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## 2023 EVENT MANUAL

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**THERE IS NO PHONE COVERAGE AT HOMEBROOK OR TAYLOR PASS FOREST.**

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## SECTION ONE: WELCOME

### NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei wāhi motuhake. E whakahīhi ana mātou nā te noho ki te Wairau, ā, ki a koutou e haera ana ai, ko te tūmanako he haumarū tō haerenga.

E harikoa ana mātou, nō mātou te honore hoki ki te manaaki i a koutou me ō koutou kaitautoko. Kei te mōhio tātou, ka reihi kaha, ka reihi matatika hoki koutou katoa.

Marlborough Mountain Bike Club welcomes all riders and their supporters to the 2023 SKODA National School Mountain Bike Championships, presented by WK Effect. We're proud to call Marlborough home, and we welcome you to this special place. We anticipate a fantastic level of racing, healthy inter-school rivalry as well as an environment that encourages young riders to participate at the highest level and develop their riding skills!

With this in mind, please be aware of the grading/difficulty ratings for the tracks that the event will be held on. Whilst encouraging participation is central to our mandate, riders/caregivers need to take responsibility for ensuring skill levels meet the requirements to safely participate in this event. We strongly suggest riders follow a progression along these lines to develop the necessary skills, as opposed to 'Nationals' being appropriate for a riders first ever MTB event!



### TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

We highly recommend 14<sup>th</sup> Lane Urban Hotel for accommodation in Blenheim (which consequently is 200m from Cycleworld!). See [www.14thlane.nz](http://www.14thlane.nz). For other accommodation and transport options, we suggest visiting Destination Marlborough's website at <https://marlboroughnz.com/>



## KEY CONTACTS

ROLE AT EVENT	NAME
CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS CONTACT:	Chris Christensen
EVENT MANAGER:	Fraser Brown
CHIEF COMMISSAIRE (PCP):	Dereck McCarthy
MEDICAL (Peak Safety):	Flic Roil
VOLUNTEER/MARSHALL CO-ORDINATOR:	Lowri McNabb
EVENT VILLAGES SITE MANAGER:	Lucy Walter
ON-COURSE ASSISTANCE:	Neil Sinclair
LOGISTICS & SCHEDULING:	Callum Anderson
HOST CLUB:	Marlborough Mountain Bike Club

## DOCUMENT VERSION UPDATE LOG

VERSION	PUBLISHED DATE	COMMENTS
1.0	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Original publication
2.0	28th August 2023	Updated pre-ride information, race times, age category groupings etc
3.0	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	Cross-Country courses, laps & start times updated etc
4.0 (final)	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	Enduro Grouping and track order

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to get involved in the event through social media.

The key links are provided below:

SOCIAL SITE	DIRECT LINK
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/">https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike/">https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike/</a>
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschoools/">https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschoools/</a>
Website	<a href="https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/national-school-mtb-championships/">https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/national-school-mtb-championships/</a>
Event Hash-tag	#NZSMTBChamps

## SECTION TWO: VENUE INFORMATION

### EVENT VENUES

	EVENT VILLAGE LOCATION	TRACK(S)
Cross Country & Cross Country Relay	Corner of Rifle Range Place and Forest Park Drive, Witherlea, Blenheim.	Wither Hills Farm Park (various)
Downhill	Homebrook Farm, access from 1165 Taylor Pass Road, Blenheim.	Homebrook DH
Enduro	Homebrook Farm, access from 1165 Taylor Pass Road, Blenheim.	Taylor Pass Forest (Pink Rocks, Splinter); Jentree (WK Wonder, T&D Flow)

The Wither Hills Farm Park is only 4km (5 minutes drive) from central Blenheim (eg Cycleworld, 14<sup>th</sup> Lane Urban Hotel) or 10 mins from Pak n Save, and is within the town boundary. For more information on Wither Hills Farm Park, please [click here](#).

Homebrook Farm, Jentree and Taylor Pass Forest are **privately owned and are only open to riders during specified dates and times**. 1165 Taylor Pass Rd is a rural location approximately 11km further on from (south of) Wither Hills Farm Park. The road is slow, windy and narrow in places, with gravel surface for the last 1.8km. Please take care and allow 20 minutes to drive from central Blenheim.

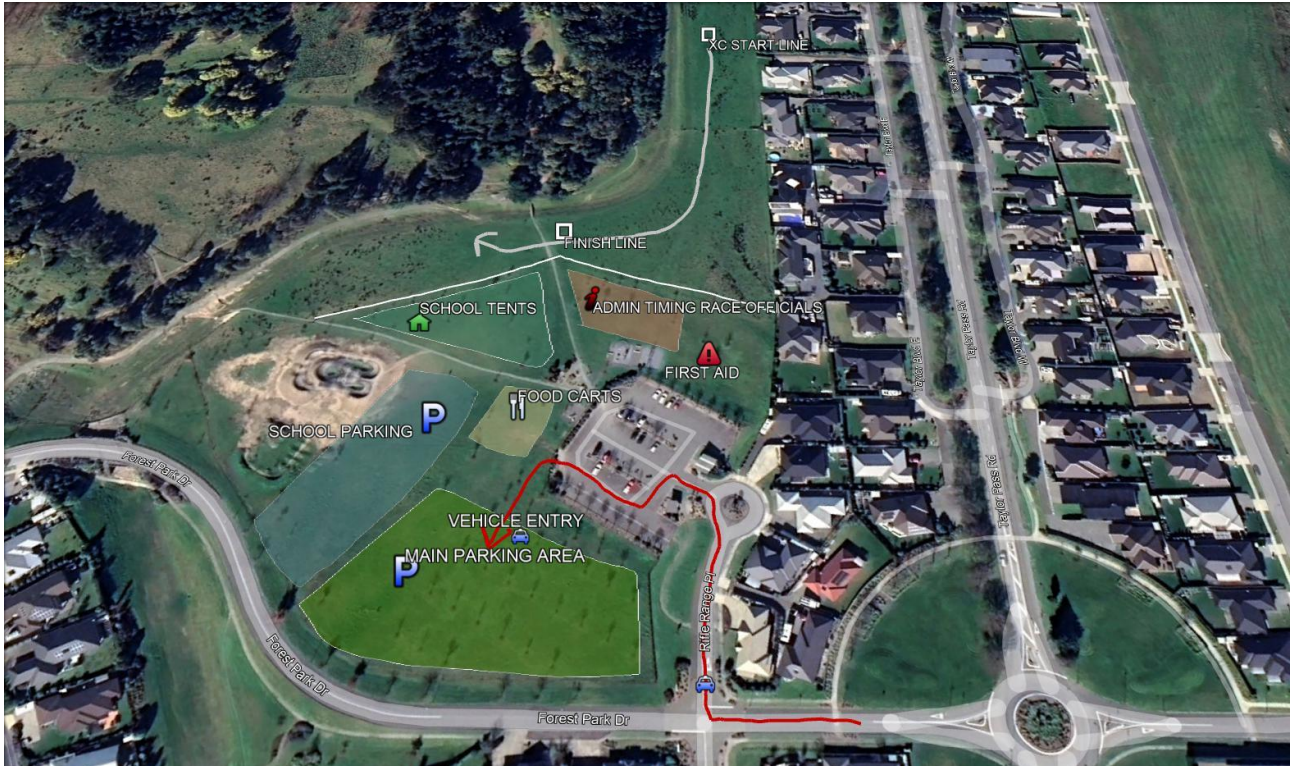
There is NO ENTRY to Jentree direct off Taylor Pass Road. Entry is only possible via the base of Homebrook, adjacent to the Event Village. The Jentree climbing route is a very steep 4WD track (no vehicle access – pedal or push only).

### PARKING

There is ample parking adjacent to the Event Villages. You will be directed by a Marshall at entry. For the Downhill and Enduro events, ALL vehicles will be parked at Homebrook at the Event Village. There is no vehicle access to Taylor Pass Forest as the road will be closed.



## Event Village: Wither Hills Farm Park



## Event Village: Homebrook





## PRE-RIDING PRIVATE TRACKS

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The Downhill and Enduro tracks are all located on private land and are only open at scheduled times. Accessing the properties outside of the scheduled sessions risks access to these properties for the event itself and is not permitted.

### PRE-RIDING THE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT

The 'Track Access Schedule' published overleaf details pre-riding opportunities available in the week before the event: These consider:

- Ensuring the tracks remain in optimum condition for race days;
- Land owner agreements that are in place with Marlborough Mountain Bike Club; and
- Insurance cover for riders via Cycling Schools NZ & Marlborough Mountain Bike Club.

This 'Track Access Schedule' provides all riders with a fair opportunity to assess tracks prior to race days whilst maintaining track integrity, insurance requirements and event administration needs.

### PRE-RIDING AT OTHER TIMES

For riders wishing to visit the area before race week, a [membership to Marlborough Mountain Bike Club](#) (\$20 per year for a junior rider) allows regular scheduled access to the Taylor Pass tracks and the ability to register for Club shuttle days at the Homebrook / Jentree location. Marlborough Mountain Bike Club membership is required to ensure riders are covered by insurance at these private properties.

## RULES OF PRE-RIDING

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If you pre-ride any of the tracks in Taylor Forest, Homebrook or Jentree, you are deemed to have agreed to the following conditions

1. Strictly no smoking or vaping anywhere on any property
2. Strictly no fires anywhere on the property
3. All rubbish must be removed from the property
4. Riding time is limited to the 'Track Access Schedule'

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any riders found in breach of these rules.

By accessing the property you are deemed to accept all risks and costs and that you indemnify the land owners completely.

## PURCHASING & REGISTRATION FOR PRE-RIDING

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The sessions highlighted in red in the Track Access Schedule, **require pre-registration and/or purchase of passes prior to the session**. The registration and purchase processes are outlined below.

### DH Shuttle Day (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

- Registration is critical for this day so that we can manage the shuttle capacity with rider demand. This session and cost is optional and is not included in the DH entry fee.
- \$15 per uplift covers the cost of shuttle vehicles/drivers. Maximum of two uplifts per DH rider, which will be managed with a wristband process.....no wristband, no uplift.
- It is NOT possible to shuttle using private vehicles, and riding/pushing on this day is also prohibited for safety reasons.
- Uplifts and riding at Homebrook on this day is **only available to those competing in the DH.**
- Enter via this link: <https://www.webscorer.com/MTBMARLBOROUGH>

Marlborough Mountain Bike Club is also holding a Club shuttle day at Homebrook DH track on Sunday 1st October. Limited capacity remaining, \$40/rider, riders may enter once for either 9am-12noon or 12:30-3:30pm session. Enter via this link:  
<https://www.webscorer.com/MTBMARLBOROUGH>

Registration for Pre-riding shuttles is separate from the Event Registration and Race Plate Collection. For riders taking part in shuttles on the Sunday or Tuesday, please come directly to Homebrook for registration where you will be assigned your wristband for the shuttles.

Registrations and Race Plate Collection for the Event is outlined on Page 15.

For clarity, you DO NOT need to have registered for the Event before coming to the Pre-riding shuttles.

There will be sufficient time for you to attend your scheduled shuttle session and also get to Cycle World for Event Registration on the Tuesday.

## TRACK ACCESS SCHEDULE

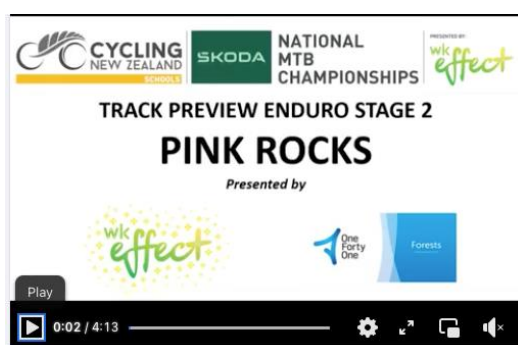
DATE	WITHER HILLS	HOME BROOK	JENTREE	TAYLOR FOREST
Sat 30th Sept	Open access.	Tracks closed for track prep – no access.	Tracks closed for track prep – no access.	Tracks closed for track prep – no access.
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Open access.	MMTBC shuttle day. \$40, pre-booking essential. Capped to 60-riders per session.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from Homebrook.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access.
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Open access. 11am – 1pm course closed for Commissaires track sign-off.	Open for <b>track walking only</b> until 3pm. Track preparation and taping all day. 3pm course closed for Commissaires track sign-off.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from base of Homebrook. 3pm course closed for Commissaires track sign-off.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access. 3pm course closed for Commissaires track sign-off.
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Open access.	Unofficial practice, shuttles: 2 x uplifts per rider (only those entered in DH), voucher system, \$30. Riders entered in the DH may enter only once for either the 9am, 11am, 1pm or 3pm session. No access to Jentree from shuttle drop-off point.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from base of Homebrook. No entry from top of Homebrook.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cross-Country (XC) & Cross-Country Relay (XCR) race day.	Open for track walking only. Track maintenance crews will be on track all day doing final track prep and taping.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from base of Homebrook.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access.
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open access.	Downhill: U13, U14, U15 only Official practice (3 x practice runs per rider), seeding run, race run.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from base of Homebrook.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open access	Downhill: U16, U17, U20 only Official practice (3 x practice runs per rider), seeding run, race run.	Open for riding. Access = pedal/push up Jentree 4WD road which is very steep. Access is from base of Homebrook.	Open for riding. Pedalling only – no vehicle access.
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open access	Tracks closed – no access. (shuttle road is used for the Enduro).	Enduro race day: stage 3.	Enduro race day: stages 1 & 2.

## TRACK PREVIEW VIDEOS

Go-Pro videos of all tracks are posted on the Cycling NZ Schools Facebook page (select More: Events: select Skoda National School MTB Championships Presented by WK Effect: Discussion). Click here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/812910047076523/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/812910047076523/?active_tab=discussion)

At the time of publication, the following track preview videos have been posted:

- Homebrook DH
- Enduro all stages (Splinter, Pink Rocks, WK Wonder + T&D Flow).
- Cross-Country and Cross-Country Relay.



## SCHOOL TENTS

There will be sites available for schools to set up tents on a 'first in first served' basis in a dedicated area in the Event Villages. Please ensure that you bring appropriate weights or pegs to keep your tent down. Schools are also responsible for removing any waste at the end of each day. Please help us in supporting our host venues and respect their property.

Schools will be able to set up sites from TUESDAY afternoon at Wither Hills Farm Park, and will need to de-camp after XCO/XCR finishes on Wednesday. There will be a static security guard on-site overnight during these times:

- 6pm Tuesday – 7am Wednesday, Event Village at Wither Hills Farm Park
- 6pm Wednesday – 7am Thursday, Event Village at Homebrook Farm
- 6pm Thursday – 7am Friday, Event Village at Homebrook Farm
- 6pm Friday – 7am Saturday, Event Village at Homebrook Farm

Please note the organisers take no responsibility for equipment left overnight.



## ON-SITE MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE

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Brendon and Angie and the team from CycleWorld will have a mobile mechanic at the two Downhill races days (Thu 5<sup>th</sup> and Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct), as well as Enduro (Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct). You will find this service at the CycleWorld tent in the Event Village.

## FOOD AND DRINK

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Please ensure competitors bring sufficient fluid and nutrition for the duration of practise and race days. There will be a coffee cart and a limited number of food vendors on-site on race days. EFTPOS may be available, but we strongly suggest bringing cash in case technology does not co-operate!

## SPECTATING

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### Cross-Country and Cross-Country Relay

The Event Village is adjacent to the start/finish line, with easy walking access to the course. Please obey the marshall at the start/finish line when crossing the track to ensure safety and to ensure that riders are not affected.

### Downhill

The Event Village is perched on a plateau above the bottom section of the DH track, which provides a great vantage point to see riders complete their run (it never hurts to throw binoculars in if you have them!). Spectators are welcome to walk up a taped-off section that enables viewing of some features (tabletop, gap jump, and The Whoops) about a third of the way up the track.

There is a very specific route for spectators to walk up. Please respect this in the interest of safety and obey the marshall at the track crossing near the finish line to ensure safety and to also ensure that no riders are affected.

Spectators are NOT permitted to walk up the DH track, or to use the shuttle road.

### Enduro

Spectators are welcome to walk and view the bottom section of Stage 3 (WK Wonder, Jentree). This is approximately 1km from the Event Village. Please keep off the track at all times. There will be very little warning of a rider coming and we do not want riders affected.

To spectate at Taylor Forest, be aware that the road is closed to all vehicles (other than official event vehicles). For spectators to get to and from Taylor Pass Forest from the Event Village (2km each way), you must walk/jog/cycle along Taylor Pass Road (note the Enduro competitors are also using this road as liaison so please give way to competitors).

The spectating area at Taylor Pass Forest is confined to the bottom half of Splinter (fun forest viewing!) and the bottom (flatter) half of Pink Rocks. This is due to the need to be able to evacuate quickly and efficiently if the need arises. Please follow the marshalls instructions at the entrance to Taylor Pass Forest and stay within the spectating areas.

## SECTION THREE: SAFETY

### SAFETY COMMITMENT

Marlborough Mountain Club is committed to providing and maintaining the highest level of 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.

This is the primary reason why shuttling with private vehicles is not an option. This risk of shuttling on private properties where tracks are located is significant, and we appreciate your understanding of this in advance.

Please play your part by following instructions where required, and report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Race Office or a Race Official immediately.

### MEDICAL

Primary/immediate first aid will be provided by [Peak Safety](#) on race days.

If you require further medical attention, see below for local Medical Centres. Please note that both of these facilities are within 1km of Wither Hills Farm Park (the Urgent Care Centre is in the grounds of Wairau Hospital).

FACILITY	HOURS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Urgent Care Centre	8am-5pm, 7 days	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 6377
Wairau Hospital Emergency Dept.	24 hours	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 9999

**IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 111**

### MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

There is cell phone coverage within all of the Wither Hills Farm Park, but NOT at Homebrook DH track, the Event Village at the base of Homebrook or at Taylor Pass Forest. You will **not** be able to get a cell phone signal at the base of Taylor Pass Forest, so please plan accordingly.

The event organisers will have radio coverage across the courses, as well as a satellite phone for emergencies.

## COVID-19

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Over the past three years, we have learned to live with Covid-19 in our communities.

If you are unwell, **please do not attend the event**. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested for Covid-19.

## NON-COMPLETION OF THE EVENT (RIDERS)

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Please reiterate to your students that if for some reason they cannot finish the event they must tell a Race Official and return their race timing tag (if applicable).

## ROAD CLOSURES

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Taylor Pass Road will be closed to traffic, from the Homebrook Event Village entry gate, to the Taylor Pass Forest entry gates, between 7:30am and 5:00pm on Saturday 7th October (Enduro race day). Enduro riders will be riding on the gravel road, hence the road closure to public traffic.

This closure means that event traffic will NOT be able to enter or exit the Homebrook Event Village from the South (Seddon/Awatere Valley side) between 7:30am-5:00pm on event day. All access to Homebrook must be from the Blenheim end of Taylor Pass Road.

**Riders must note that organisers/medical vehicles are permitted to use the road during closure, so there will be a limited number of vehicles travelling on the road.**

## CONTINGENCY PLAN

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The event organisers recognise that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distances 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 Race Organisers.

There is no contingency day in place for this event, due to the significant travel arrangements that families/schools make in order to travel to and from this National event. Accordingly, any contingency planning will involve re-working the schedule as opposed to the use of an extra contingency day.

## WEATHER FORECASTING

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Adverse weather conditions could potentially affect the event, and accordingly weather forecasts will be monitored two weeks out from the event to assist with planning and decision-making. Forecasts are to include MetService, YR and Metvuw to garner a balanced view.

Weather-related risks leading in to the event have been identified and documented in the Risk Register. These include high rainfall leading in to the event (course conditions, flooded creek and fords), and high winds (tree-fall in Taylor Pass Forest). Managing risk in Taylor Pass Forest will be in line with the landowner's plans (OneFortyOne). The Forest Operations Leader Denis from OneFortyOne (owner of Taylor Pass Forest) will be responsible for decision-making regarding safe access.

## CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

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The organisers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions or other reasons. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website. ***Please note that there may not be any refunds if the event is cancelled.***

## SCHOOL TEAMS TO SUPPLY MARSHALLS

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You will all be aware that these types of events require significant volunteer input, especially on race days to provide the safest experience possible for riders and supporters.

As per previous Schools Cycling NZ events, we will be contacting schools to supply marshalls to assist on-course on race days **if additional marshalls are required**. Schools with four (4) or more riders **may** be required to provide a marshall. This could be a parent or teacher / staff member. Please note that this is not optional for schools that are contacted.

A full briefing, support, information pack and lunch will be provided to all marshalls. Marshalls should come warmly dressed and prepared to spend the day on the hill.

We will require marshall contact information to be supplied, and a **no-show on race day will result in disqualification of the school team from which the marshal is supplied.**

## SECTION FOUR: ENTRY & REGISTRATION

### ENTRY INFORMATION

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Entries will open on **Wednesday 19 July 2023**. All entries must be through your school (no individual entries accepted) through [Enter Now](#). Schools must be [affiliated](#) with Cycling New Zealand Schools for the 2023 year, list their riders under their affiliation and pay their 2023 affiliation invoice before they can get access to the entry system for this event.

Once you have completed your entries through Enter Now, you must download an invoice from



the bottom of the entry form. Your Invoice number must be used as the reference when paying your account.

All School Affiliation fees and Event Entry Fees must be paid before riders are permitted to start the event. Race Packs will not be issued to schools who have outstanding fees. Please ensure you check with your school to ensure affiliation and payment has been made.

Event capacities are primarily driven by the number of riders that can be shuttled per hour. These capacities and entry fees are as follows:

EVENT	RIDER LIMIT	COST
Cross-country	No limit	\$45
Cross-country relay	No limit	\$75 per team of 3
Downhill Junior (U13-14-15)*	150 riders	\$80
Downhill Senior (U16-17-20)*	150 riders	
Enduro	400 riders	\$60

*\*Exact grade split by day is TBC until entries have closed.*

Where an event (or part thereof) is anticipated to reach capacity, the following process for entries will be applied:

- Cycling New Zealand Schools will open a pre-registration period. 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.
- Please read Appendix 5 of the [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) for clarification on what the pre-registration process involves.

### Age Grades

Riders are to enter the age group based on their age as 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition. So for example, Under 15 ("U15") riders must have had their 14th birthday between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 (inclusive).

### Refund Policy

Refunds requested after the entry closing date will only be processed on the presentation of a medical certificate. All refunds will incur a \$25 administration fee.

## KEY DATES

DATE	PROCESS
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Pre-registration opens
3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2023	Pre-registration closes
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	Entry List is finalised and invoices sent out to schools
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	All invoices must be paid by this date

## EVENT MERCHANDISE

We have partnered with [PROBRANDS](#) to bring you some awesome event merch you can order before the event starts! You can also add your name to the back and keep everyone happy by never losing it!



For more information and to place your order, visit [THE PROBRANDS WEBSITE](#) now.

**Orders will be processed and filled every four weeks between now and the event.** Please note that you are purchasing from ProBrands, and not Marlborough Mountain Bike Club or Cycling New Zealand Schools.



Contact ProBrands ([info@probrands.co.nz](mailto:info@probrands.co.nz)) if your team / school are looking for riding kit. They have a great selection of stock items that can be printed, or can also create you some cool custom kit!

## REGISTRATION & RACE PACK COLLECTION

School team racepacks should be collected by your team manager **for all riders and all events** on Tuesday 3rd October between 9am-5:00pm. Registration HQ will be located at:

***CycleWorld***

Cycleworld front entrance: 2 Main St, Blenheim  
 Cycleworld rear entrance: 9 Kinross St, Blenheim  
 Phone (03) 579 4111, [www.cycleworldblenheim.nz](http://www.cycleworldblenheim.nz)

If your team manager is unable to register and collect your racepack on Tuesday 3rd October, you can do so at the HQ tent at the Event Village on race days.

Your school must have paid their invoice in full and completed the Team Manager Google Form or your team's registration pack will not be released to your team manager (effectively preventing your school team from participating).

Pre-riding shuttles registration is separate from the Event Registration. Please see page 6 for pre-riding shuttle registration details.

## ENTRY LISTS

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A live entry list is here: <https://enternow.co.nz/publicview/agencies/nzsc/competitions/7762>

Start lists will be published in the week prior to the event.

## OVERALL INDIVIDUAL & CHAMPION SCHOOL TITLES

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Each age and gender category will have an 'overall' prize, for the highest number of accumulated points across the three disciplines of Cross-country, Downhill and Enduro (riders must have entered and start ALL 3x races to be eligible). These awards will be made during the Enduro prizegiving on Saturday afternoon (7<sup>th</sup> October).

There will also be two overall Champion School awards for the highest number of accumulated points across the four events. The two overall school awards are for Years 7-8, and Years 9-13.

Points for overall individual champions will be awarded as follows:

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

Etc until 43<sup>rd</sup> place and below who all shall receive 1 point. DNF = 0 (zero) points.

The placing points are only allocated to riders that are entered in all 3x events. So for example, if a rider finished 12<sup>th</sup> (gun time) in XC, but only 4 riders in front of him/her are entered in all 3x events, the rider will be awarded 42 points for the overall category (XC = 5<sup>th</sup> place, 42 points as above).

In the event of a tie for a placing (ie the same number of accumulated points from all 3x races), then the fastest time in the last held event will determine the outcome. In the case of 2023 Nationals, that order is: (1) Enduro [being the last held event], and if still a tie (2) Downhill, and if still a tie (3) XCO.





## PRIZEGIVING

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Prizegiving for Enduro and Overall individual and schools titles will be at 4:00pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, following the Enduro.

We have three fantastic major spot prizes to give away at the end of prizegiving. These will be given away using a method called “which side of the line are you on?” All competitors can take part, and we’ll play three rounds to give away the three prizes below. Obviously you’ll need to be at the prizegiving in person to win, and you’ll need your raceplate to claim your prize if you’re a winner!

### **PRIZE ONE:**

#### **10 x MTB Shuttle Day Passes, value \$1,200!**



**[www.middlehillmtb.com](http://www.middlehillmtb.com)**

Sandwiched between the Seaward Kaikoura Ranges and the Pacific Ocean, Middle Hill MTB is a bike park like no other! A network of trails (predominantly downhill) have been crafted by hand and digger, utilising an incredible area that has never been open to the public before. Bookings are essential so get in touch to organise your adventure.

The best way to experience the trails at Middle Hill is getting driven up! This prize allows you to round up 9 of your mates for an epic day of riding the awesome Middle Hill trails. Why not consider extending your Middle Hill adventure by contacting G and Morgz and booking The Tauhinu Tents.

### **PRIZE TWO:**

#### **Barry's Bunk House: *Shred and Stay* for 9, valued at \$999!**

Nelson Mountain biking accommodation at Barry's Bunkhouse is perfect for larger groups (book the whole lodge) or for just a few mates wanting to stay (book a room!) Perfectly located for you to roll out the door to your waiting shuttle! With hot showers, full kitchen, lounge facilities, toilets, electricity and heating – all you need is your own food and linen/sleeping bag.

This prize package includes accommodation and shuttles for 9 riders, assuming you ride and then stay. Barry's can sleep 14 people so additional slots can be booked.



### **PRIZE THREE:**

## **Gibb's: Top of the Mountain accommodation, valued at \$699!**

Mountain top accommodation. At 1000m above sea-level, Gibbs Lodge has views that peak over the native forest and the 70km of probably the best single track in NZ at your doorstep. Gibb's Lodge sleeps 8 people. Shuttle passes not included and can be purchased on The Gorge website ([www.mtbtrails.nz](http://www.mtbtrails.nz))



### **About The Gorge:**

The park is made up of 70km of single track in thick native beech with small patches of pine plantation with a few rocks, roots and natural features to enjoy. There is a wide selection of trails to suit all tastes – flowing, bermed, smooth trails, slow techy rock trails, root-infested off-camber trails and relaxing waterfall-lined trails. We believe the trails here are some of the best around with incredible variation, views and features. Recently introduced to The Gorge are prescribed routes. These are ideal if you are new to The Gorge and want to take away the hassle of route selection. There are thirteen numbered routes top to bottom. You will not have to know where you are or know how to read a map.....all you will need to do is follow the numbers at trail intersections.

Shuttles are run to maximise all riders expectations - chill out and explore the trails, or charge down and get as many laps as you can. 70km of single track: 20% Grade 3, 52% Grade 4, 23% Grade 5.

## SECTION FIVE: RULES & REGULATIONS

### RULES

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

Action cameras are allowed for this event but must be securely fastened to the bike. Helmet mounted and chest mounted cameras are not permitted. Helmet mounted and chest mounted must be removed at the request of the Commissaires.

### RIDER UNIFORM

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All riders must wear school kit. If you do not have school kit, plain kit is acceptable. Please refer to Point 5 and Appendix 2 of the Schools Cycling Rules ([click here](#)) for more information on Uniform Guidelines. Ensure you are compliant before you arrive at the event to avoid any unnecessary stress. For any queries on this, contact [schools@cyclingnewzealand.nz](mailto:schools@cyclingnewzealand.nz)

### PROTECTION POLICY

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#### DH Protective Clothing Requirement Update

On 1 January 2023 an update to UCI Regulation 4.3.011 came into effect that changed the protective clothing requirements for downhill events. The updated regulation now mandates the wearing of long sleeved shirts and introduces requirements for leg covering/protection.

The impact of the change to the CNZ/MTBNZ MTB Regulations is that long sleeved shirts are now mandatory for all riders (previously senior riders could wear short sleeve shirts with elbow protection). The leg protection rules are essentially the same as the existing NZ requirements.

**The updated CNZ/MTBNZ Protective Clothing Requirements are available [here](#).**

**If riders arrive at the start of the DH track without the required protection they will not be allowed to come down the course.**

### TIMING

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Timing services will be provided by SportSplits (see [www.sportsplits.com](http://www.sportsplits.com)). Riders will be issued a named and numbered raceplate, as well as a transponder in their race pack at registration on Tuesday 3rd October. This raceplate and transponder will be used by each rider for all events that they are participating in (so if you are riding in 3 events, your issued transponder and raceplate will be live for all four events).

For the Cross-Country Relay, each team will be given one ankle transponder that is worn by the rider on-course, and then transferred to the next rider in the team at the end of each lap. All other transponders must be removed from bike forks to avoid interference with the timing system.

Schools will be charged \$50.00 per transponder for any transponders that are not returned to event officials at the conclusion of the event.



**NB:** plates are colour and number coded by age group, and will only list the events an individual rider has entered.

## RESULTS

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Official results will be posted to [www.schoolscycling.nz](http://www.schoolscycling.nz) as soon as possible after the event:  
<https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/national-school-mtb-championships/>

Provisional results will be available on [www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/](https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/)

Please note these are provisional and any **queries 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 this Event Manual) and will be reviewed by the Disputes Panel.



## SECTION SIX: EVENT SCHEDULE

SEE PAGE 7 (TRACK ACCESS SCHEDULE) FOR SUMMARY VERSION OF TRACK ACCESS BY DATE. PLEASE NOTE ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE LATEST VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT AS REFERENCE.

### EVENT SCHEDULE BY DATE

#### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Marlborough Mountain Bike Club “Shuttle Day” at Homebrook (LIMITED CAPACITY). Riders can access the Homebrook DH Track using club shuttles (\$40). Please note there is no medical support. Riders enjoy the trails at their own risk. Wither Hills Farm Park tracks are also open to the public/all riders, and riders can also ride at Jentree (requires walk/push/ride up steep 4WD track) and Taylor Pass Forest (no shuttles – riding only).

#### MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

- Riding available (no shuttles) at Wither Hills, Jentree and Taylor Pass Forest.
- Track walking available at Homebrook DH until 3pm.
- Note times of track closures in the Track Access Schedule, for Commissaires track-walk & sign-off.

#### TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

REGISTRATION + TRACK ACCESS	
9.00am – 5.00pm	Registration and Race Pack collection, CycleWorld.
9.00am – 11:00am*	Session 1: uplifts x2 for DH riders at Homebrook DH
11:00am – 1:00pm*	Session 2: uplifts x2 for DH riders at Homebrook DH
1:00pm – 3:00pm*	Session 3: uplifts x2 for DH riders at Homebrook DH
3:00pm – 5:00pm*	Session 4: uplifts x2 for DH riders at Homebrook DH
9:00pm – 5.00pm	Enduro tracks open for practise at Jentree and Taylor Pass Forest. No shuttles – riding only. Please note the 4WD access track at Jentree is steep and will most likely require some hike-a-bike. <b>Don’t forget your sense of adventure....!</b> Wither Hills Farm Park XC track open all day.

**\*See page 4 of this manual for registration details.** Wristband system will limit each rider to 2 x uplifts to ensure all DH competitors are able to access the DH track. **No** walking/riding up the shuttle road on this day.

## WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### CROSS COUNTRY / CROSS COUNTRY RELAY

8.30am:	Compulsory XC Race 1 Briefing
8.40am:	XC Race 1 Start (Male U13/14; Female U13/14)
10:00am:	Compulsory XC Race 2 Briefing
10.10am:	XC Race 2 Start (U15/16 Male; Female U15/16)
11.40am:	Compulsory XC Race 3 Briefing
11:50am:	XC Race 3 Start (U17/U20 Male & Female)
1:30pm:	XCO Prize-giving
2:00pm:	Compulsory XCR Race Briefing (All riders/all age groups)
2:15pm:	XCR Race Start (All riders/all age groups: 18 teams)
3.45pm:	XCR Prize-giving

## THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### JUNIOR DOWNHILL (U13-14-15 MALE AND FEMALE)

8.00am	Compulsory Downhill Practice Briefing - <b>ALL riders</b>
8.15am	Shuttles begin for 2 x practice runs
11.30am	Compulsory Downhill Race Briefing - <b>ALL riders</b>
11.45am	Timed seeding run – one per rider
2.15pm	Timed race run – one per rider
4.30pm	Junior Downhill Prize-giving

## FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### SENIOR DOWNHILL (U16-17-20 MALE AND FEMALE)

8.00am	Compulsory Downhill Practice Briefing - <b>ALL riders</b>
8.15am	Shuttles begin for 2 x practice runs
11.30am	Compulsory Downhill Race Briefing - <b>ALL riders</b>
11.45am	Timed seeding run – one per rider
2.15pm	Timed race run – one per rider
4.30pm	Senior Downhill Prize-giving

## SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### ENDURO

7.50am:	First Enduro Race Briefing: All females; U13 + U14 male.
8.00am:	First race starts.
10.20am:	Second Enduro Race Briefing: U15 + U17 male.
10.30am:	Second race starts.
12.50pm:	Third Enduro Race Briefing: U16 + U20 male.

1.00pm:	Third race starts.
3.30pm:	All riders anticipated to be off course.
4.00pm:	Prizegiving: Enduro plus overall Individual and Schools titles.
5.00pm:	Prizegiving and event concludes.

## DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION

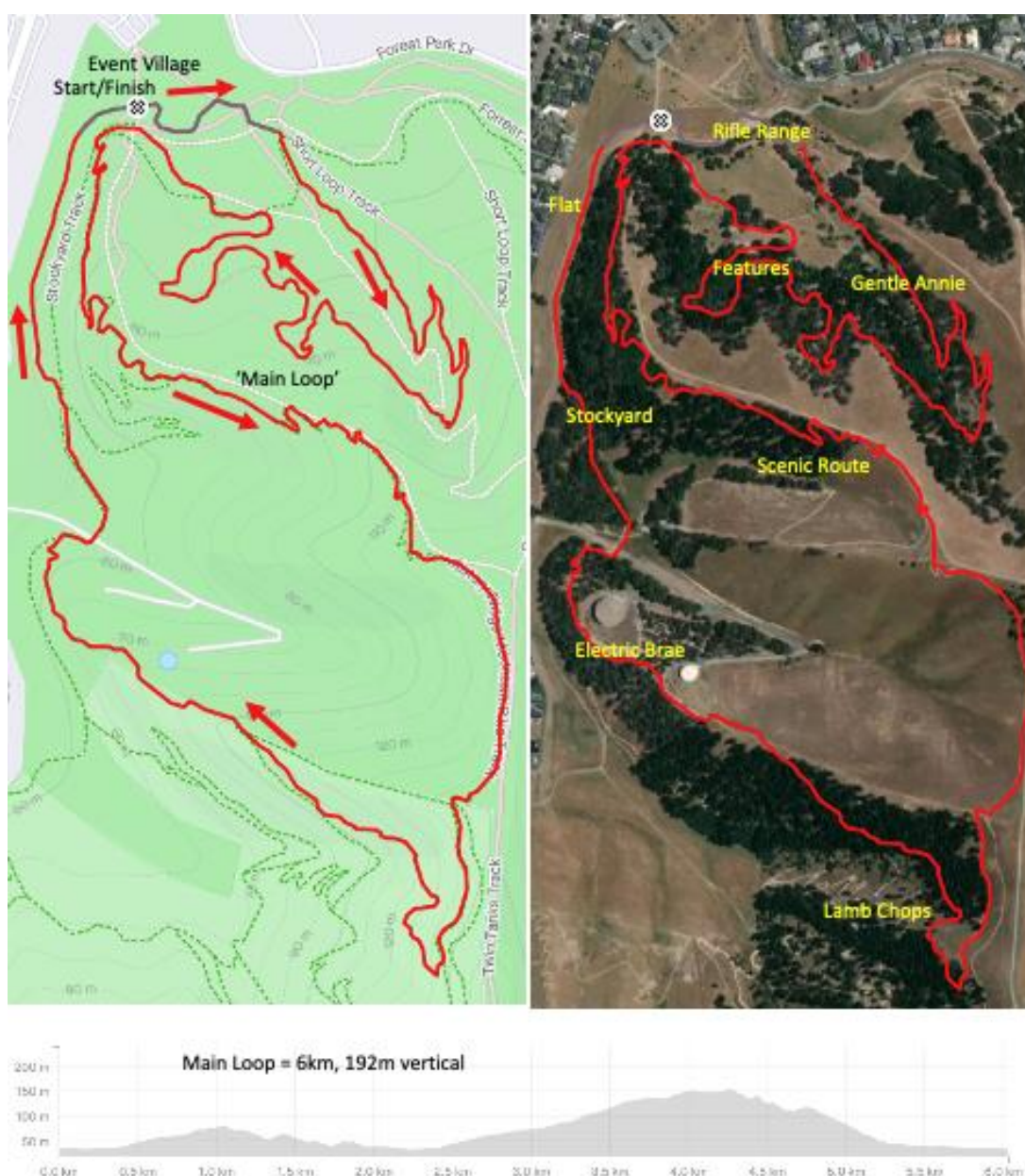
### CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

<b>Event:</b>	Cross Country (XCO)
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 4th October 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Wither Hills Farm Park (Rifle Range Place)
<b>Registration times:</b>	Tuesday 3rd Oct (9am-5pm) or Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7:00-7:45am.
<b>Practice times:</b>	See 'Track Access Schedule' on page 7 of this manual. Course will be marked/taped by 5pm on Monday 2nd October.
<b>Briefing/Racing times:</b>	10 minutes prior to Wave A in each race starting.
<b>Prize giving:</b>	Cross-country XCO 1:30pm.
<b>Race numbers:</b>	All riders are to wear the issued race plate (1 per rider) placed on front of handlebars (please do not cut or reconfigure), plus transponder on fork.
<b>Seeding:</b>	Please refer to 10.3.2 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations for seeding order.
<b>Feed Zone:</b>	Riders may receive food, drink and clean eyewear from assistants within the designated feed zone at an event. Food, drink and glasses must be passed hand to hand. Only one feeder per rider is permitted in the feed zone. The feed/tech zone is adjacent to the start/finish line.
<b>Tech Zone:</b>	External technical assistance can only be given in the feed/technical assistance zones. Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in this zone. Repairs and equipment changes can be carried out by the rider themselves or with the help of a teammate, team mechanic or neutral technical assistance. In addition to technical assistance in the feed zone, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders <u>who are members of the same school</u> .
<b>Lap Guidelines:</b>	Provisional laps and waves are below. Final wave groups and lap numbers will be determined by the Chief Commissaire. Once the winning rider for an Age Group has finished, riders in that Age Group will not be able to commence any new laps of the course.

## CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION CONT.

RACE	WAVE	AGE GROUP	START TIME	NO. OF LAPS	TOTAL DISTANCE & CLIMBING
1	A	U14 Boys	8:40am	3 (relay loop)	12km, 300m vert
1	B	U13 Boys, U13+14 Girls	8:41am	3 (relay loop)	12km, 300m vert
2	A	U16 Boys	10:10am	2 (main loop)	12km, 390m vert
2	B	U15 Boys	10:11am	2 (main loop)	12km, 390m vert
2	B	U15+16 Girls	10:12am	2 (main loop)	12km, 390m vert
3	A	U20 Boys	11:50pm	3 (main loop)	18km, 580m vert
3	B	U17 Boys	11:51pm	3 (main loop)	18km, 580m vert
3	C	U17+20 Girls	11:52pm	2 (main loop)	12km, 390m vert

The map below is “main loop” used for Races 2 and 3. For Race 1, see “relay loop” on Page 26.



## CROSS COUNTRY RELAY INFORMATION

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Cross Country Relay (XCR)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 4th October 2023 (afternoon)
<b>Registration times:</b>	Tuesday 3rd October (9am-5pm)
<b>Practice times:</b>	Essentially the course is a shortened version of the XCO course. Half way up Scenic Route (main climb on the XCO course), the relay course will drop to the right on to 'Muncher', which joins back on to the last 500m of the XCO course and then on to the start/finish line. The intersection/turn in to Muncher showing LEFT for XCO and RIGHT for XCR will be clearly signposted on practise days.
<b>Briefing time:</b>	2:00pm (compulsory)
<b>Prize giving:</b>	Cross-country relay 3:45pm.
<b>Race plate + timing:</b>	All riders are to wear the issued race plate (1 per rider) placed on front of handlebars (please do not cut or reconfigure). <b>Each team will be issued an ankle-transponder at the race briefing 10-mins prior to the XC relay race start.</b> This ankle transponder is passed between team riders at the completion of each lap.
<b>Age Groups:</b>	U16, U20. All age groups in one race (18 teams).
<b>Categories:</b>	Girls, Boys: U16 + U20 (mixed teams race in the Boys section).
<b>Description:</b>	Teams Relay will consist of teams of three riders who will rotate riders every lap in order for 75 minutes. Each lap is 4.0km with 100m elevation gain.
<b>Composite Teams:</b>	Composite Teams with riders from multiple schools may be entered but must state the names of all schools and cannot be eligible for titles or medals. Mixed teams can race, in the Boys section, and will be eligible for titles/medals.
<b>Key Information:</b>	Riders must dismount before entering the Transition area, then run (with their bike) and <b>physically tag</b> the next rider. Other team riders may assist the with ankle-transponder changeover in the Transition area.  Riders must ride <b>single laps</b> in their designated order (Rider 1 tags Rider 2 who tags Rider 3, who tags Rider 1, etc) and may not miss a rider from their turn. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
<b>Course Difficulty:</b>	Grade 2



## Course XC Relay:

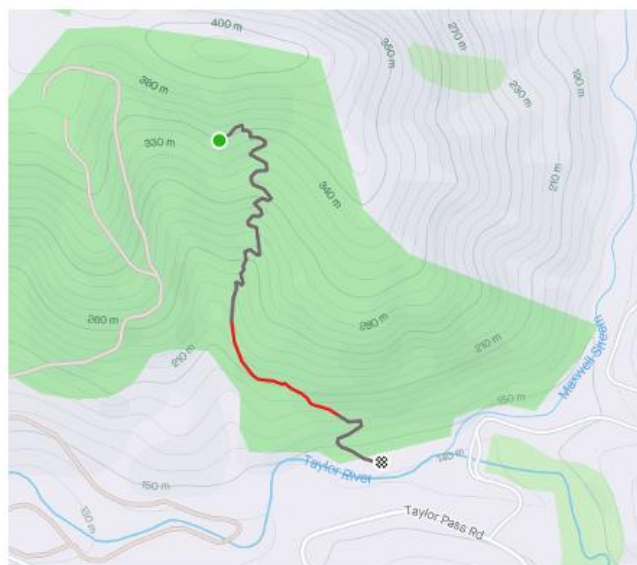
<b>Total lap length</b>	4km
<b>Vertical metres</b>	100m per lap
<b>Route</b>	Riders firstly complete the Skills Loop (2km – same route as XC), then on to a shortened version of the XC course. Relay main loop is 2km, making full lap length 4km.
<b>Description</b>	Designed to be a short, fun, high-tempo loop with lots of spectating opportunity.





## DOWNHILL INFORMATION

<b>Event:</b>	Downhill (DH)
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Homebrook DH Track (private property)
<b>Registration times:</b>	Tuesday 3rd October (9am-5pm), or DH race days 7:00-7:30am.
<b>Track Walk:</b>	See 'Track Access Schedule' on page 7 of this manual.
<b>Practice:</b>	Shuttles start from 8:15am on event day: 2x practise runs per rider, prior to seeding and competition run.
<b>Briefing:</b>	8:00am and 11:30am each day (compulsory)
<b>Prize giving:</b>	4:30pm each day.
<b>Race plates:</b>	All riders are to wear the issued race plate (1 per rider) placed on front of handlebars (please do not cut or reconfigure), plus transponder on fork.
<b>Timing Transponder:</b>	Supplied with registration packs.
<b>Seeding:</b>	Seeding will be as per 10.3.10 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations
<b>Shuttles:</b>	Provided to turnaround point near start ramp. Riders must pedal/push for approximately 450m (45m climbing) from drop-off point to start ramp.
<b>Rider Intervals:</b>	Riders will start at 30 second intervals.
<b>Equipment:</b>	Refer to MTBNZ Technical Regulations for the full MTB Protection Policy.
<b>Course Difficulty:</b>	Grade 4-5



## ENDURO INFORMATION

<b>Event:</b>	Enduro (END)
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Start/finish line & Event Village at Homebrook.
<b>Registration times:</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October (9am-5pm), or Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> October 7:00-7:30am.
<b>Transponders:</b>	Supplied with registration packs
<b>Practice times:</b>	See 'Track Access Schedule' on page 7 of this manual.
<b>Briefing times:</b>	TBC
<b>Prize giving:</b>	4:00pm – includes overall titles so allow 60 minutes duration.
<b>Race Plates:</b>	All riders are to wear the issued race plate (1 per rider) placed on front of handlebars (please do not cut or reconfigure), plus transponder on fork.
<b>Seeding:</b>	Riders will need to self-seed within their age/gender groups.
<b>Equipment (Helmets):</b>	<b>A full face helmet, meeting <i>specified</i> Safety Certification standards is MANDATORY for Enduro.</b> Please refer to MTBNZ Technical Regulations for the full MTB Protection Policy.
<b>Course:</b>	Course consists of a 16.5km loop with 3x timed sections and 600m of climbing on moderate-gradient 4WD access roads. Riders will be split at the start with 40% shuttling to ride stage 3 (WK Wonder at Jentree), and 60% riding to Taylor Pass Forest. When arriving at the forest, 50% of riders will ride Splinter first and the other 50% will ride Pink Rocks first (then vice versa). There will be one uplift that will shuttle riders approximately 80% towards the top of the start of Stage 3 (WK Wonder) - riders need to pedal/push the remainder of the climb on this liaison. Tracks are graded 3-4 and all riders start/finish at Homebrook.
<b>Course Difficulty:</b>	Grades 3 & 4

### Start Times:

AGE/GENDER	START TIME
All girls, U13+U14 boys	8:00am
U15 + U17 boys	10:30am
U16 + U20 boys	1:00pm
All riders expected off course by 3:30pm.	

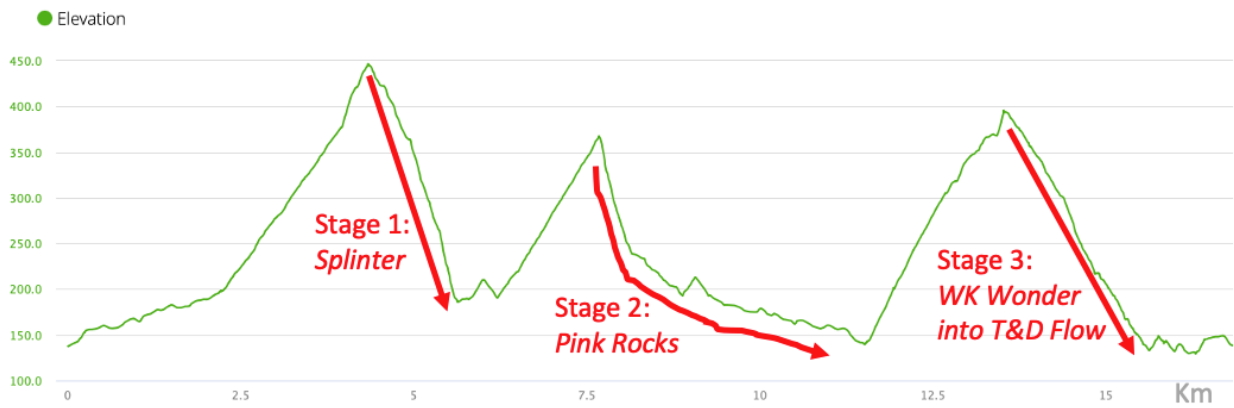
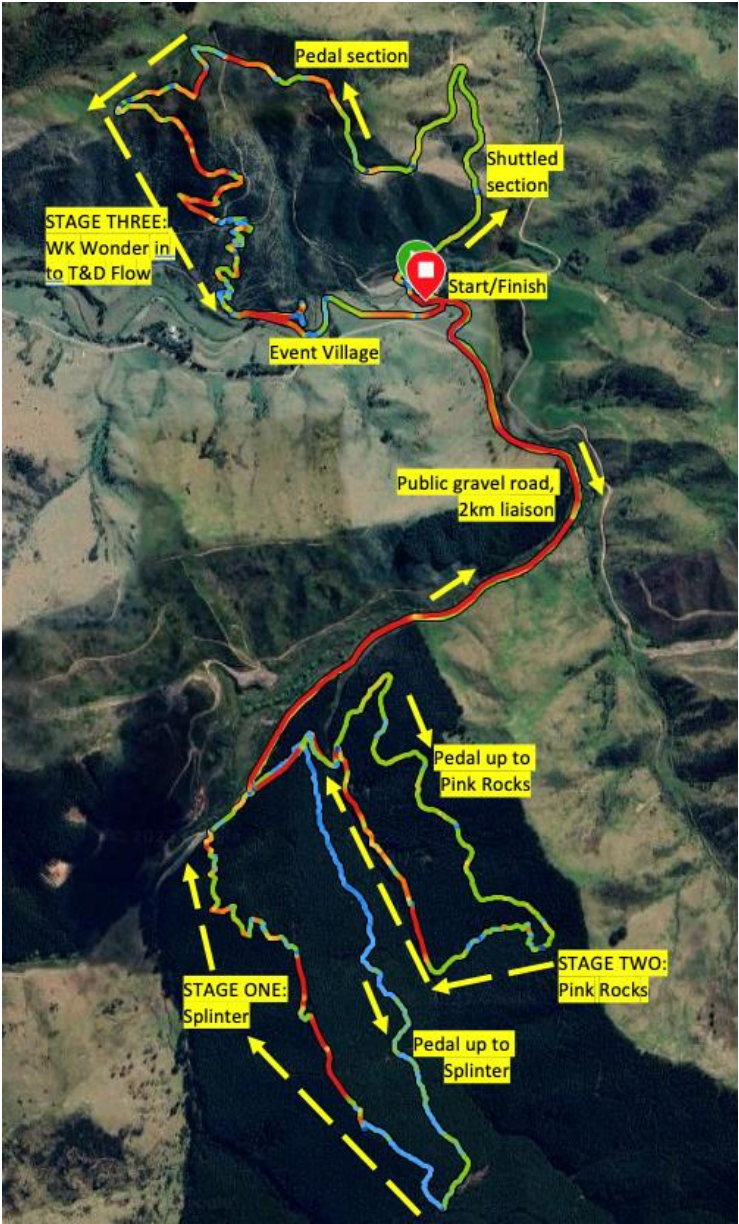
**Course:**

SECTION	DISTANCE (KM)	VERT (M)
Liaison 1: Start to top of Splinter	4.0	230
Stage 1: Splinter	1.4	-250
Liaison 2: bottom of Splinter to start Pink Rocks	2.1	200
Stage 2: Pink Rocks	1.3	-160
Liaison 3: bottom Pink Rocks to start WK Wonder	4.5	320
Stage 3: WK Wonder in to T&D Flow	2.2	-245
Liaison 4: bottom T&D Flow to finish	1.0	0

**Course Order:**

SECTION	ORDER
<b>Race 1 (8am start)</b>	
All Girls (U13, U14, U15, U16, U17,U20)	S3 WK, S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks
Boys U13 + U14	S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks, S3 WK
<b>Race 2 (10.30am start)</b>	
U15 Boys	S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks, S3 WK
U17 Boys	S3 WK, S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks
<b>Race 3 (1.00pm start)</b>	
U16 Boys	S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks, S3 WK
U20 Boys	S3 WK, S1 Splinter, S2 Pink Rocks

Enduro full course:



## SECTION SEVEN: 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:

### Organisers Use Only

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

Protest Fee Received (\$50): ☐ Held By (Official Receiving Protest): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Outcome Determined:



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