

NORTH ISLAND MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS



TAURANGA

12-15 APRIL 2025



Contents

Welcome	3
Event Contacts	3
Event Partners.....	3
Update Summary.....	3
Event Details.....	3
Event Schedule	4
Race Duration.....	5
Rules & Uniform	5
Practice/Warmup.....	5
Event Venue.....	6
Smoke, vape, drug and alcohol-free event.	6
Parking & Carpooling.....	6
Tent Setup	7
Water	7
Food.....	7
Entry Capacity & Fees	7
Entry List	7
School Affiliation & Entry Fees	7
Spectators	7
Race Pack Pickup.....	7
Race Briefing	7
Medical & Emergency.....	8
Marshals/Volunteers	9
Event Withdrawals	9
Mechanicals	9
Cross Country (XCO).....	10
Enduro (EDR)	11
Downhill (DHI)	12
Cross Country Relay Event (XCR)	13
Medal Presentations, Results & Overall.....	14
The Schools Passion Award	14
Race Plates.....	15
Home School Eligibility at Prize Giving.....	15
Cancellations	15
Closing.....	15

Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 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, vendors and contractors who all play a part to make this event happen.

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.

Event Contacts

Event Director	Tristan Haycock	027 834 7223	tristanhride@gmail.com
Course Manager	Paul Riordan		
Operations Manager	Shannon Fisken		
Volunteer Manager	Coralie O'Connell		
Chief Commissaire (PCP)	Jeremy Christmas	021 304 872	jjlchristmas@gmail.com
Cycling NZ Events	Steff Holcroft		schools@cnz.kiwi
Event Host	MTB Tauranga		
Event Delivery	DirtCraft		

Event Partners



Update Summary

Version 1.4 Published 27.1.25

Version 2.0 Published 18.2.25

Event Details

Event:	North Island School Mountainbike Champs
Location:	Summerhill MTB Park 319 Reid Road, Papamoa
Date:	April 12 th to 15 th .

Event Schedule

2025 North Island School MTB Champs Event Schedule

Please Note: If we are in a position where we need to utilise our contingency day, then all future events will be pushed back by 24 hours.

Day 0 - Friday 11th April 2025

7.00am to 11.30am	Commissaires EDR Course check
11.00am to 2.30pm	Registration Open
10.30am to 5.30pm	Carpark open
11.30am to 3.30pm	Marshalled EDR Practice
12.00pm to 1.30pm	Commissaires XCO Track Walk
2.00pm to 5.00pm	Marshalled XCO Practice open
3.00pm to 4.00pm	Commissaires DHI Course check

Day 1 - Saturday 12th April 2025

6.00am to 6.00pm	Carpark open
6.30am to 7.30am	Marshalled XCO Practice
6.30am to 7.30am	Registration Open
7.45am to 8.00am	XCO Race 1 callup boxes closed + race briefing
8.00am to 9.30am	XCO Race 1 U13m & U14m
9.45am to 10.00am	XCO Race 2 callup boxes closed + race briefing
10.00am to 11.30am	XCO Race 2 U15m & U16m
11.45am to 12.00pm	XCO Race 3 callup boxes closed + race briefing
12.00pm to 1.30pm	XCO Race 3 U17m & U20m
12.05pm to 12.15pm	XCO Race 1 & 2 Prize Giving estimate
1.45pm to 2.00pm	XCO Race 4 callup boxes closed + race briefing
2.00pm to 3.30pm	XCO Race 4 all-female categories
2.15pm to 5.15pm	Marshalled Enduro Practice
3.45pm to 4.00pm	XCR Race Briefing
4.00pm to 5.30pm	XCR Relay all categories
5.30pm to 5.40pm	XCO Race 3 & 4 Prize Giving estimate
5.40pm to 5.45pm	XCR Prize Giving estimate

Day 2 - Sunday 13th April 2025

6.00am to 6.00pm	Carpark Open
6.30am to 7.00am	Registration Open
7.15am to 7.30am	Race 1 Briefing
7.30am to 11.30am	Enduro Race 1 All Girls, U13 males, U14 males
10.00am to 2.00pm	DH Track Walk
11.00am	Race 1 stages no new stages commenced
12.15pm	Race 1 Prize Giving estimate
12.45pm to 1.00pm	Enduro Race 2 Briefing
1.00pm to 5.00pm	Enduro Race 2 U15 males, U16 males, U17 males, U20males
4.30pm	Race 2 no new stages commenced
6.00pm	Enduro Race 2 Prize Giving estimate

Day 3 - Monday 14th April 2025

6.00am to 6.00pm	Carpark Open
6.30am to 7.00am	Registration Open
7.15am	DHI Rider Briefing (all categories)

7.30am to 12.30pm	Course open for practice (no stopping on course after 10.00am when)
1.30pm to 5.00pm	DHI Race Runs
5.30pm to 5.45pm	DHI Prize Giving all categories
Day 4 - Tuesday 15th April 2025	
6.00am to 6.00pm	Contingency Day

Race Duration

All North Island School Mountainbike races will be run as per Schools Cycling regulations. The 80% rule may be applied. The race duration varies for each category. Male and females will compete for the same time duration as each other, according to their category. If the 80% rule is not applied the lap out rule will apply, i.e. if someone is lapped they will be pulled at the finish line of their next completed lap, and each grades race will end when the winner of that grade completes the required number of laps. Below is a table that will give a guide as to race times.

Males

Grade	Duration	Race
U13	45 to 60min	1
U14	45 to 60min	1
U15	45 to 60min	2
U16	60 to 75min	2
U17	60 to 75min	3
U20	60 to 75min	3

Females

Grade	Duration	Race
U13	45 to 60min	4
U14	45 to 60min	4
U15	45 to 60min	4
U16	60 to 75min	4
U17	60 to 75min	4
U20	60 to 75min	4

Rules & Uniform

The event is run under [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules and the MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#).

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

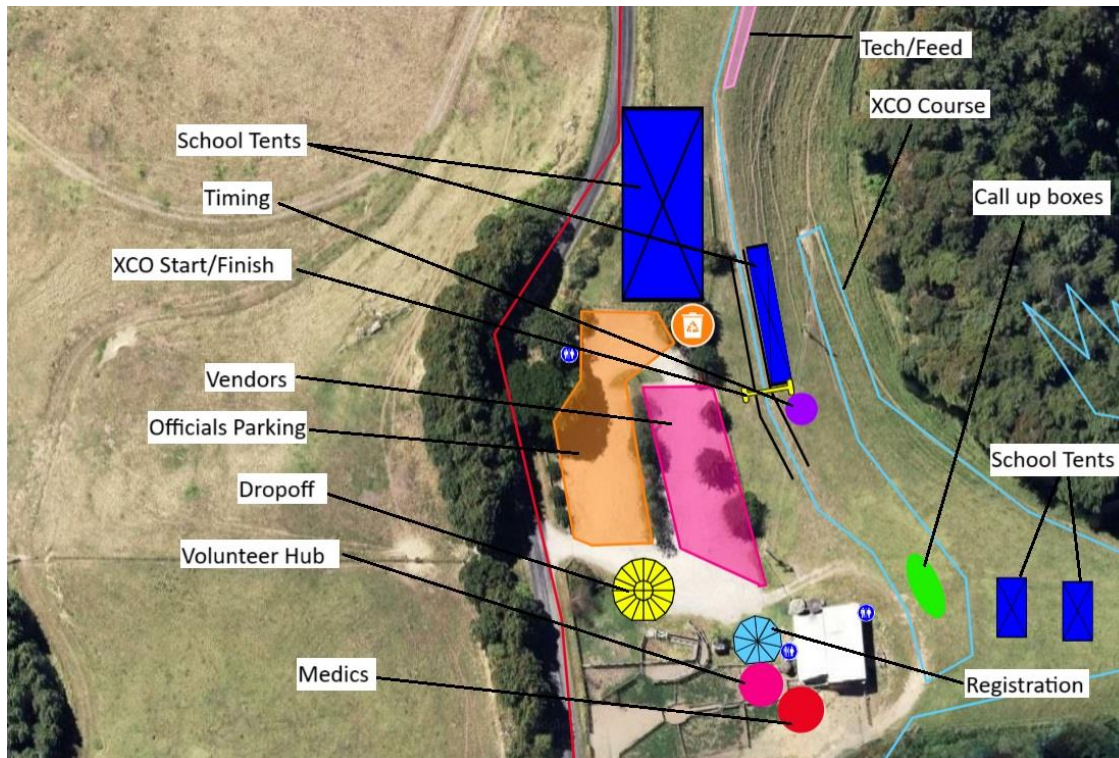
The event is run under CNZS rules and MTBNZ regs that any race related appeals must be made in writing to the President of the Commissaire Panel within 30 minutes of the completion of the race concerned and any appeal decisions made by the Commissaire Panel will be final and cannot be appealed.

Practice/Warmup

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

Event Venue

The event will occur at Summerhill MTB Park 319 Reid Road Papamoa.



Smoke, vape, drug and alcohol-free event.

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

Parking & Carpooling

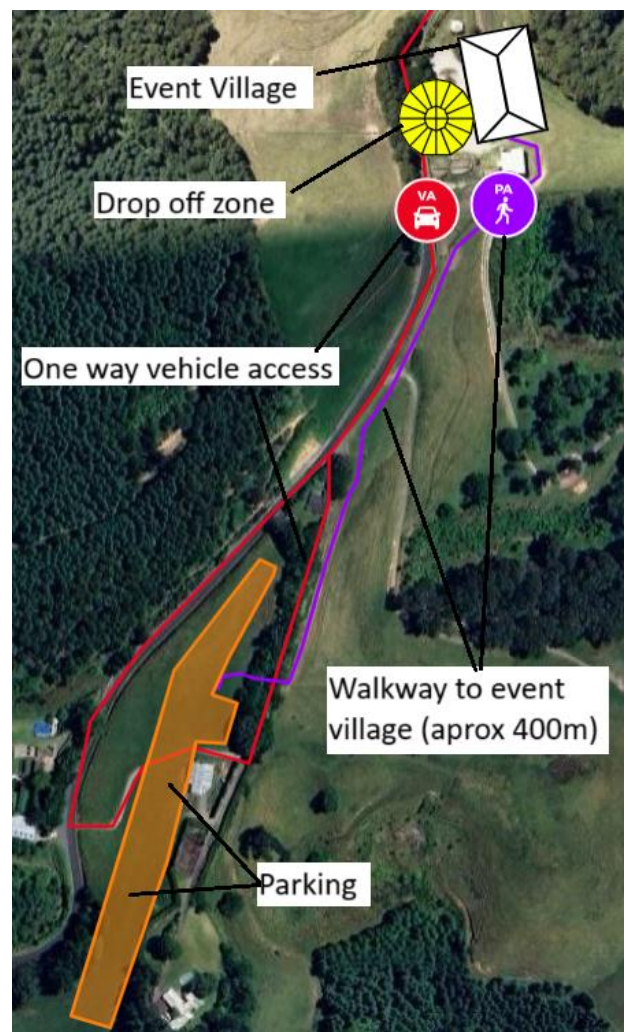
Parking will occur in the Airstrip near Summerhill. 345 Reid Road. There will be an option for drop off at the main Summerhill Carpark at 319 Reid Road. Follow signage and parking wardens' directions. All event vehicles will be parked in a large flat paddock which is accessible for both 2WD and 4WD vehicles, but lowered vehicles might have issues. If event week sees lots of rain, then we ask if possible, you bring a 4wd vehicle.

There will be a drop off/pickup area at the event village which you can leave people, bikes, gear, food etc so you're not walking or carrying your gear down from the carpark. You will have 5 minutes to complete your drop off/pickup.

We have limited parking capacity so we encourage you to carpool with one another so we can fit everyone in.

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 is limited ground space at Summerhill. Please email tristanhride@gmail.com to book a site by April 2nd.

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

We will have a coffee cart present along with a few other food vendors.

Entry Capacity & Fees

XCO	XCR	EDR	DHI
Entry Fee: \$60.00	Entry Fee: \$75.00	Entry Fee: \$80.00	Entry Fee: \$120.00
Capacity 350.	Capacity 50 teams.	Capacity 450.	Capacity 190.
No late entries.	OTD entry: \$90.00	No late entries.	No late entries.

Key entry dates, and how the capacity process works can be found at <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/north-island-school-mtb-championships/>

Entry List

The final entry list can be found on the CNZ Schools website once registrations close. The live entry list is available here, please note these entries are not confirmed until the final entry list is published:

<https://enternow.co.nz/publicview/agencies/nzsc>

School Affiliation & Entry Fees

All CNZ Schools affiliation fees must be paid before a school may enter riders into this event, and event entry fees must then 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 courses will be 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.

Race Pack Pickup

Race pack pickup will occur at during the 'Registration' times 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.

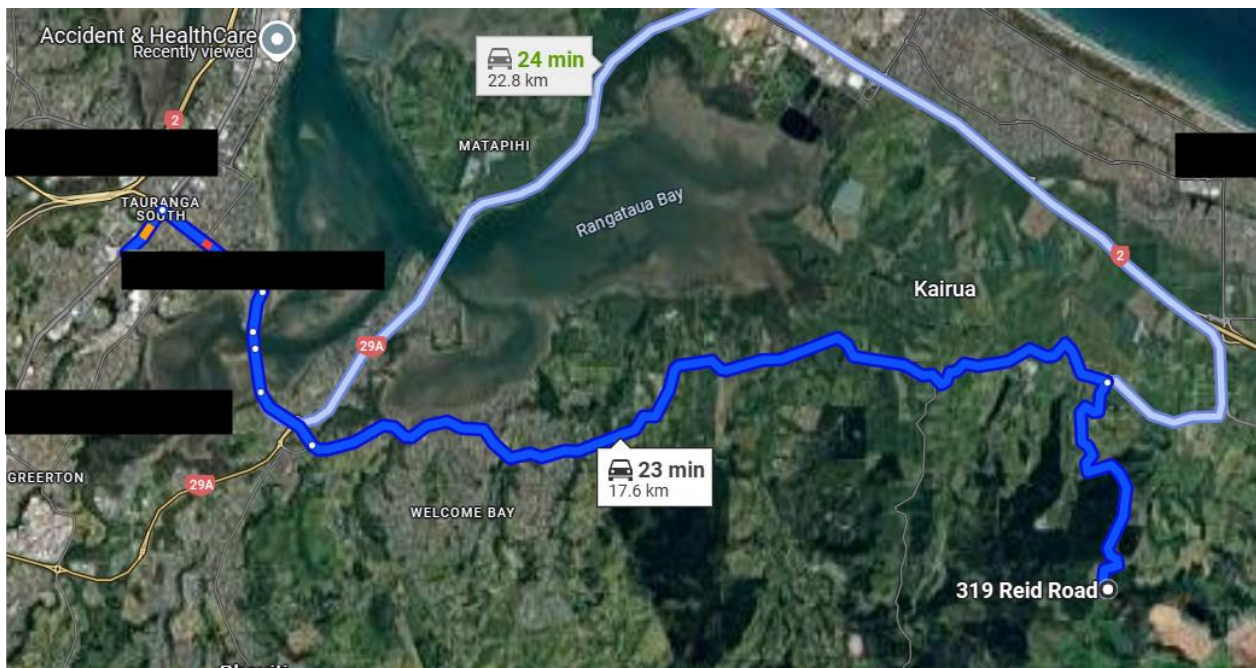
Medical & Emergency

Onsite

We will have Peak Safety operating. They will manage any medical needs on site.

Offsite

For off-site assistance we encourage you to **Tauranga Hospital** which is located at **829 Cameron Road**, Tauranga South. This is around a 20-to-30-minute drive from the venue.



Safety Equipment Requirements

For equipment requirements, please refer to the MTB Protection Policy in the [nz_mtb_technical_regulations_-_version_2-3.pdf \(22/11/2024\)](#)

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 is permitted. 'Enduro Style' 2-piece helmets with removable Chinbar 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

Highly Recommended: Elbows/Forearm protection

Highly Recommended: Knee/Shin 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. We will contact team managers and sports coordinators in due course.

Event Withdrawals

Please notify a commissaire that you are withdrawing from the race.

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.

Cross Country (XCO)

Event: North Island Schools XCO Championships

Date: Saturday 12th April, all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

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.

Trailforks Link:

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/north-island-schools-xco-course-2025/>

Course description

The Course commences by the carpark and heads northeast along the ridge through the paddocks before switching back on itself and crossing Brett’s Bridge and entering Sram track and dead cow alley. From here it links back onto Sram track, bypassing hoe key pokey, drops down the walking track and then links onto the start of monorail. It follows monorail around the bottom of the hill before climbing into the skills park, it completes the table tops, climbs up the berms, descends the rock garden/logs and then completes the challenge track, challenge extension and drops back into the descent of monorail, it then completes a hard left turn and links back onto the climb up Sram. This takes riders back to the carpark, on race day there will be some grass corners taped in the paddock before crossing the finish line.



5.0 km	99 m	-100 m	189 m
Distance	Climb	Descent	High Point



Enduro (EDR)

Event: North Island Schools XCR Championships

Date: Sunday 13th April, all categories.

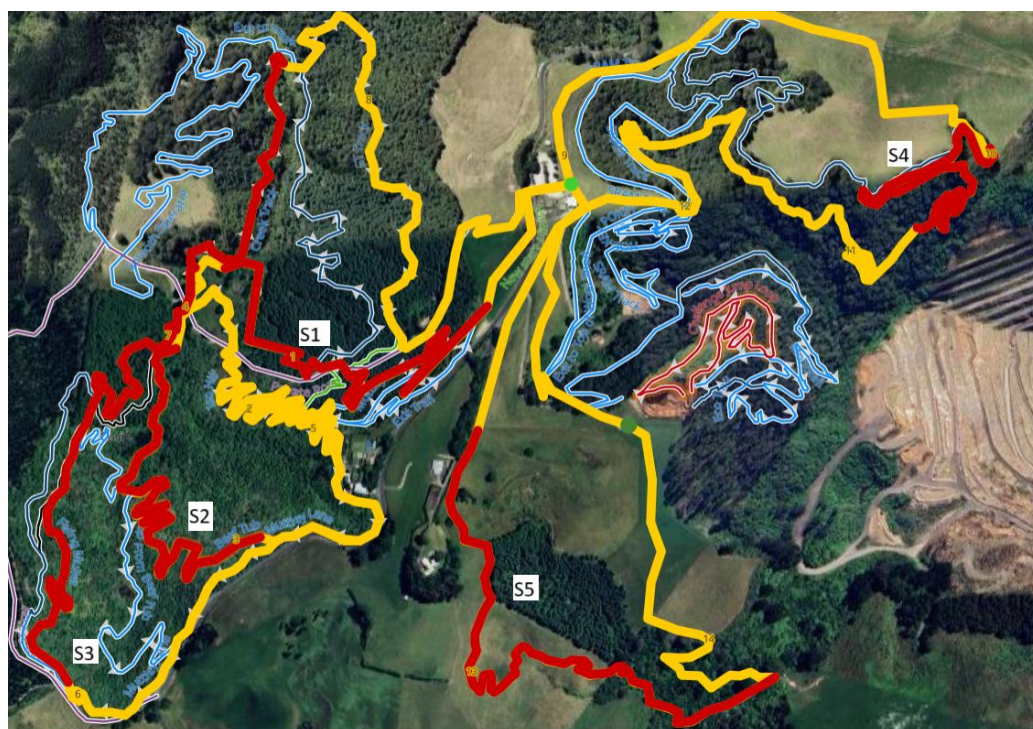
Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

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.

Information about the order of the stages will be rel

Trailforks Link: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/north-island-schools-enduro-course-2025/>

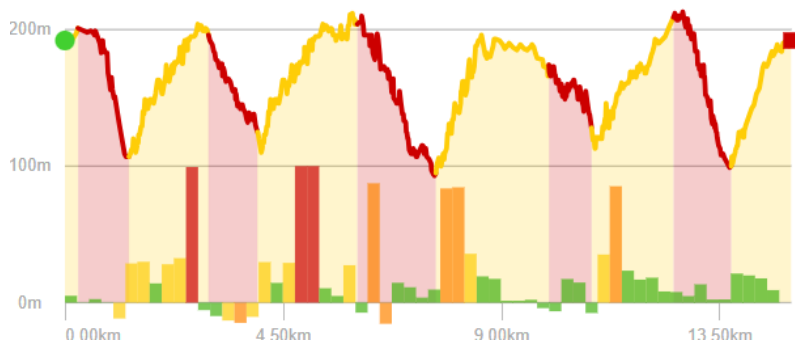


- Stage 1 – GT + Cliff Hanger
- Stage 2 – Beeftub
- Stage 3 – Flying Mullet + Covid + Corona + Creek
- Stage 4 – Mojo Track
- Stage 5 – Grass Paddock + Swamp Alley

15.0 km	507 m	-509 m	209 m
Distance	Climb	Descent	High Point

Route Sections

1	Stage 1	1.0 km distance	0 m climb	-86 m descent
2	Stage 2	978 m distance	0 m climb	-57 m descent
3	Stage 3	1.6 km distance	4 m climb	-114 m descent
4	Stage 4	844 m distance	9 m climb	-38 m descent
5	Stage 5	1.2 km distance	0 m climb	-108 m descent



Downhill (DHI)

Event: North Island Schools DHI Championships

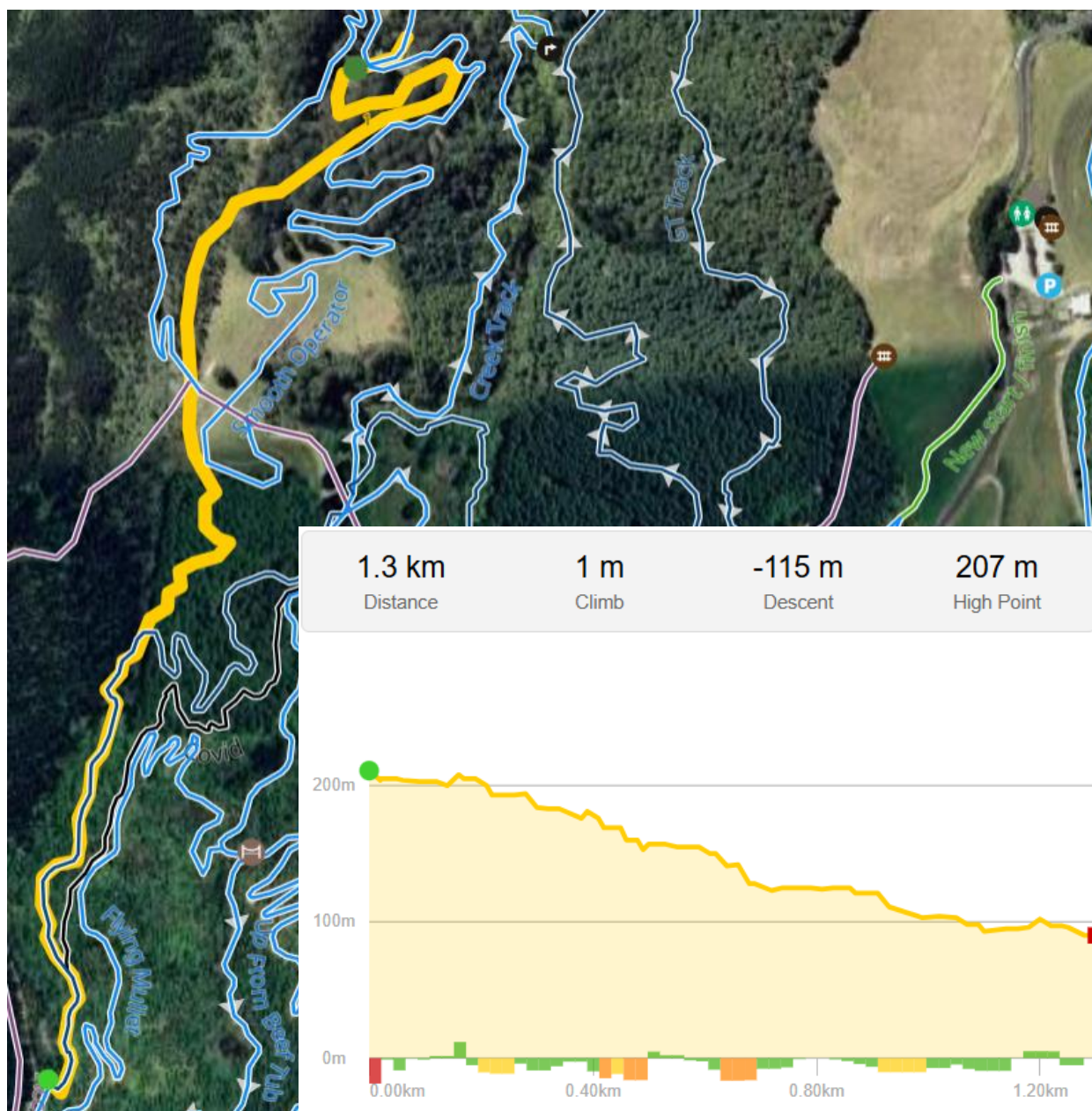
Date: Monday 14th all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

Course Description:

The Downhill Course runs from south to north. Riders will get dropped about 50m from the start of Corona Trail. Riders will commence the DHI run on Corona trail before splitting off onto the new DHI track (which is still under construction), cross through the skid site and continue on the new trail in the same area as current trail 'smooth operator'. Riders will then complete their run before pushing back up creek track for pickup from the 'Camp David Hub'.

Trailforks Link: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/north-island-schools-dhi-course-2025/>



Cross Country Relay Event (XCR)

Event: North Island Schools XCR Championships

Date: Saturday 12th April all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

The relay event is run under the individual rules with a few changes to accommodate the relay specific event.

Teams are made up of 3 riders. Teams may be made up from different schools. These are considered composite teams. Composite teams are not eligible for an overall placing but are able to participate and will be recognised on the podium with a certificate. The team will determine the order of the riders. The first rider completes two laps, then hands their number to the second rider. The second rider completes 2 laps then hands their transponder to the third rider. The third rider then completes two laps before crossing the finish line to complete the event.

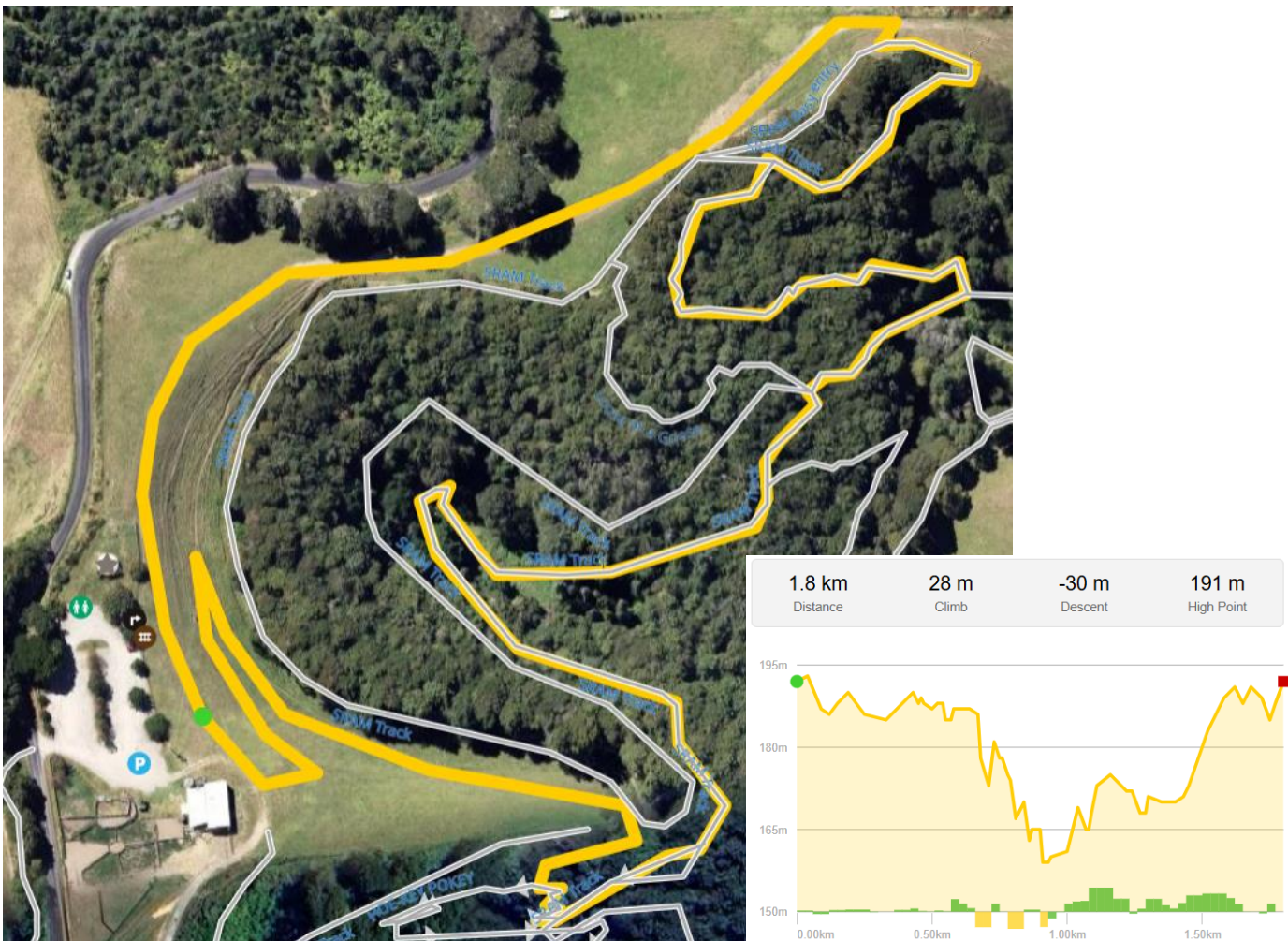
The relay categories are:

U16 (Junior) and U20 (Senior) Girls, Boys & Mixed with 3 per team.

Riders may enter a relay team on the day for \$90 in cash, but their team will be considered a composite even if they are all from the same school.

The Course commences by the carpark and heads northeast along the ridge but doesn't go into the next paddock like XCO. It crosses straight into Brett's Bridge and enters Sram track and dead cow alley. From here it links back onto Sram track, includes hoe key pokey before climbing up the grass paddock.

Trailforks Link: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/north-island-schools-xcr-course-2025/>



Medal Presentations, Results & Overall

Medal presentations will take place at prize giving 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. We will do our best to deliver prizegiving in a timely manner, this may occur before or after the estimated time in the schedule. Please DO NOT ask the organisers when prize giving is happening, as this only slows down the process.

There will be a link to the results on the Cycling NZ Schools website once the first event is completed.

Any queries regarding results are to be made by the Team Manager only directly to the Chief Commissaire.

Overall champions will be notified after the event.

Overall

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.

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

Ec. (until 43rd and below who all receive 1 point. NF = 0)

There will also be two overall champion schools awards for the highest number of accumulated points across the four events. The two overall schools awards are for year 7-8 (Junior) and years 9-13 (senior). Points are awarded according to the following scale.

Position Points

1 st	5 points
2 nd	4 points
3 rd	3 points
4 th	2 points
5 th	1 point

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 2025.

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.

Home School Eligibility at Prize Giving

Home- schooled students may participate in individual and Team Relay events, but will not be eligible for medals as per SSNZ regulations Home school riders that place in the top 3 will be recognised on the podium alongside their peers and presented with a certificate in place of a medal. The medal placing goes to the next fastest eligible rider ie: If a home school rider places 1st, then the first non-home school rider would stand on the podium with them and receive the gold medal alongside them, the same applies if they place 2nd or 3rd If you have any questions on home school eligibility, please contact schools@cnz.kiwi

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. Tuesday 15th April 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.

Closing

Mountainbike Tauranga and DirtCraft want to emphasise the importance of development for rider attending this event, we want riders to have an opportunity to have fun, learn and grow! We will work closely with the Commissaire team to deliver the most safe, fair and valuable event we can. This is the largest event that Summerhill has hosted by far, so we appreciate your patience as we learn to deliver an event on this scale at this venue. Enjoy the event and the beautiful Western Bay of Plenty. Race hard, race fair and most importantly... HAVE FUN!!!