



# **RULES FOR SCHOOL CYCLING EVENTS**

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 New Zealand Schools Cycling Association Incorporated (“**CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS**”) is a member organisation of Cycling New Zealand. CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS sets its rules, for school cycling events, in the interests of safety and to ensure a level playing field in terms of equipment for the less skilled newcomers to cycle racing. The emphasis is on enjoying the sport of cycling racing with peers, setting personal goals and learning teamwork and skills.

1.2 These rules are not intended to be a complete code for school cycling events. Instead, these rules have been approved by the Executive of the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS on the basis that school cycling events shall also be governed by CYCLING NEW ZEALAND Road and Track and Mountain Bike New Zealand (MTBNZ) Rules as modified by these rules provided that:

1.2.1 in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between these rules and the Cycling New Zealand Road and Track and MTBNZ Rules, these rules shall prevail; and

1.2.2 matters not covered by these rules will be considered by the Technical Committee of CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS appointed from time to time and any decisions will be guided by the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND Road and Track and MTBNZ Rules and other applicable rules or regulations made by CYCLING NEW ZEALAND or applicable to CYCLING NEW ZEALAND sanctioned events.

1.3 These rules, and any applicable guidelines, must be notified to schools with the event details in advance of the competition with encouragement to seek the appropriate help so that students comply with all rules prior to their arrival at the event.

## SECTION 2

### 2. GENERAL RULES - ALL RIDERS AND EVENTS

- 2.1 All schools that compete in events sanctioned by CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS, must have paid any annual subscription fee set or required to be paid by CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS and any entry fee set by the event organiser prior to racing in the relevant CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS event.
- 2.2 Riders shall be accepted into an event on the condition that the event terms and conditions and H&S planning are agreed by their school.
- 2.3 Riders shall be accepted into an event on the condition that they race at their own risk and under the rules of CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS.
- 2.4 Riders must be currently enrolled at and attending a school at the time of a particular event.
- 2.5 In accordance with NZSSSC Regulations all sanctioned schools events are SMOKE FREE. Smoking is not permitted in the event area or on the course at any time.
- 2.6 All riders shall wear the colours of the school they are enrolled in, attending and representing.
- 2.7 No helmet or action cameras are permitted, both for practice and racing. All such equipment not essential for racing purposes must be removed
- 2.8 All prize winners who take their place on the podium must wear either their school racing uniform or regular school uniform, and without sunglasses or caps.
- 2.9 For mass start events, at the discretion of the organisers, riders may be organised on the start line to ensure fair representation of each school. If requested (during the entry process or at the event) schools will be required to provide their school's rider rankings.

- 2.10 When a rider has won an individual trophy, unless specifically told otherwise, the trophy must be returned to organisers as soon as possible after presentation. When a school has won a team trophy, the school that the team attends may retain possession of the trophy until the next contest and be responsible for its safekeeping. In the event that a trophy is lost or damaged, the school concerned shall be responsible for replacing it.
- 2.11 All trophies shall be returned to CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS (or nominated event organiser) on request prior to the next year's event.
- 2.12 The trophies shall not be won outright and shall remain the property of the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS.
- 2.13 All schools must nominate and appoint a 'Team Manager' as the point of contact prior to and during the event. This can be a member of staff or representative of.
- 2.14 The attendance at advertised event briefings is compulsory (unless specifically told otherwise). Any schools who fail to be represented may have points deducted from the overall schools total.
- 2.15 The Event Organiser specific to each event may determine specific regulations for their event. These must not conflict with any mandatory elements of these rules and all such specific regulations will be advertised to schools and riders prior to the event.
- 2.16 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.
- 2.17 Riders are not permitted to shortcut the course. The responsibility for following the official route lies with the rider. If riders do not follow the official route they will be disqualified.
- 2.18 Riders who do not finish the prescribed course must present themselves to an event official as soon as possible to ensure the whereabouts of all riders is accounted for.
- 2.19 At designated Island events i.e. North Island Road, South Island MTB etc, entry is open to any rider from any island, however, riders from the alternative island are not eligible for placings, points, medals or titles; but will however be acknowledged if they receive a placing.

### 3. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AGES

- 3.1 All riders shall be (at a minimum) enrolled in Year 7 at an affiliated school in the year of the race.
- 3.2 The maximum age a rider shall be is 19 in the year of the race (age is calculated as at 31 December in the year of the race).

### 4. AGE GROUPS

#### Individual Events

- 4.1 Under 13 ("U13") riders must at a minimum be enrolled in Year 7 at an affiliated school and **not have** had their 13th birthday prior to and including the 31st December in the year of competition.
- 4.2 Under 14 ("U14") riders must have had their 13th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
- 4.3 Under 15 ("U15") riders must have had their 14th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
- 4.4 Under 16 ("U16") riders must have had their 15th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
- 4.5 Under 17 ("U17") riders must have had their 16th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
- 4.6 Under 20 ("U20") riders must have had their 17th 18th or 19th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
- 4.7 All Riders shall race in their correct age group.
- 4.8 In the instance where two age groups are combined for racing, the presentation and acknowledgements of each individual age group will be maintained.

## Team Events

**4.9 Year 7 & 8 Teams** – all team members must be enrolled in Year 7 and/or Year 8 in the year of competition. At the discretion of the event organiser separate events for Year 7 teams and Year 8 teams may be held.

**4.10 Junior Teams** - all team members must be under 16 on the 31st December in the year of competition. At the discretion of the event organisers Y7 & 8 teams may be included in this category where a Y7&8 category is not offered.

**4.11 Senior Teams** – At least one member must be 16 years or over and all members must be under 20 on the 31st December in the year of competition for the team to be considered 'senior'. A Junior rider or riders from the same school can be included in the Senior grade if necessary to complete a team. A senior rider can not ride in a Junior team.

## 5. SCHOOL RACING UNIFORMS

**5.1** A school racing uniform must be in the relevant school's colours and the logo or name of the school must be prominently displayed. In the event that a school does not have a school racing uniform riders shall race in plain cycling top and shorts which should as much as possible reflect the colours of that school. A top turned inside out will be accepted as a plain riding top only if any trade team advertising, sponsors name or other advertising is not visible.

**5.2** Any sponsor's name and logo must be contained within a 9 cm (90mm) strip on the leg of the shorts or skinsuit ~~only~~. It may also contain a (one) small discrete manufacturer's logo.

**5.3** Tops shall contain the name and/or logo of the school, and may contain a (one) small discrete manufacturer's logo. Any sponsor's name and logo must be contained within a 50 sq cm area anywhere on the top. The School name and/or emblem should be most prominent. See Appendix 2.

**5.4** Any sponsor displayed in accordance with Rule 5.2 and 5.3 must be a sponsor of the school or team, not of individual riders, and must have genuinely contributed to the team's expenses.

- 5.5 No alcohol, tobacco, other drug, party pill, pornographic products, sports betting (or other product that might damage the image of or is deemed to be unsuitable for Schools Cycling) advertising may appear on any clothing worn by riders while competing in a CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS sanctioned event.
- 5.6 No trade tops and/or shorts will be allowed.
- 5.7 In the event that a rider presents to the start line in an incorrect uniform they will not be allowed to start unless they have changed into their relevant school racing uniform in accordance with Rule 5.1.
- 5.8 The use of legwarmers and arm warmers in official school colours, black or white is permitted at any time. There shall be no advertising or sponsors names on these garments.
- 5.9 Further guidance on the regulations for school racing uniforms are set out in Appendix 2.

## **6. HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS**

- 6.1 Cycling New Zealand Schools accepts applications from Home Schooled students to participate in its sanctioned events. However they will not be eligible for medal places as per the School Sport New Zealand eligibility regulations.
- 6.2 **For participation in individual cycling events:**
  - 6.2.1 Home- schooled students may participate in individual cycling events, but will not be eligible for medals.
  - 6.2.2 Parents of the students are required to enter the event as per the event entry criteria and accept all the entry terms and conditions including providing current evidence of MOE approval for Home Schooling
  - 6.2.3 It is recommended but not a requirement, that the student to be connected with an affiliated school (or club).
  - 6.2.4 Home-schooled students shall race in plain cycling top and shorts (no visible branding or sponsors).



### **6.3 For participation in team cycling events:**

- 6.3.1** Home-schooled students may be included in a Composite Team of an affiliated school but the team will not be eligible for medals or points towards any overall school award.
- 6.3.2** It is a requirement that the home-schooled student have been a part of the affiliated school team for the season and not simply joining for the event.
- 6.3.3** The home-school student shall only be accepted in a composite team where the school has insufficient riders to enter a full team. See Section 10 of Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules for more details.
- 6.3.4** The affiliated school principal of such teams is responsible for entering the event as per the event entry criteria and accept all the entry terms and conditions including providing to the event organiser with proof of current evidence of MoE approval for the home-schooled student
- 6.3.5** Home-schooled students shall race in plain cycling top and shorts (no visible branding or sponsors).
- 6.3.6** Read more on the Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules on Composite teams in Section 10 [here](#). Read more on the School Sport New Zealand eligibility regulations [here](#).

## SECTION 3

### 1. CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

The following national championship titles are available in each age group at the nominated events.

Title	Event
National Road Race Champion	National School Road Championships
National Points Race Champion	National School Road Championships
National Team Trial Champions	National School Road Championships
National Hill Climb Champion**	Annual rotation between Northern and Southern School Tour
National Individual Time Trial Champion**	Annual rotation between Northern and Southern School Tour
National Criterium Champion**	Annual rotation between Northern and Southern School Tour
National XC Champion	National School MTB Championships
National DH Champion	National School MTB Championships
National Teams Relay Champions	National School MTB Championships
National Enduro Champion	National School MTB Championships
National Super D Champion	<i>Not currently assigned to an event</i>
National MTB Overall Individual Champion	National School MTB Championships

\*\* For more information Refer to Section 5 – Tour Specific Rules

### 2. ROAD AND TRACK SPECIFIC

The following regulations are specific to the road and track cycling disciplines. Where no specific reference to any particular point or issue is set out, the General Technical Regulations of Cycling New Zealand Road & Track and UCI will apply.

### 3. COMPETITION TYPES

These regulations incorporate the following distinct disciplines and specialties:

- 3.1 Road Race
- 3.2 Time Trial
- 3.3 Criterium
- 3.4 Criterium (with Intermediate Sprints)
- 3.5 Points Race (Road)
- 3.6 Hill Climb
- 3.7 Multi day Tours
- 3.8 All events conducted within an agreed track programme

### 4. GENERAL ROAD AND TRACK RULES

- 4.1 Riders must wear an approved helmet at all times.
- 4.2 Riders must keep both hands on the handlebars at all times during the race except when drinking or signaling, until they have stopped following the conclusion of the race. At least one hand should be on the handlebars during warm up and warm down. If it is deemed to place the rider or others in danger or impede other riders; a breach of this rule will result in mandatory disqualification.
- 4.3 Holding on to cables or a cable position without holding the handlebars during a race is not permitted. Breach of this rule will result in mandatory disqualification.
- 4.4 Riders shall not intentionally cross the centre of the road when on open roads, whether there is a white line or not. Breach of this rule will result in mandatory disqualification.
- 4.5 In the interests of riders' safety, following cars or support vehicles or bicycles are not allowed on any course during racing. If any supporter from a particular school is caught infringing this rule it may result in their rider/team(s) incurring a penalty or being disqualified.

## 5. GEARING

- 5.1 A rollout with the relevant distances should be marked out and advertised as available for riders to check their own gearing prior to racing.
- 5.2 Where there are gears on the cycle that are outside the gear restrictions for that age group, the gears must be restricted by the limit screws on the front and/or rear derailleur to prevent the use of any device that may alter the gears during the event.

### Individual Events

- 5.3 Year 7&8 - maximum gearing with one complete turn of the pedals shall be 6.610 metres roll out.
- 5.4 U13, U14, U15 and U16 - maximum gearing with one complete turn of the pedals shall be 6.610 metres roll out.
- 5.5 U17 - maximum gearing with one complete turn of the pedals shall be 7.0 metres roll out.
- 5.6 U20 (U18 and U19) - maximum gearing with one complete turn of the pedals shall be 7.930 metres roll out.
- 5.7 Gear checks to be carried out at the completion of the individual mass start races for the first five place getters. Failure to report to the race commissaire/appointed official immediately after the conclusion of the race shall result in disqualification.

### Team Time Trial Events

- 5.8 All riders in Year 7&8 and U16 (Junior) teams are subject to a maximum gearing where one complete turn of the pedals shall be 6.610 metres roll out.
- 5.9 All riders in U20 (Senior) teams are subject to a maximum gearing where one complete turn of the pedals shall be 7.00 metres roll out.
- 5.10 Gear checks are to be carried out prior to time trial start for all competitors (See **Appendix 1** for details), but at the discretion of a race commissaire further gear checks may be carried out after a team crosses the finish line.

## **6. EQUIPMENT**

### **Bicycles**

- 6.1** Cycles used in road races shall be outfitted as per road code with the exception that reflectors shall be optional and all bikes are required to have a front and back brake (excluding track bikes).
- 6.2** Cycles used in track races shall be fixed wheel bicycle specifically designed for velodrome track use only.
- 6.3** All Cycles must comply with current UCI technical specifications specific to their code.
- 6.4** Bicycles used in competition must be capable of safely and efficiently completing the task and must, as a minimum, be mechanically sound, have efficient brakes on all wheels (road only) and all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure the safety of the rider and others. As part of the latter, bar plugs are compulsory.
- 6.5** Riders are permitted to use Disc Brakes. Riders competing on bikes with disc brakes should be advised that this will compromise the ability of race officials to provide them with support and therefore they use them in competition at their own risk.
- 6.6** If, in the opinion of the appointed Commissaire or Official, a bicycle fails to meet the above criteria the rider must take immediate steps to ensure the necessary steps are taken to remedy the shortcomings and ensure the Commissaires requests are met. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the competition.

## **Wheels**

- 6.7 Wheels must have a minimum of 16 spokes per wheel and have a rim depth no greater than 45 mm.
- 6.8 Wheels containing carbon or composite rims and/or spokes are not permitted regardless of whether the carbon or composite material may be said to be an integral part of the wheel's construction or simply an aerodynamic aid.
- 6.9 Disc wheels are not permitted.
- 6.10 Fixed wheel shall not be permitted in Road Races.

## **Handlebars**

- 6.11 For Road races - standard one piece drop handlebars only are permitted. Triathlete-type bars, aerobars including clip-ons, and bull horn bars are not permitted under any circumstances.
- 6.12 For Track races - standard one piece drop handlebars are permitted for all grades. Aero bars are permitted for U20 riders in team pursuit events only.

## **Helmets**

- 6.13 The wearing of an approved helmet is compulsory. Helmets must comply with NZ Traffic Regulations and be Standards approved.
- 6.14 Helmets must be worn at all times during warmup, racing, warmdown and at any other time that the bike is being ridden and is making forward or backwards progression.

## 7. TEAM TIME TRIALS

- 7.1 The starting draw shall be made by the organisers.
- 7.2 The starting order shall be seeded from the previous year's results for the first 10 places with the highest seeded team starting last.
- 7.3 Teams shall start at 2 minute intervals or such lesser interval as shall be determined by the organisers after giving due regard to safety, number of entries, and other relevant considerations.
- 7.4 In the event of a team being overtaken, that team shall keep to the left and avoid all contact with the overtaking team. It is strictly forbidden to follow in the slipstream of another team/rider or a vehicle by less than 25 metres. When overtaking a clear 2 metre lateral gap should be maintained between the riders at all times.
- 7.5 Riders dropped from their teams may continue to the finish but must keep left at all times and not interfere with any overtaking team.
- 7.6 Riders shall not be allowed external assistance in starting or racing other than holders at the start line where these are provided by the organisers. There must be no physical contact between riders.
- 7.7 Riders comprising a team shall be allowed to change cycles or parts between them.
- 7.8 Medals shall be presented to the riders who rode in the event. (For clarification: any rider who proceeds past the 200 metre line is eligible for a medal.)
- 7.9 Composite teams made up of riders from different schools are permitted subject to the requirements in **Appendix 3**.
- 7.10 Teams of boys and girls from the same school shall be permitted to race in the boys' event appropriate to the age of the riders.

**7.11** Teams may enter up to 6 riders, of whom 4 will contest the event and up to 2 may be reserves.

**7.12** Teams may consist of up to 4 riders to start the event, but there must be at least 3 riders to finish and the time of the third rider will be taken as the team's time. (Teams may start and finish with 3 riders).

**7.13** One of the reserves may line up on the start line with the other 4 riders and ride the first 200 metres of the event (to be designated with a cone). In the event that one of the team riders has a mishap in the first 200 metres, the reserve may replace that rider before the 200 metre mark.

#### Junior Girls and Boys (Under 16)

**7.14** Teams may enter up to 6 riders of whom 4 will contest the event and up to 2 may be reserves.

**7.15** Teams may consist of up to 4 riders to start the event, but there must be at least 3 to finish and the time of the third rider to finish will be taken as the team's time. (Teams may start and finish with 3 riders).

**7.16** One of the reserves may line up on the start line with the other 4 riders and ride the first 200 metres of the event (to be designated with a cone). In the event that one of the team riders has a mishap in the first 200 metres, the reserve may replace that rider before the 200 metre mark.

#### Senior Girls and Boys (Under 20)

**7.17** Teams may enter up to 7 riders of whom 5 will contest the event and up to 2 may be reserves.

**7.18** Teams may consist of up to 5 riders to start the event, but there must be at least 4 to finish and the time of the fourth rider to finish will be taken as the team's time. (Teams may start and finish with 4 riders).



- 7.19 One of the reserves may line up on the start line with the other 5 riders and ride the first 200 metres of the event (to be designated with a cone). In the event that one of the team riders has a mishap in the first 200 metres, the reserve may replace that rider before the 200 metre mark.

## 8. TRACK RACING

### 8.1 Number of Starters for Mass Start Events

- a. U20: 250m track = 20 Riders
- b. U17/U16/U15/U14/U13: 250m track = 16 riders

These numbers are guidelines and consideration can be given to limiting or increasing starters depending on rider experience levels and type of event.

### 8.2 Distance Guidelines

AGE GROUP	SCRATCH RACE	POINTS RACE
U13	1000m-2000m	1500m-2500m
U14	1500m-2500m	2000m-3000m
U15	2000m-3000m	3000m-4000m
U16	3000m-4000m	4000m-5000m
U17	3000m-5000m	4000m-7500m
U20	4000m-7500m	4000m-10000m

### 8.3 Keirin

The following speed limits apply to Keirin events.

- U15 Boys and Girls 25-40kph
- U16/U17/U20 Girls 25-40kph
- U16/U17/U20 Boys 25-45kph

Consideration can be given to offering the event to U14 and U13 riders if the appropriate experience level is demonstrated

### 8.4 The following shall be considered recognised mishaps and dealt with in accordance with Cycling New Zealand Road and Track rules : -

- a legitimate fall
- a puncture
- the breakage of an essential part of the bicycle.

All other incidents are considered un-recognised mishaps.

## 9. CRITERIUM RACING

- 9.1 The final places are determined by the classification at the finish of the last lap
- 9.2 The event can be based on a set number of laps or a set amount of time. The number of laps or time will be determined prior to the event
- 9.3 A Commissaire or appointed official can adjust the number of laps or duration at any time in the interest of the event and safety. The number of laps will be confirmed to the riders on the start line.
- 9.4 A rider who has been lapped by the field or who falls so far behind as to be considered out of contention may be removed from the race by a Commissaire/Appointed Official
- 9.5 'During the Race' Mishaps – Free Laps
  - 9.5.1 In the case of a recognised mishap (as per Cycling New Zealand Road and Track regulations), the riders involved shall be entitled to one or two free laps (to be determined by the Commissaire/Appointed Official) on which to resume their position in the race as at where they were at the moment of the mishap
  - 9.5.2 No free laps shall be permitted in the final laps of the event as decided by the Commissaires/Appointed Official as confirmed at the Team Managers' meeting
  - 9.5.3 Riders who have been allowed free laps shall not be penalised in the final classification
  - 9.5.4 A rider who is ineligible for a free lap is responsible to make up any lost ground
  - 9.5.5 The penalty for fraudulent use of the free lap rule may include disqualification or suspension
  - 9.5.6 A rider who is granted a free lap must return to the race in the position held at the time a mishap occurred
  - 9.5.7 A rider who was in a group shall return at the rear of the same group on the next lap.

## 9.6 Repair Pits

- 9.6.1 Shall be placed on the circuit as confirmed at the Team Managers' meeting with neutral spares
- 9.6.2 Riders must report to the closest repair pit immediately following the incident by riding in the direction of the course
- 9.6.3 A Commissaire/Appointed Official shall be placed in each pit area(s) to determine if the mishap was a legitimate one and if the rider is entitled to a free lap.

## 9.7 Intermediate Sprints

- 9.7.1 Intermediate sprints can be included and shall take place on the finish line as specified at the Team Managers meeting. In a Tour these points are counted towards the Sprint Ace classification and are not counted towards the GC points unless specified in the event rules.
- 9.7.2 Points will be allocated as follows for each Intermediate sprint (including the final lap):
  - 1st = 5pts
  - 2nd = 3pts
  - 3rd = 2pts
  - 4th = 1pt
- 9.7.3 All sprints (including the final lap) have the same points allocated

## 10. POINTS RACE (ROAD)

- 10.1 The final placings are determined according to accumulated points won by riders during the sprints and by taking laps
- 10.2 The event can be based on a set number of laps or a set amount of time. The number of laps or time will be determined prior to the event
- 10.3 A Commissaire or appointed official can adjust the number of laps or duration at any time in the interest of the event and safety. The number of laps will be confirmed to the riders on the start line.
- 10.4 In the case of two (or more) riders being tied on points the rider taking the highest placing in the final sprint takes the higher placing
- 10.5 Intermediate sprints shall take place on the finish line as specified at the Team Managers meeting
- 10.6 Points will be allocated as follows for each Intermediate sprint (including the final lap):
  - 1st = 5pts
  - 2nd = 3pts
  - 3rd = 2pts
  - 4th = 1pt
- 10.7 All sprints (including the final lap) have the same points allocated
- 10.8 A rider shall be considered to have gained a lap and be awarded 20 points when he or she has caught up with the rear of the largest bunch as recognised by a Commissaire/appointed official.
- 10.9 There are no free laps or Repair Pits available in the Points Race.

## **11. INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS (ROAD)**

- 11.1** The starting draw shall be made by the organisers.
- 11.2** Riders shall start at a minimum of 30sec intervals or as communicated in the event manual or as agreed at the managers meeting
- 11.3** Riders should report to the start at least 5 minutes prior to their designated start time. A gear check should be done at the start.
- 11.4** Riders shall be held at the start by a designated holder, and shall be released at the moment of starting. Time penalties can be enforced for a breaking the start.
- 11.5** Riders may not help one another or receive any other outside assistance.
- 11.6** In the event of a rider being overtaken, that rider shall keep to the left and avoid all contact with the overtaking rider. It is strictly forbidden to follow in the slipstream of another rider or a vehicle by less than 25 metres. When overtaking a clear 2 metre lateral gap should be maintained between the riders at all times.

## **12. OVERALL POINTS TROPHIES**

- 12.1** At events where a 'Top School' title is awarded, a minimum of 2 trophies will be awarded to:
  - School teams which have the highest aggregate points across all nominated events from their Year 9 – 13 riders.
  - School teams which have the highest aggregate points across all nominated events from their Year 7 -8 riders.
- 12.2** In the case of two (or more) teams being tied then the points from the final race shall determine the winner. If two or more teams are still tied then the points from the second to last race will determine the final outcome and so on until they can be separated.
- 12.3** The Points and Trophies for each event will be published in the Event specific manual.

### 13. TOUR SPECIFIC

#### 14. TOURS

- 14.1 The Northern and Southern Tours are open to all riders from North and South Island affiliated schools
- 14.2 An entry to the Tour includes all nominated events in the Tour. No single event entry is permitted
- 14.3 The Tours are Points Based (not times) with points awarded based on the final placing in each individual event. The Points available for each Tour are listed on the event website
- 14.4 All riders must compete and finish all events within the tour to receive a final placing.
- 14.5 If a rider fails to compete and finish in any event, any points they had received from other events are deemed void and are not counted towards GC. The points are not redistributed.
- 14.6 Should a rider not be able to compete or finish in an event through injury, accident or mechanical failure, at the discretion of the Chief Commissaire, if the incident was sufficiently significant to prevent the rider completing the event, a start in the subsequent event may be granted.
- 14.7 In the case of two (or more) riders being tied then the points from the final race shall determine the winner.
- 14.8 The top 3 riders overall will be recognised.

#### 15. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

- 15.1 Any nominated National Titles (Refer 6.0) are open for any rider from any island
- 15.2 To receive the title (or placing) a rider must enter with the intention of competing in all events in the Tour
- 15.3 Should a rider not complete all events through injury, accident or mechanical failure the National title may still be awarded to the rider if, at the discretion of the Chief Commissaire, the incident was sufficiently significant to prevent the rider continuing the event.
- 15.4 The Top 3 in these championship events will receive a championship medal.

## SECTION 6

### 16. MOUNTAIN BIKE (MTB) SPECIFIC

The following regulations are specific to the mountain bike disciplines. Where no specific reference to any particular point or issue is set out, the General Technical Regulations of MTBNZ and UCI will apply.

### 17. COMPETITION TYPES

These regulations incorporate the following distinct disciplines and specialties **specifically to Schools**

**Cycling:**

17.1 Cross Country: XC

17.1.1 Cross Country Olympic: XCO

17.1.2 Cross Country Team Relay: XCR

17.2 Downhill: DH

17.2.1 Individual Downhill: DHI

17.3 Other types of mountain bike event.

17.3.1 Enduro: END

### 18. GENERAL MTB RULES

18.1 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.

18.2 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 transport unless they have a number attached to their bicycle.

18.3 External technical assistance can only be given in the feed/technical assistance zones. Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in these zones. 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.

18.4 In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same School.

- 18.5 Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame.
- 18.6 Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finish line with the same handlebar number plate that they had at the start.
- 18.7 Riders are not permitted to willingly alter the course in any way. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles.
- 18.8 Riders must act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right, without deliberately obstructing them. Poor conduct may result in disqualification.
- 18.9 Riders who get off their bikes to walk a section of the course must clear the course so other riders can pass safely.
- 18.10 Riders in the DH event must complete a minimum of two (2) practice runs prior to the first round of racing (seeding or race run).
- 18.11 No practicing is permitted on a course while a race is being conducted.

## 19. GEARING

There are currently no gear restrictions in MTB events.

## 20. EQUIPMENT

### Bicycle

- 20.1 Bicycles shall be outfitted as per road code with the exception that reflectors shall be optional.
- 20.2 Bicycles must comply with current UCI technical specifications
- 20.3 Bicycles used in competition must be capable of safely and efficiently completing the task and must, as a minimum, be mechanically sound, have two working brakes, one front and one rear, and all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure the safety of the rider and others. As part of the latter, bar plugs are compulsory.



- 20.4 If, in the opinion of the appointed Commissaire or Official, a bicycle fails to meet the above criteria the rider must take immediate steps to ensure the necessary steps are taken to remedy the shortcomings and ensure the Commissaires requests are met. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the competition.
- 20.5 Riders must complete the entire race on the **SAME** bicycle upon which they started the race/stage. Wheel changes are allowed.

## **Helmets**

- 20.6 It is compulsory to wear a protective helmet when racing or training on the course and such helmet must comply with the required safety standards defined in the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#).
- 20.7 Helmets must be worn and **fastened** at all times during warmup, racing, warmdown and at any other time that the bike is being ridden and is making forward or backwards progression.
- 20.8 A full face helmet is compulsory for Downhill and Enduro. The helmet must be properly secured in both training and racing and should be fitted with a visor. **The helmet must have approved Safety Certification as per Section 6 in the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#).**

## **21. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

The Protection Policy (**Section 6**) as part of the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#) - applies to all riders competing in Cycling New Zealand Schools events.

## **22. CROSS COUNTRY**

- 22.1 XC Feed Zone – 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.
- 22.2 A Rider's race ceases when the winner of their class finishes, i.e. riders complete their current lap. Lapped riders continue to ride, and finish only when the first rider in their class has completed the event. Commissaires may close the course if they feel most riders have finished. Any riders left will retain placings at time of closure. **Any riders withdrawn by the Commissaires will receive a placing in the official results.**

- 22.3 Course Access - Official sweepers and riders only are permitted to ride the course during competition.
- 22.4 A mass start will take place for each category. Categories may be combined for starts if numbers determine.
- 22.5 As per 10.3.2 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations unless stipulated in the Event Manual relating to the event. The seeding order for XCO will be calculated as follows for events recognized or sanctioned by CNZS:
- Defending National Champion
  - UCI Ranking (U20 only)
  - Most recent National Championship placing
  - Most recent National series placing
  - Most recent National Schools Championship placing
  - All other riders
- 22.6 The remaining riders will be organized to ensure fair representation of each school. School rankings may be provided at the time of registration

## 23. DOWNHILL

- 23.1 No riders are to use any transport other than the official transport supplied by the race organisers for the official downhill practice or race day.
- 23.2 Official sweepers and riders only are permitted to ride the DH during practice and competition.
- 23.3 As per 10.3.10 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations unless stipulated in the Event Manual relating to the event. The seeding order for DH will be calculated as follows for events recognized or sanctioned by CNZS:
- Defending National Champion
  - UCI Ranking (U20 only)
  - Most recent National Championship placing
  - Most recent National series placing
  - Most recent National Schools Championship placing
  - All other riders
- 23.4 The remaining riders will be run in schools groups. School rankings may be provided at the time of registration.

## **24. TEAMS RELAY**

- 24.1 Riders shall not be allowed external assistance in starting or racing other than holders at the start line when these are not provided by the organizers.
- 24.2 There must be no physical contact between riders.
- 24.3 Riders comprising a team shall be allowed to change cycles or parts between them.
- 24.4 The number of team riders will be as published for each event.
- 24.5 There will be Boys, Girls and Mixed Grades available in Junior and Senior Grades. Y7&8 riders are eligible to be part of a Junior team.
- 24.6 A minimum of one girl is required for a mixed team.
- 24.7 A Junior rider from the same school can be included in the Senior grade if necessary to complete a team. A senior rider can not ride in a Junior team.
- 24.8 Composite teams made up of riders from different schools are permitted subject to the requirements in **Appendix 3**.

## **25. ENDURO**

- 25.1 Each rider takes an individual start, the start interval between the riders is the decision of the Commissaires but must be of 20 seconds at least.
- 25.2 A minimum of 3 timed stages must be raced

## **26. OVERALL POINTS TROPHIES (Awarded at the National MTB Championships)**

- 26.1 A 'Top School' title will be awarded to the respective school whose teams have the highest aggregate points score across all championship events.
- 26.2 Points will be awarded for the event in terms of such schedule of points published for the event.
- 26.3 In the case of two (or more) teams being tied then the highest placing in the team's relay will determine the final placing.

## SECTION 7

### DISPUTES PROCEDURE

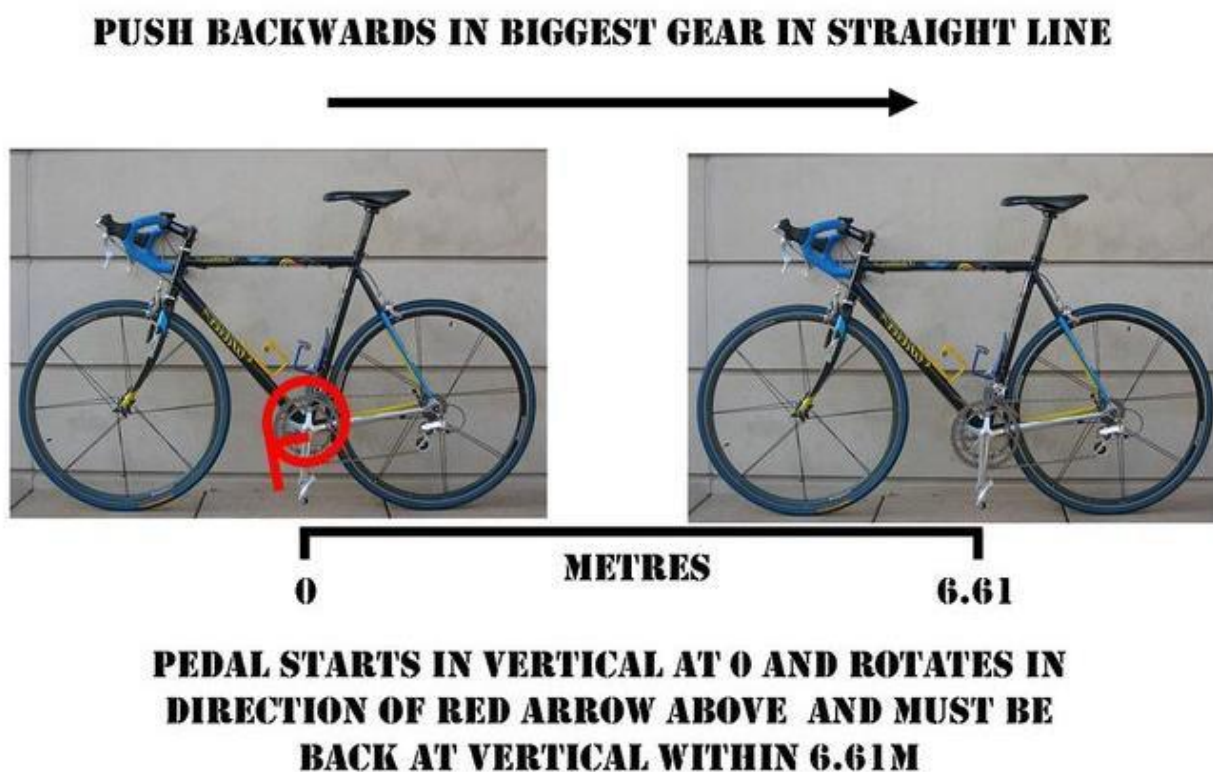
- 27.1 No protest or appeal can be made against an assessment of a situation in races and/or application of the competition regulations by the Commissaires' panel or an individual Commissaire. For full definition refer to UCI Regulation 1.2.132.
- 27.2 Other Protests shall on behalf of a school, be in writing and on the form set out in Appendix 4 and shall follow the process below.
- 27.3 Completed protest forms shall be filed at the designated protest point identified by the organisers within 30 minutes of official notification of results, together with a fee of \$50. This may be refunded at the discretion of the disputes panel.
- 27.4 A disputes panel of no less than 3 and no more than 5 persons shall be named in the event manual (one of whom shall be a CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS representative). The convenor of the panel shall also be appointed and named in the event manual.
- 27.5 In the first instance the Chief Commissaire shall consider the matter, investigate and make a decision he/she sees fit. The Chief Commissaire may pass the matter directly to the disputes panel.
- 27.6 The convenor shall choose a panel of 3 (including the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS representative) from the named 5 panel members, ensuring that no member is compromised or has a vested interest in the matter.
- 27.7 The convenor may co-opt others with suitable experience if required should the other named panel members be unavailable or otherwise have an interest in the matter in dispute.
- 27.8 The disputes panel will collect evidence as required and make a decision as appropriate, having regard to the guide for sanctions in the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND Road and Track Racing/MTBNZ Rules, within a reasonable timeframe and the rider(s) shall be notified as soon as possible.
- 27.9 The decision of the disputes panel is final and no appeals will be permitted.
- 27.10 The decision of the disputes panel must be in writing and contain the reasons for the decision.
- 27.11 All protests submitted through this process above will be reported to NZSSSC and they may decide to take further action.

## SECTION 8

### APPENDIX 1 - ROLL OUT

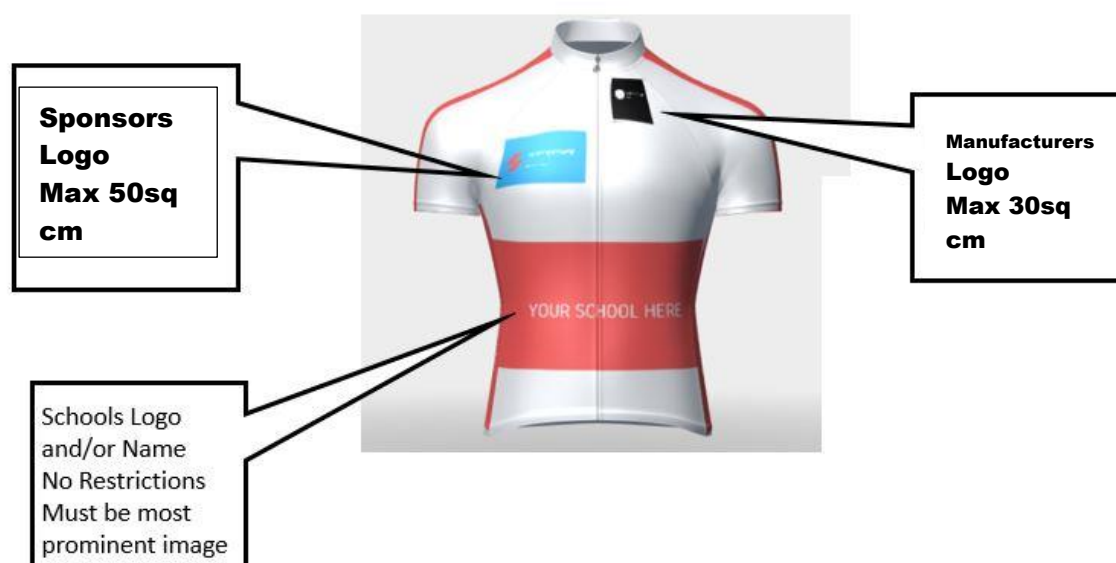
The diagram below sets out how to measure the roll out for 6.61 metre gearing.

The same procedure applies to the 7.00 and the 7.93 metre roll out except that the pedal must go from vertical to vertical within 7.00 and 7.93 metres respectively.

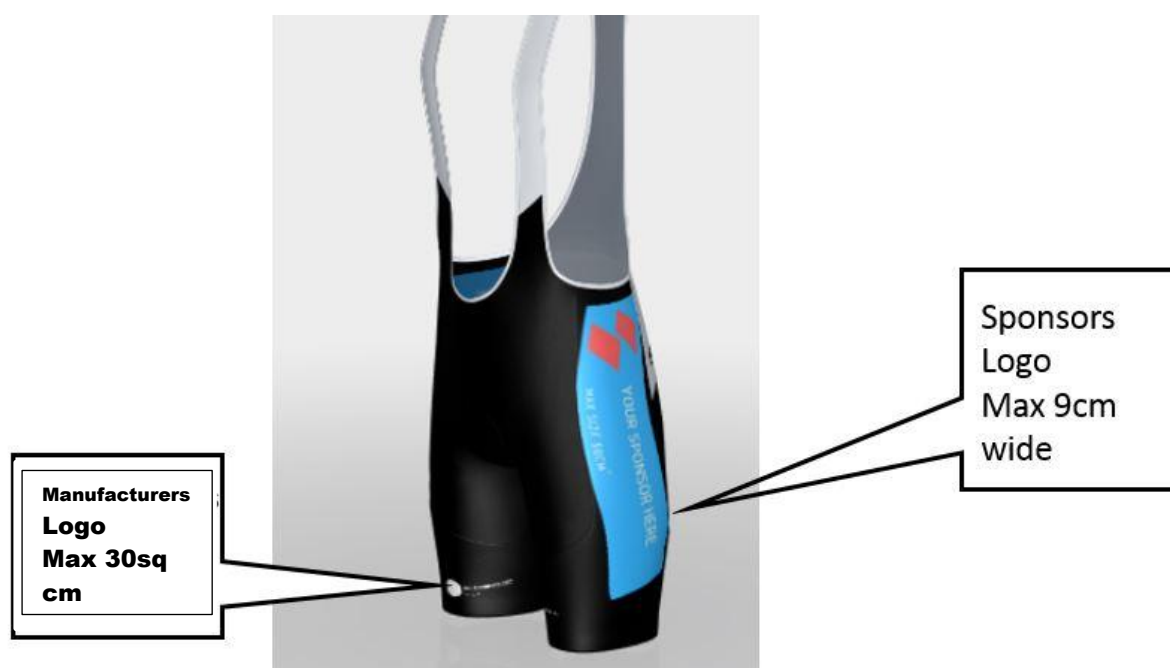


### APPENDIX 2 – SCHOOL RACING UNIFORMS

The school's uniform must be in the school's colours and the logo or name of the School must be prominently displayed. Many manufacturers include logos when custom uniforms for schools are manufactured. A (one) small discrete manufacturer's logo is permitted per uniform piece (a skinsuit is recognised as two pieces). There has been a trend to larger logos which Cycling New Zealand Schools considers a form of stealth branding and is not permitted. A sponsor's name and/or logo must be contained within a 50sq cm area anywhere on the top.



Shorts or bibs must be school colours or plain colours. Again a (one) discrete logo is permitted but again there has been a trend to larger logos which Cycling New Zealand Schools considers a form of stealth branding and is not permitted. As per Cycling New Zealand School Racing Uniform rules a Sponsor's name and logo must be contained within a 9 cm (90mm) strip on the leg.



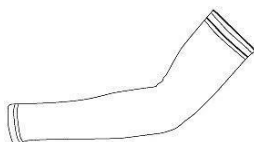
Booties, Armwarmers and Legwarmers **are permitted** must be official school colours or either black or white. There shall be no branding or sponsors names on these **garments however a small discreet manufacturers logo and/or** a school name is however permitted.



Acceptable



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### APPENDIX 3 – COMPOSITE TEAMS

1. Composite teams may be either girls or boys. A team made up of boys and girls should ride as part of the boys' event appropriate to the age of the rider in road events only.
2. Each composite team must be entered in the name of a host school (which must be a member of CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS).
3. A composite team is to start in one of the listed age grades as appropriate to the age of the riders and the event.
4. Composite teams shall not be eligible for the National Championship title or medals in the relevant grade.
5. Composite teams will be entitled to receive such recognition as CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS shall determine for their placing as between other composite teams in each grade, with the number of teams entitled to such alternative recognition to depend on the number of composite teams in each grade.
6. The members of composite teams are not eligible to receive points for their respective schools for any placing achieved in the relevant grade. Similarly, the results achieved by a composite team will not accrue points for the relevant host school.
7. Composite teams may only be entered either by a host school where the school has insufficient riders to enter a team or through a pool system where individual riders who represent a school that does not have a team and who are entered for the individual events may indicate that they are available to ride in a composite team and, subject to other riders also being available, will be placed in a composite team for the event. In the latter case, the CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS will appoint a host school for the purposes of the event.
8. All members of a composite team shall wear the school racing uniform of their own school.



## SECTION 11

### APPENDIX 4 – PROTEST FORM

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

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

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

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

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

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### Organisers Use Only

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

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

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