

# EVENT MANUAL

## NORTH ISLAND MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS



TAURANGA

12-15 APRIL 2025



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## 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

|                             |                   |              |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
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| 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 |
| Version 3.0 | Published 26.3.25 |
| Version 4.0 | Published 3.4.25  |

## Event Details

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Event:    | North Island School Mountainbike Champs      |
| Location: | Summerhill MTB Park 319 Reid Road, Papamoa   |
| Date:     | April 12 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> . |

## Event Schedule

| 2025 North Island School MTB Champs Event Schedule*   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>*Please Note: If we we need to use the contingency day, all future events will be pushed back by 24 hours.</i> |   |
| Day 0 - Friday 11th April 2025  |   |
| 7.00am to 11.30am   | Commissaires EDR Course check                                 |
| 10.30am to 5.30pm   | Carpark open  |
| <b>11.00am to 2.30pm</b>  | <b>Registration Open</b>                                      |
| 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  |
| <b>6.30am to 7.30am</b>   | Registration open   |
| 6.30am to 7.30am  | XCO Practice (Roving marshals)                                |
| 7.45am to 8.00am  | XCO Race 1 Briefing   |
| <b>8.00am to 9.30am</b>   | <b>XCO Race 1 U13M &amp; U14M</b>                             |
| 9.45am to 10.00am   | XCO Race 2 Briefing   |
| <b>10.00am to 11.30am</b>   | <b>XCO Race 2 U15M &amp; U16M</b>                             |
| 11.45am to 12.00pm  | XCO Race 3 Briefing   |
| <b>12.00pm to 1.30pm</b>  | <b>XCO Race 3 U17M &amp; U20M</b>                             |
| <b>12.05pm to 12.15pm</b>   | <b>XCO Race 1 &amp; 2 Prize Giving estimate</b>               |
| 1.45pm to 2.00pm  | XCO Race 4 Briefing   |
| <b>2.00pm to 3.30pm</b>   | <b>XCO Race 4 all Females</b>                                 |
| 2.15pm to 5.15pm  | Marshalled Enduro Practice                                    |
| 3.45pm to 4.00pm  | XCR Race Briefing   |
| <b>4.00pm to 5.15pm</b>   | <b>XCR Relay all categories</b>                               |
| <b>5.30pm to 5.40pm</b>   | <b>XCO Race 3 &amp; 4 Prize Giving estimate</b>               |
| <b>5.40pm to 5.45pm</b>   | <b>XCR Prize Giving estimate</b>                              |
| Day 2 - Sunday 13th April 2025  |   |
| 6.00am to 6.00pm  | Carpark Open  |
| <b>6.30am to 7.00am</b>   | Registration Open   |
| 7.15am to 7.30am  | Race 1 Briefing   |
| <b>7.30am to 11.30am</b>  | <b>Enduro Race 1 U13, U14, U15 male and Female categories</b> |
| 10.00am to 2.00pm   | DH Track Walk - Follow the white ribbons from event parking   |
| 11.15am   | Race 1 no new stage starts commenced after this time          |
| <b>11.45am</b>  | <b>Race 1 Prize Giving estimate</b>                           |
| 12.45pm to 1.00pm   | Enduro Race 2 Briefing  |
| <b>1.00pm to 5.00pm</b>   | <b>Enduro Race 2 U16, U17, U20 male and female categories</b> |
| 4.45pm  | Race 2 no new stage starts commenced after this time.         |
| <b>6.00pm</b>   | <b>Enduro Race 2 Prize Giving estimate</b>                    |

| Day 3 - Monday 14th April 2025  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 6.00am to 6.00pm                | Carpark Open   |
| <b>6.30am to 7.00am</b>         | Registration Open  |
| 7.15am                          | DHI Rider briefing (Categories U16 and younger) - In the event village |
| <b>7.30am to 10.30pm</b>        | Categories U16 and younger Practice Time                               |
| 9.30am to 10.30am               | Categories U16 and younger Seeding (no intentional stopping on course) |
| 9.45am                          | DHI Rider Briefing (U17 & U20 categories) - In the event village       |
| 10.15am to 1.00pm               | U17 & U20 Practice Time (aproximate)                                   |
| 12.00pm to 1.00pm               | U17 & U20 Seeding (no intentional stopping on course)                  |
| <b>1.30pm to 5.00pm</b>         | <b>DHI Race Runs</b>   |
| <b>5.30pm to 5.45pm</b>         | <b>DHI Prize Giving all categories</b>                                 |
| Day 4 - Tuesday 15th April 2025 |  |
| 6.00am to 6.00pm                | Contingency Day  |

## 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.

## Parking & Carpooling

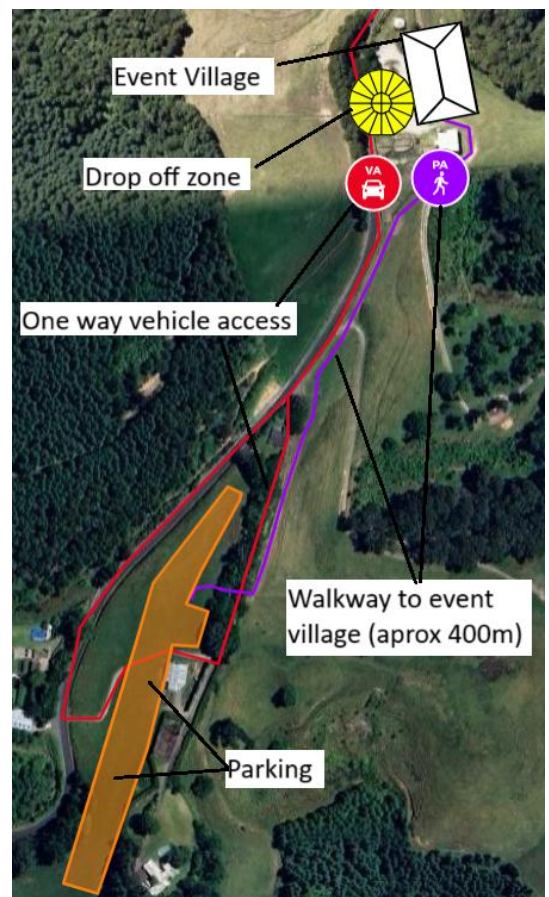
**We have limited parking capacity so we encourage you to carpool with one another so we can fit everyone in.**

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.

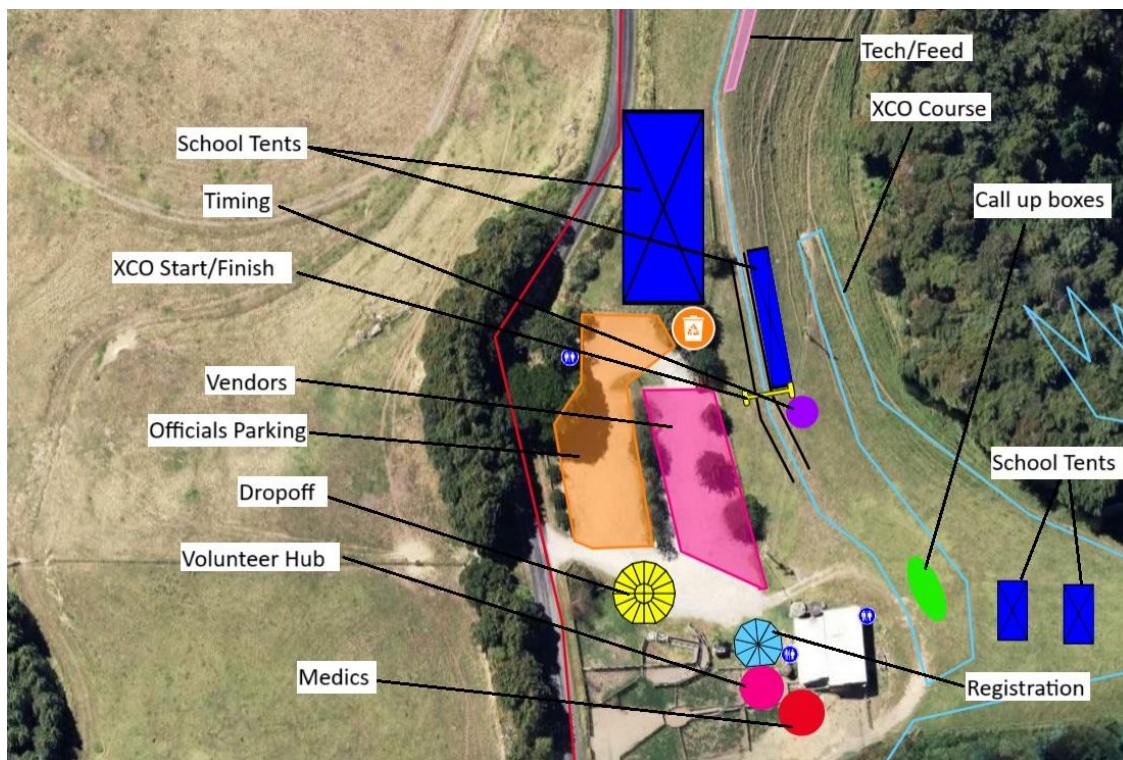
**Cars parked on the side or Reid Road are at risk of being towed, please do not park here. Follow the parking warden's instructions for overflow parking options.**

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



## Event Village

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



## Water

Summerhill has no drinking water. Thanks to Camelbak we will have some water containers present at the event for you to fill up with, but we strongly encourage that you bring plenty of your own water.

## Food

We will have multiple food and coffee vendors setup along with the MTB Tauranga fundraising BBQ sponsored by Placemakers. Vendors will be supplying cold drinks, burgers, sushi, ice cream, smoothies & more. Eftpos is available.

## Tent Setup

There is limited ground space at Summerhill. Please complete the following form by April 2<sup>nd</sup> to secure your tent site. We cannot confirm space for your tent after this date. <https://forms.gle/HMp62XJ5tsuNWJnb9>  
There are to be no tents setup in the carpark.

## Smoke, vape, drug and alcohol-free event.

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

## Practice/Warmup

Please refer to the event schedule for practice times. There is plenty of space for stationary trainers to be setup and used. The park is shut to the public throughout the event. Riders will need a number plate attached to access the course during practice. Team plates will be issued by registration for coaches and managers to ride the course too (this does not include shuttle uplifts). The Downhill Track is not open to public riding prior to the event. If you wish to practice the Enduro or Cross-Country courses prior to the event, this can be done with a MTB Tauranga Membership.



## 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 500.      | Capacity 270.       |
| 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, Plates & Timing

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.

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. Twist ties will be provided at race pack pick up. Race plates must be flat not wrapped or curved around the bars – officials need to be able to read the number or no place can be awarded. Downhill riders will not be allowed on the shuttle unless they have a number attached to the handlebars of their bicycle. Timing transponders will also be provided to riders at race pack pick up. These must be secured around your right front fork and returned after your race (same transponder and number plate if you are competing in multiple disciplines). **Riders will be charged \$100 for timing transponders that are not returned.**

## Race Briefing

Race briefings for all events will occur in the event village aprox 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 XCO finish.

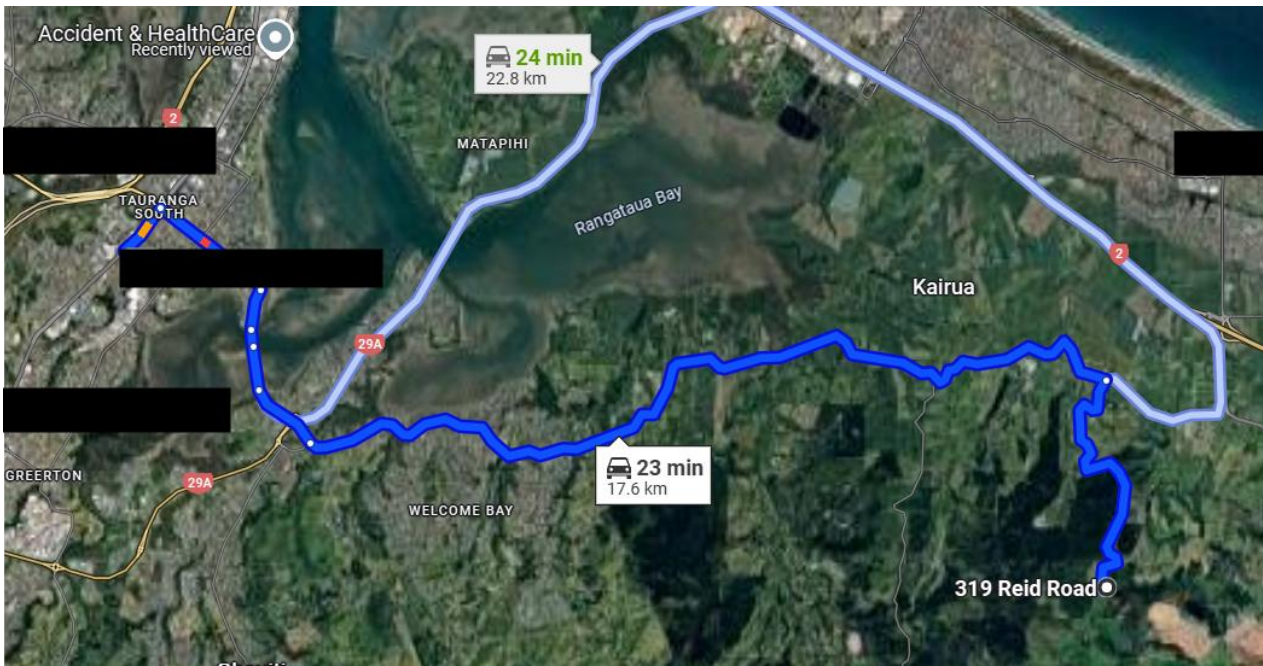
# Medical & Emergency

## 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. Volunteers should complete the form below. We will do our best to give you a role that enables you to watch your child compete. <https://forms.gle/BAuKxkBNhQWjEVTX8>

## Event Withdrawals

Please notify a commissaire that you are withdrawing from the race and drop your transponder back to timing.

## On site Bike Mechanic & Parts

Cycle Obsession will have a professional mechanic on site during the following times:

Friday 11.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday 7.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am to 4.00pm

Monday 8.00am to 2.30pm

The Mechanic will be available for race related fixes with free labour. Any part replacements will come with a charge, eftpos is available. Cycle Obsession will also have a stall setup selling parts and equipment.

## In 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 12<sup>th</sup> April, all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

### XCO 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 | Laps* |
|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| U13   | 45 to 60min | 1    | 2     |
| U14   | 45 to 60min | 1    | 2     |
| U15   | 45 to 60min | 2    | 3     |
| U16   | 60 to 75min | 2    | 3     |
| U17   | 60 to 75min | 3    | 4     |
| U20   | 60 to 75min | 3    | 4     |

#### Females

| Grade | Duration    | Race | Laps* |
|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| U13   | 45 to 60min | 4    | 2     |
| U14   | 45 to 60min | 4    | 2     |
| U15   | 45 to 60min | 4    | 3     |
| U16   | 60 to 75min | 4    | 3     |
| U17   | 60 to 75min | 4    | 3     |
| U20   | 60 to 75min | 4    | 3     |

\*Commissaires will confirm lap numbers following track walk.

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:

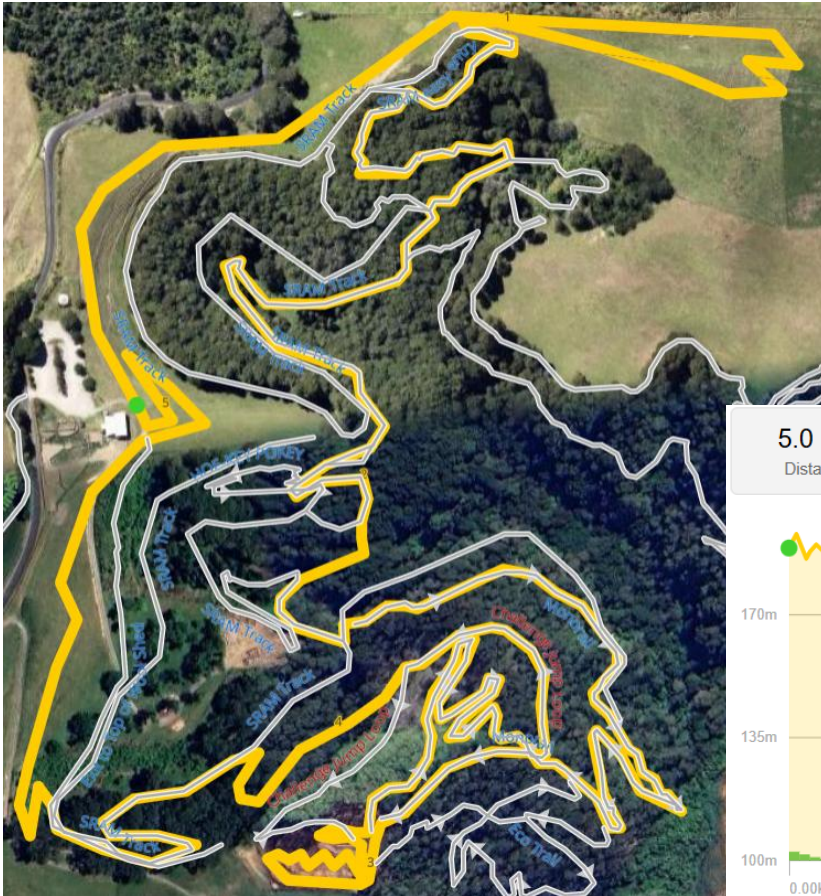
<https://www.trailforks.com/route/north-island-schools-xco-course-2025/>

## Course description

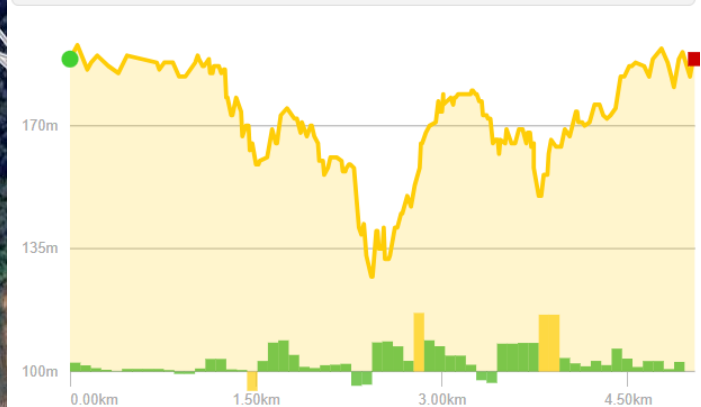
The Course commences by the carpark and heads northeast along the ridge through the paddocks before switching back on itself and crossing Brett's Bridge and entering Sram track and dead cow alley. From here it links back onto Sram track, bypassing hoekey pokey, drops down the walking track and then links 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.

Official XCO practice occurs on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30am to 7.30am. The park is shut to the public from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Riders are welcome to ride the course prior to the race weekend with the appropriate membership for park access.



|               |             |               |              |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>5.0 km</b> | <b>99 m</b> | <b>-100 m</b> | <b>189 m</b> |
| Distance      | Climb       | Descent       | High Point   |





# Cross Country Relay Event (XCR)

Event: North Island Schools XCR Championships

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. **\*\*\*Amendment\*\*\*** Riders will complete the relay as per the Cycling NZ School Technical Regulations one lap at a time. The race duration is 1 hour and 15 minutes. No new laps may be commenced after 1hr 15 min on the race clock. Riders on a lap may complete that lap. Teams will share a transponder but be issued 3x number plates.

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/>



## Enduro (EDR)

Event: North Island Schools XCR Championships

Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

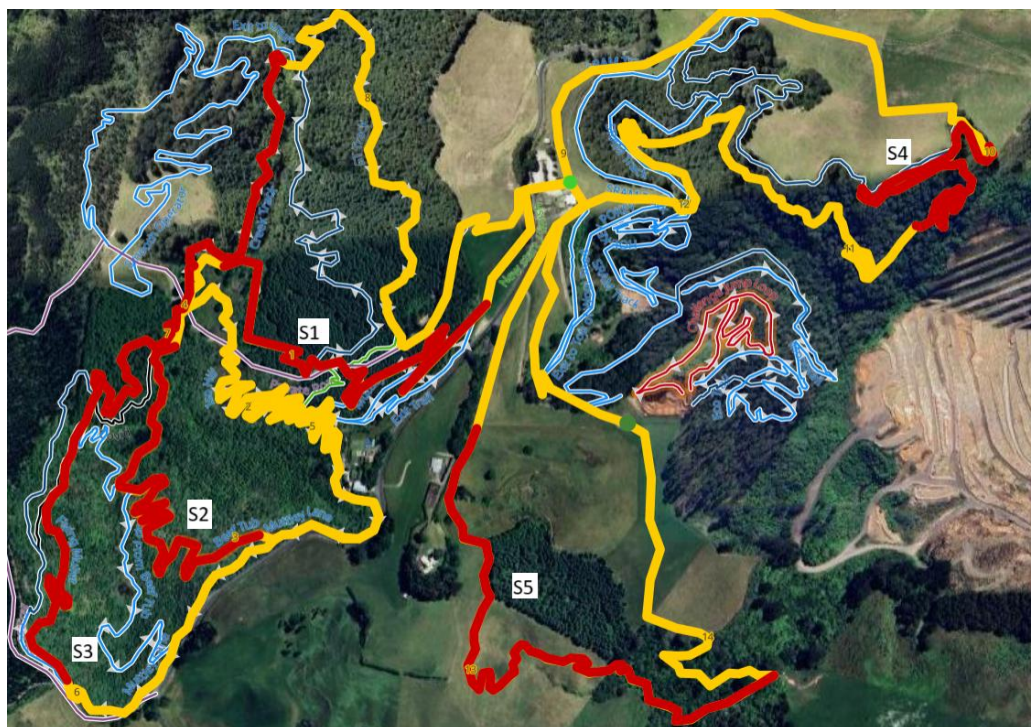
Equipment: See "General Information" for safety gear requirements.

Race 1 – Male and Female riders U13, U14, U15.

Race 2 – Male and Female Riders U16, U17, U20.

There will be an aid station on course with water and Gu electrolyte. Repairs are permitted between timed stages; however, all stages must be completed on the same bicycle using the same bicycle frame.

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

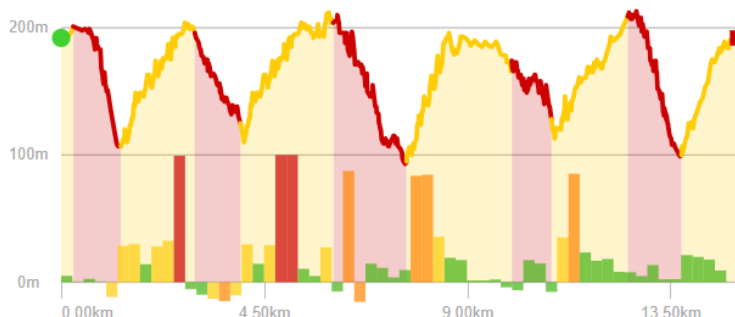
Stage 4 – Mojo Track

Stage 5 – Grass Paddock + Swamp Alley

15.0 km Distance  
507 m Climb  
-509 m Descent  
209 m 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 |



Official Enduro practice occurs on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April from 11.30am to 3.30pm and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 2.15pm to 5.15pm. The park is shut to the public from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Riders practicing on Saturday will not be able to access stage 4 (mojo). Riders are welcome to ride the course prior to the race weekend with the appropriate membership for park access.



## Downhill (DHI)

Event: North Island Schools DHI Championships

Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> all categories.

Venue: Summerhill MTB Park.

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

We've done our very best to develop a course suitable for North Island School Champs, working with around 100m of elevation has been challenging. We've developed a course that is achievable to ride, but challenging to race. It is favourable to bikes with less travel, so you may want to think twice about bringing a bike with a triple clamp fork

Track walk is to occur on Sunday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

We initially planned on having 190 Downhill riders. But we ended up having close to 350 riders wanting to race. We've done our best to accommodate as many riders as we can for the 2025 event. We appreciate your understanding that we've filled this event to capacity (and some) and therefore need to get a little creative in how we run it. It was not financially viable for us to split the DHI event over two days this year. The big things to note are:

1. Practice and seeding will be merged.
2. We've split the practice into two groups based on category and introduced a separate briefing.
3. We've extended practice time by 15 minutes per category.
4. To ease shuttle congestion, riders are welcome to ride to the top via the spectator route.

**Practice One** - Female and Male riders from U13, U14, U15 & U16 from 7.30am to 10.30am.

**Practice Two** - Female and Male riders from U17 & U20 from 10.30am (or when the U16s are finished) to 1.00pm.

The timing mats will be switched on at 9.30am (for Practice One) and 12.00pm (for Practice Two). Riders are not able to intentionally stop on course from this time onwards. The riders final run from within this last hour will count as their seeding run. It is the rider's responsibility to get one run within this time window to be seeded.

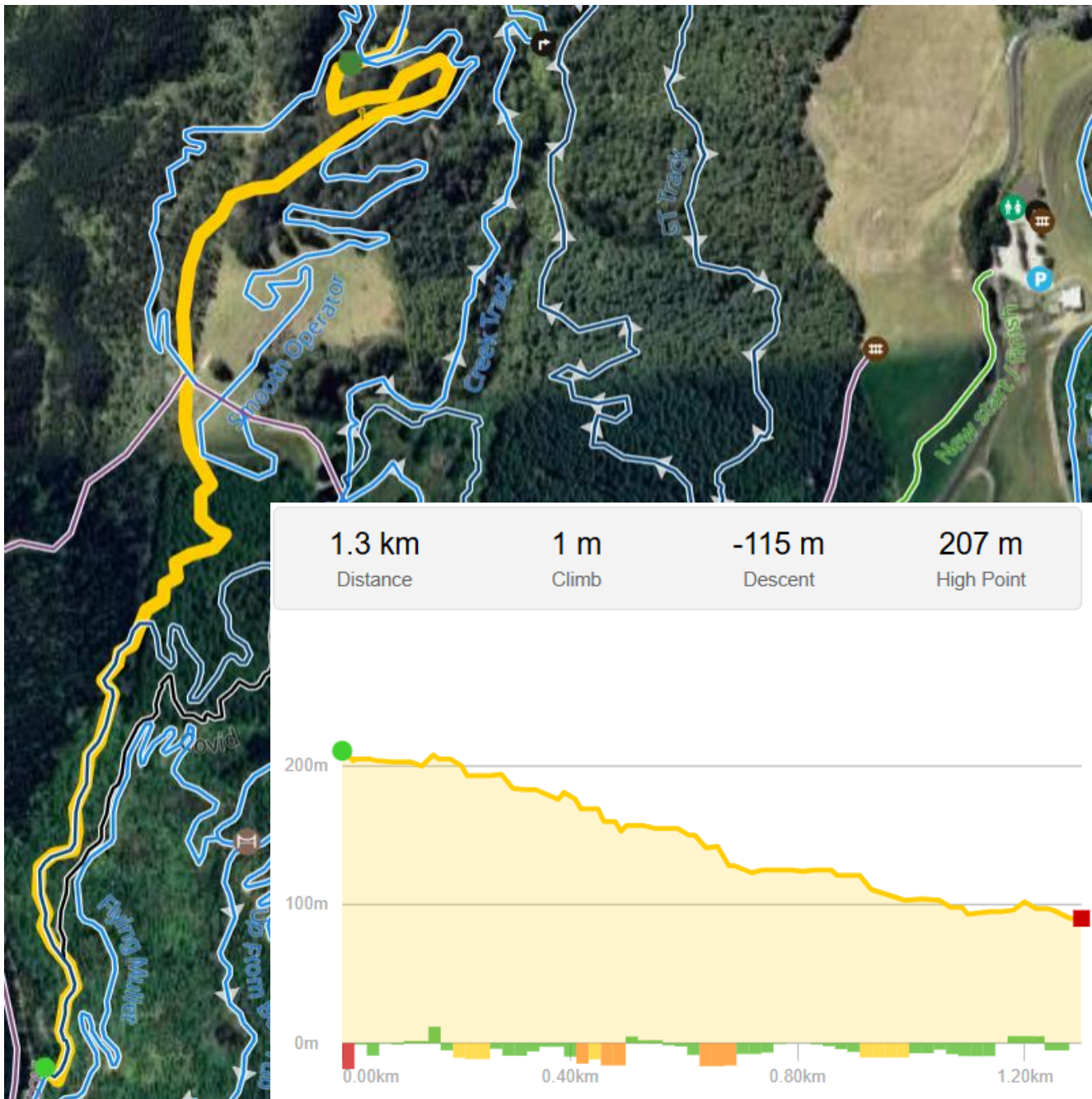
Please anticipate there to be some flexibility between the changeover time from Practice One to Practice Two to ensure everyone gets a seeding run.

Seeding results/Race start times will be posted on the information board in the Event Village as soon as practicable following each of the practice/seeding sessions. We intend to run U13, U14, U15 and U16 Female race runs from around 1.30pm followed by U13, U14, U15 and U16 Male categories.

From around 3.45pm intend to commence the U17 and U20 Female race runs followed by the U17 and U20 Males. Please note, depending on the schedule, we may commence race runs earlier or later than this. Check the info board for more accurate start time estimates on race day.



Below is a map of The Downhill Track which runs from South to North.



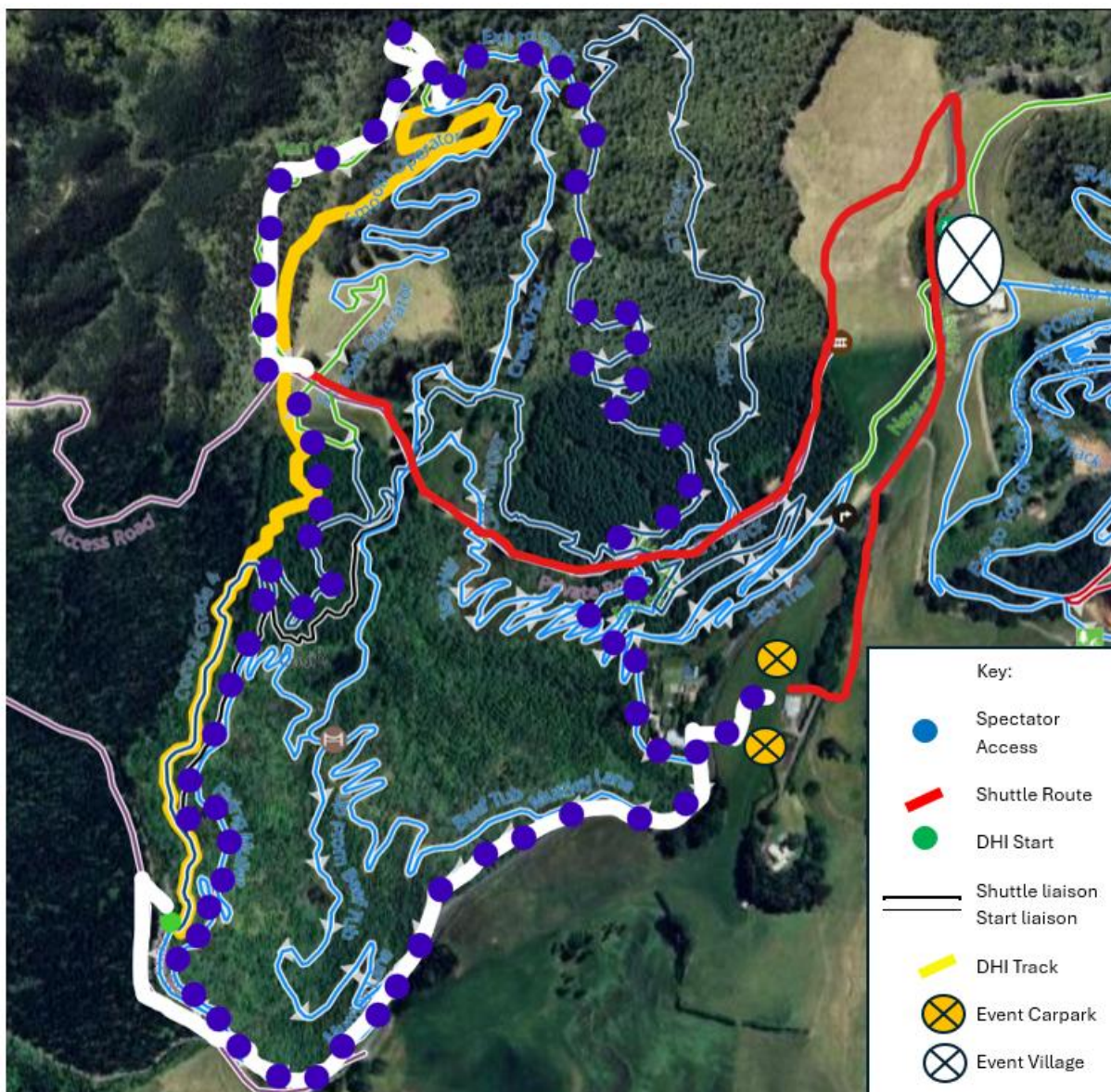
## DHI Spectator Access, Shuttling Details, Prizegiving and Logistics

Shuttles will be operating from near the bottom of the DHI course (north) to the event carparking on the airstrip (east). Riders will need to make their way to the shuttle pickup (follow the white ribbons). When riders are dropped, they will need to make their way to the start of the stage (south) following the other white ribbons. See image below.

Rider briefing, the posting of race start times and prize giving and school gazebos will all be located at the event village. Following a rider's race run they will have a 45 minute window to be eligible for a shuttle.

Spectators may follow the blue dots (marked with blue ribbons) to access the course. This will cross over Reid Road at the exit of the event carpark. From here it will enter into a fork at the MTB Trail. Left will take you to the top, right will take you to the bottom of the DHI course. We suggest walking to the bottom (north) of the course where a Mini hub will be setup. Spectators may only cross the shuttle road at the designated points as shown on the image below (follow the blue ribbons).

**Any spectator caught walking on the shuttle road on Monday between 7.00am and 7.00pm will be removed from the venue by security.**





## 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. Results will be posted as soon as practicable. 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.

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

Etc. (until 43<sup>rd</sup> 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

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 5 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 4 points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 points |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 2 points |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 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.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> If you have any questions on home school eligibility, please contact [schools@cnz.kiwi](mailto: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 Director and PCP. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!!!