



NATIONAL MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS



EVENT MANUAL

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WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Southland Mountain Bike Club (SMBC), the Invercargill City Council and our sponsors for their support.

This event also exists because of you, so thank you all for coming along.

We continue to see strong growth in school's competitive mountain biking and this event is an opportunity to test yourself against riders beyond your classroom and your home region and the rest of New Zealand

While we hope to find the future MTB riders in New Zealand – from local races, National Champs, the next Commonwealth Games Gold medalist and onto the Olympics!

But this event is also a chance to have a whole lot of fun. I wish you all the best for the coming competition and hope that you achieve all the goals that you've set for yourself.

Enjoy the races!

Donald Heslip
SMBC President

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GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

Venue: Bottom of Bluff Hill, Bluff Event Village (BEV), Bluff

Thursday 13th October: ENDURO

9.00am Registration for Enduro Wave 1

10.00am Wave 1 start

12.00pm: Enduro Registration Wave 2

1.00pm: Wave 2 start

5.00pm: Prize-giving - Enduro

Allocated waves start from top of Bluff Hill (start list will be posted Wednesday 5th October). Split starts will be based on the total number of entries we reserve the right to condense to one start.

Friday 14th October Downhill Group 1

8.00am – 8.45am: Registration for Downhill

9.00am: Compulsory Downhill practice briefing

9.20am: Shuttles available for Downhill Practice

12.00pm Lunch

12.30pm: Compulsory Downhill race briefing

12.45pm – 4.00pm: Timed Downhill runs

4.30pm – 5.00pm: Prize-giving – Downhill

Saturday 15th October: Downhill Group 2

8.00am – 8.45am: Registration for Downhill

9.00am: Compulsory Downhill practice briefing

9.20am: Shuttles available for Downhill Practice

12.00pm Lunch

12.30pm: Compulsory Downhill race briefing

12.45pm – 4.00pm: Timed Downhill runs

4.30pm – 5.00pm: Prize-giving – Downhill

Sunday 16th October: Cross Country

7.30am: Registration for Cross Country (you can also register on the other days)

8.00am: Race Start 1 (U13 – U14)

9.30am: Race Start 2 (U15 – U16)

11:30am: Race Start 3 (U17-U20)

1.00pm: Prize- Cross Country and overall awards (or as soon as possible after completion of event)

START LIST

A start list will be posted when entries close.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

All School Affiliation fees and Event Entry fees must be paid before riders are permitted to start the event. Please ensure you check with your school to ensure affiliation and payment has been made.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are not permitted to travel with the competitors on the shuttles. If you wish to watch the race you must WALK up the DH Trail following the marked route.

PARKING

All parking will be in the designated areas in the **Event Area**.

- Please follow the directions of the **arrows / marshals**. Do not park in any areas that are marked "No Parking". The speed limit through the event area 10 km. Please respect this limit.

SCHOOL TENTS

Schools may put up their own tents in the designated area at the event area. To book space please email president@southlandmtbclub.co.nz

BIKE REPAIRS

A bike mechanic will be available on site for the DH event, other events do not allow outside support, however the Bike shops in town Wensley Cycles, H&J's Outdoor World will be open to get you going as quickly as possible.

RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers must be displayed on the handlebars of the bicycle. Altering, cutting or placing of unauthorised sponsor's logos on numbers may result in disqualification. All riders must display their race numbers if riding the course on the official practice times or on race day. *Downhill riders will not be allowed on the downhill transport unless they have a number attached to their bicycle.*

PRE EVENT PRACTICE

Competitors will have a chance to pre-ride or walk the courses from 2.00pm on Wednesday 12th October. Please note there is no first aid or road closures, so team managers need to make sure students are supervised. NO Riding until after 5pm

MECHANICALS

A competitor **MUST** start and finish on the same bike.

All repairs during an event must be performed by:

Enduro: the competitor **ONLY**.

XCO and replay: the competitor or designated support in the athlete support zone (feedzone)
Wheel changes are allowed. If a rider has a mechanical they **MUST** run the whole course in the direction of the race to not be disqualified.

DH: A neutral mechanic will be onsite, assistance can be offered anyone in the pits area.

SPORTSMANSHIP

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

Riders must act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right, without deliberately obstructing them.

COURSE

Course maps will be released as soon as possible. Riders are not permitted to shortcut the course. The responsibility for following the official route lies with the rider. If you do not follow the official route you will be disqualified. Riders are not permitted to willingly alter the course in any way. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles.

RULES

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

- Approved helmets for each discipline must be worn at all times when riding a bike (not only when racing)
- Footwear must be fully enclosed
- Bicycles must be in good working order with functional front and rear brakes. Mountain bikes only are permitted.
- Handlebar ends must be plugged and not have any sharp edges. This also applies to all forms of bar ends.
- See specific event information below for compulsory equipment.

UNIFORMS

All riders are required to wear School uniform. If your school does not have specific cycling kit, PE kit or plain kit is acceptable. See [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) (Page 8 and Appendix 2) for more on Uniform Rules.

PRIZE-GIVING

Will be held after each day's racing at the completion of racing.

Enduro – Bluff Event Village at approx. 5:00pm or sooner

Downhill – Bluff Event Village at approx. 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Cross Country and overall awards – Bluff Event Village at approx. 1.00pm

AWARDS

First, second and third place getters in each race will receive a medal. Overall champions in each age group will receive a pin.

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 enter **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 ages group in the Enduro race will decide the rankings.

RESULTS

Provisional results will be printed and posted on the notice board on the SMBC Caravan when available.

Please note these are provisional and any **queries are to be made by the Team Manager only** directly to the Chief Commissaries. 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.

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

We would like to use this venue again! **Use the rubbish bins** provided for all litter – 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschoools/
Website	https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events/south-island-mtb-championships
Event Hashtag	#NSMTBChamps

CANCELLATIONS

The organizers 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 canceled.***

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.

SMOKE, DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE

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

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 and officials safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the Contingency Committee.

FIRST AID

If you require any special medication (e.g. asthma inhaler) please make sure you have it with you. The Red Cross will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course.

In an Emergency call 111

Thursday 13TH OCTOBER: ENDURO

Venue: Bottom of Bluff Hill, Bluff Event Village, Bluff

Cost: \$50

Briefings: A compulsory practice briefing will be held at 9.00am and a compulsory race briefing will be held at 12.00pm.

Practice: The course will be open the day prior.

Shuttles: Riders must line up in an orderly fashion at the BEV car park where an official will organize bike transport. **No private vehicles** to be used for shuttling on race day.

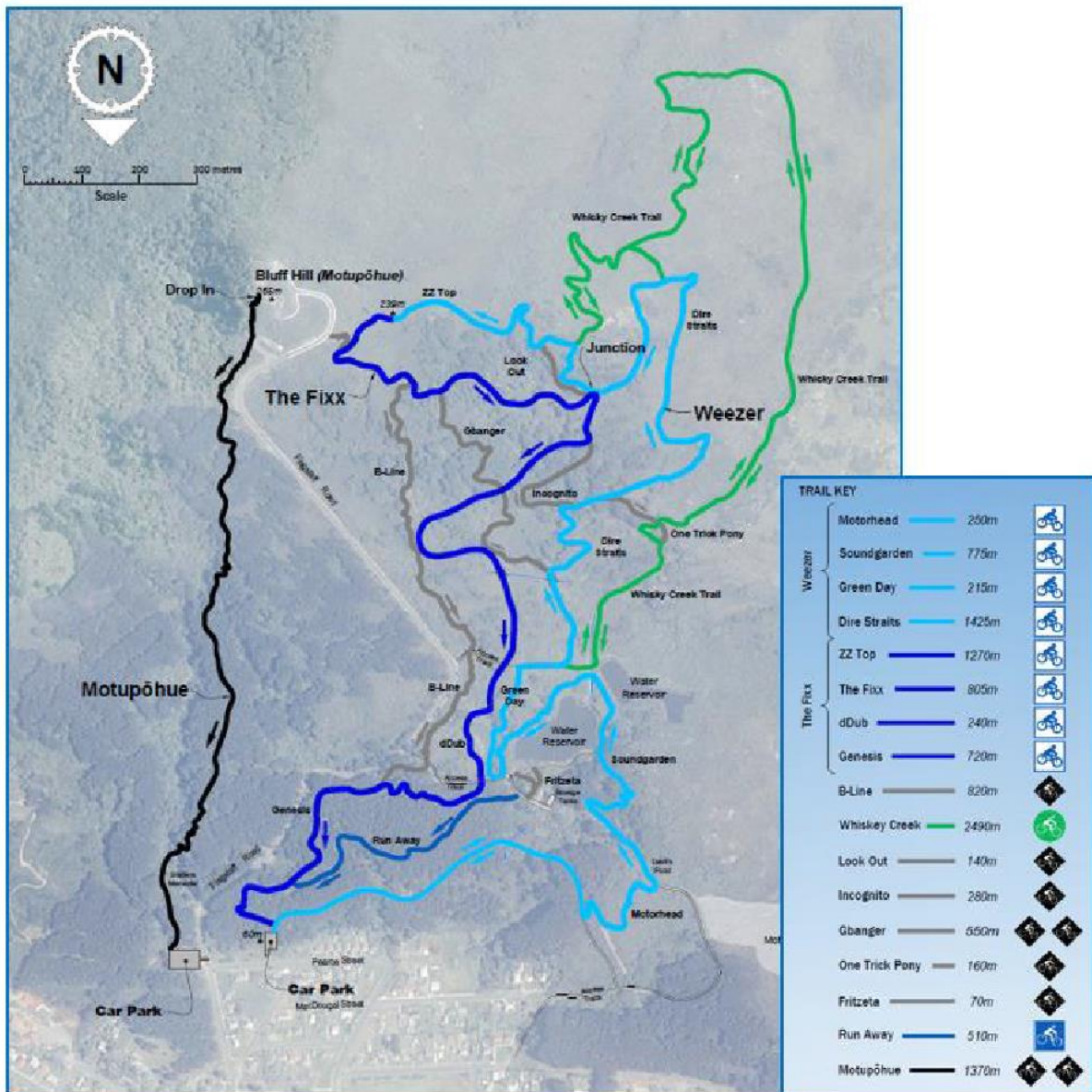
Start order: Riders will leave at 30 second intervals in the following order - Girls; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. Boys; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. This will be run in school groups – teams need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest). This order needs to be sent to event organizer's prior to the event or given to Event HQ at registration on Friday or Saturday at the latest.

Equipment: Compulsory - approved full face hard shell bicycle helmet , two piece helmets as per MTBNZ safety guidelines, Knee protectors are compulsory (although inexpensive skateboard style knee and elbow protectors will be ok). Elbow protection is highly recommended.
Recommended – eye protection and gloves.

Course Information:

Maps below.

- *The Fixx* (grade 3)
- *B-Line* (grade 5)
- *Weezer* (in reverse) and *Run Away* (grades 3 and 4)



Friday 14TH and Saturday 15TH OCTOBER: DOWNHILL

Venue:	Bottom of Bluff Hill, Bluff Event Village, Bluff
Cost:	\$80
Briefings:	A compulsory practice briefing will be held at 9.00am and a compulsory race briefing will be held at 12.00pm.
Practice:	Shuttles for practice runs will be available after the race briefing from approx. 9:20am. Riders must be registered and have their race number on their bike to show that they are entered. The intention is for each rider to have two practice runs prior to timed run in the afternoon.
Shuttles:	Riders must line up in an orderly fashion at the shuttle pickup location where an official will organize bike transport. No private vehicles to be used for shuttling on race day.
Start order:	Riders will leave at 30 second intervals in the following order - Girls; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. Boys; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. This will be run in school groups – teams need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest). This order needs to be sent to event organiser's prior to the event.
Equipment:	Compulsory - approved full face hard shell bicycle helmet, as per MTBNZ safety guidelines, neck brace. Elbow protectors, and knee protectors are also compulsory (although inexpensive skateboard style knee and elbow protectors will be ok). Recommended – eye protection and gloves.
Course:	The course will use the Motupohue downhill track (there will be by-passes around large jumps). The average rider will take about 3 minutes to complete the course. SMBC reserves the right to change the course previously advertised up to the morning of racing due to weather.



Sunday 16TH OCTOBER: CROSS COUNTRY

- Venue: Bottom of Bluff Hill, Bluff Event Village, Bluff
- Cost: \$40
- Briefings: A compulsory race briefing will be held prior to the start.
- Start: 8.00am - Girls and boys; U13 and U14.
9.30am - Girls and boys; U15 and U16.
11:00am- Girls and boys; U17 and U20.
There will be a mass start for each age category (with male and female riders starting separately). Nationally ranked riders will be called forward to the front rows by the starter (riders will be seeded off criteria in the MTBNZ regulations). They will be followed by experienced riders, then less experienced riders whom team managers will need to identify during the entry process.
- Equipment: Compulsory - approved hard shell bicycle helmet and gloves must be worn.
Recommended – eye protection, at least 500 ml of water, a tyre inflation device, puncture repair kit, spare tube, folding tool set and a chain breaker.
- Laps: Laps will be advised after commissaire inspections.

A rider's race **ceases** when they complete their final lap (Commissaries can close the course if most of the field has finished, any riders still to finish will keep their placing's as of lap finished). The race will follow a multi-lap format with each lap taking approximately 20 minutes to complete for the average rider. The same course will be used by all competitors and so is designed to cater for beginners through to experienced riders (dependent on weather).
- Feed Zone: Competitors may receive food, drink and clean eyewear from assistants within the designated feed zone. Food, drink and glasses must be passed hand to hand. Only one feeder per competitor is permitted in the feed zone.
- Course: Course information coming soon.

Bluff Hill Lookout



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): _____

Outcome Sought: _____

Organiser's Use Only

Date/Time Protest Received: _____

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

Official Receiving Protest: _____

Passed to Chief Commissaries (Date/Time) _____
