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SECTION ONE: WELCOME

WELCOME

On behalf of Cycling New Zealand Schools and the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club it's our pleasure to welcome riders, parents, team managers, officials and supporters to the 2025 South Island School Cyclo-cross Championships at Auntsfield Estate in the beautiful Marlborough.

We know that you will enjoy this stunning location and the CX course that we have planned for you. Our CX course uses natural obstacles in a picturesque vineyard setting so get ready for lots of river crossing, steep banks and tree logs. We look forward to a great event and hope you have an enjoyable time during the Championships.

We are incorporating the South Island Schools CX Championships into the Aotearoa CrossFest and the Cycling New Zealand National CX Champs! So there are races for younger siblings (a kids race and a junior race) and for parents and Schools managers. Bring your bike and your lycra and join in the fun! We know the school riders would love to cheer on their parents and school teachers to bring your bikes!

This manual provides useful information for all riders, team members and officials.

KEY CONTACTS

ROLE AT EVENT	NAME	CONTACT (IN EMERGENCY)
EVENT DIRECTOR:	Fraser Brown	021 749 456
RACE MANAGER:	Neil Sinclair	027 475 2556
CHIEF COMMISSAIRE (PCP):	Matt Amos	
CYCLING NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS CONTACT:	Steff Holcroft	schools@cnz.kiwi
MEDICAL (Peak Safety):	Flic Roil	

DOCUMENT VERSION UPDATE LOG

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3.0		
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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	https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/ https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschools/
Website	https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-cyclo-cross-championships/
Event Hash-tag	#CNZSSICXChamps

DOUBLE HEADER TECHNICAL GUIDE

The Cycling New Zealand Schools South Island Cyclocross Championships are being hosted as a double header weekend with the Cycling New Zealand 2026 Cyclocross National Championships.

The rules and regulations detailed in this Event Manual apply only to the Cycling New Zealand Schools South Island Cyclocross Championship races.

For all rules and regulations that apply to the Cycling New Zealand 2026 Cyclocross National Championships, refer to the Technical Guide found here <https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/national-events/cyclo-cross-national-championships/>

Some information, such as the weekend event schedule is included in this Event Guide for your convenience only.

SECTION TWO: VENUE INFORMATION

EVENT VENUE

The event will take place at the Auntsfield Estate.

Auntsfield is located at 270 Paynters Road in Fairhall. This is about 15km south of central Blenheim. Please follow the flags and directions when entering Auntsfield Estate to the designated event venue.

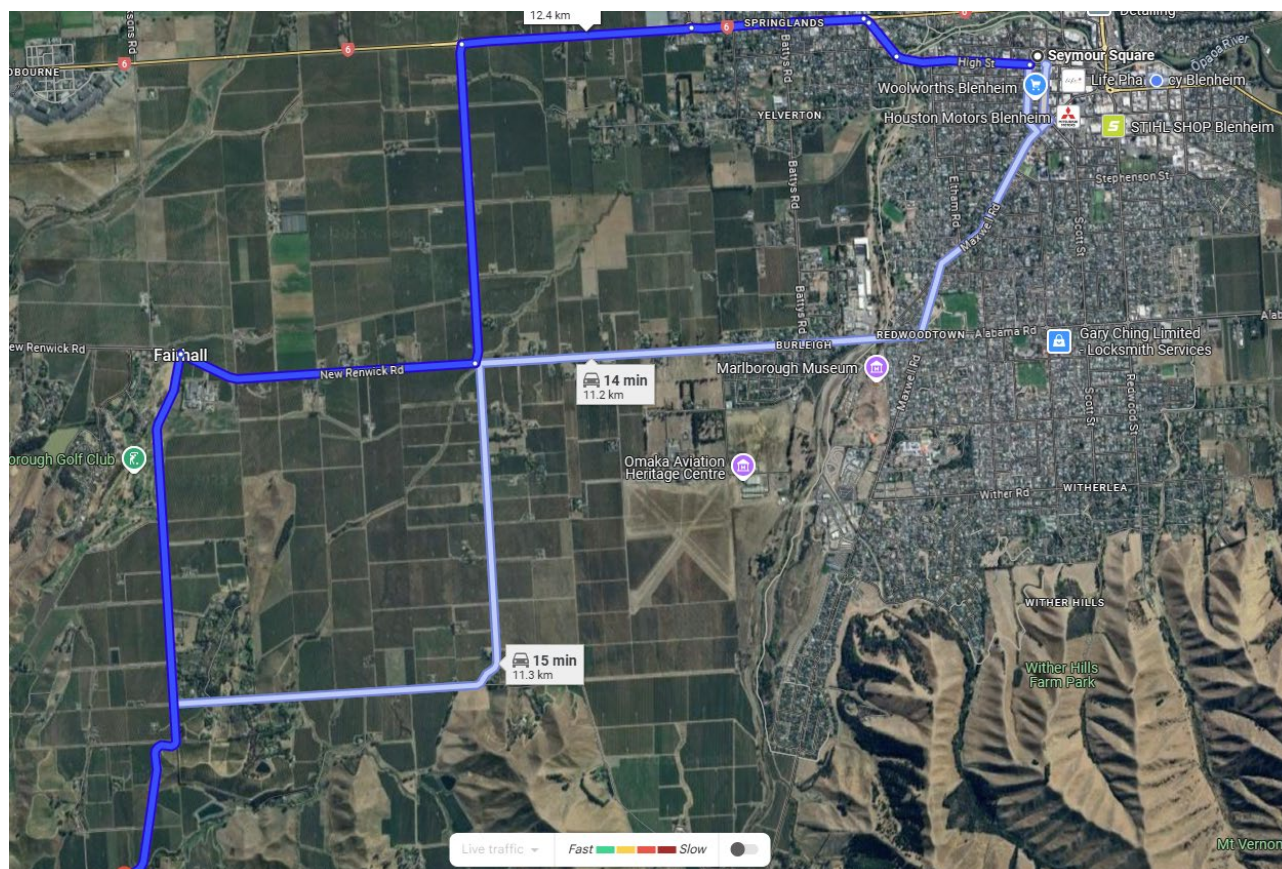
Auntsfield Estate is a working vineyard and so for health and safety reasons, you must remain in the designated event area. Access to areas including the vineyard and private residences outside the immediate event area is strictly prohibited.

As this is a working vineyard, strictly no dogs are to be brought on site.

There is no camping available on site. Practice is only permitted during official practice times.

The event village and race office will be located in the Event Area and will be well sign posted.

A map showing the general location of Auntsfield Estate is below.



The venue is approximately a 15 minute drive from central Blenheim.

PRE-RIDING AT THE PRIVATE VENUE

Auntsfield is a private working vineyard and there is no access to pre-ride the track before the event, except as outlined below. Access to Auntsfield Estate Vineyard prior to the official practice is strictly prohibited.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

There are two opportunities for track practice prior to the racing.

The track and venue will be open for practice at the following times:

- Friday 29th August 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- Saturday 20th August 7.30am – 9.00am;
- Sunday 31st August 8am – 8.45am (for those doing Nationals)

RULES OF PRE-RIDING

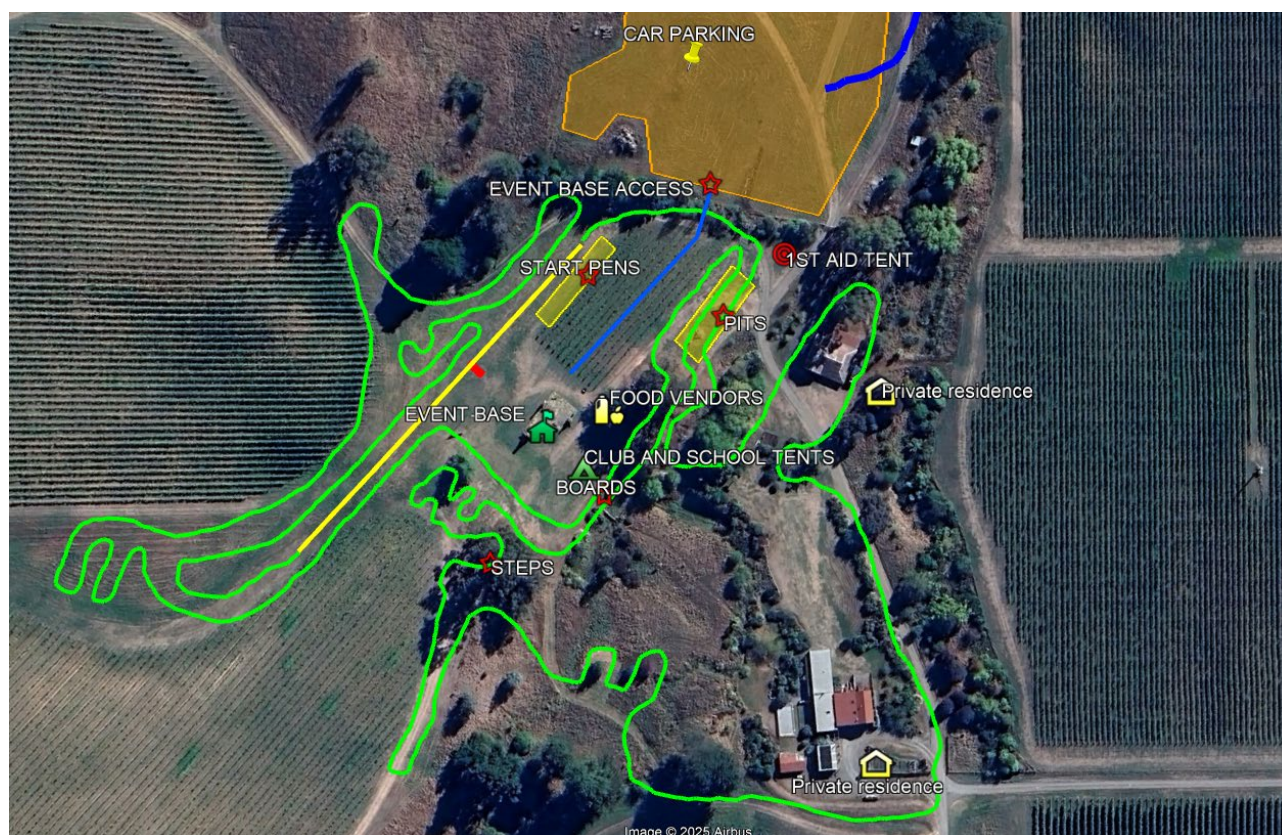
If you practice on Friday 29th August, you are deemed to have agreed to the following conditions

1. Strictly no smoking or vaping anywhere on any property
2. Strictly no fires anywhere on the property
3. Strictly no pets anywhere on the property
4. All rubbish must be removed from the property
5. Riding time is limited to the official practice window outlined in the Event Manual

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.

PARKING

There is ample parking adjacent to the Event Village as shown on the map below in the yellow area. You will be directed by a Marshall at entry. Please follow the Marshalls directions to park in the appropriate place so that you vehicle does not impede event operations.



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 on Friday afternoon. If you wish to have School Tent site, please email the organisers on marlboroughmbc@gmail.com at least a week in advance so that we can make the appropriate provisions.

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

FOOD AND DRINK

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

SPECTATING

The Event Village is adjacent to the start/finish line, with easy walking access to the course. Please obey the marshalls at all times when crossing the track to ensure safety and to ensure that riders are not affected. There are a couple of great viewing spots where you can see the majority of the track. Bring your camera, but we will also have the pros taking photos for you too.

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.

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 day.

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

NON-COMPLETION OF THE EVENT (RIDERS)

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.

SMOKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE

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

CONTINGENCY PLAN

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. Accordingly, any contingency planning will involve re-working the schedule as opposed to the use of an extra contingency day.

WEATHER FORECASTING

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

CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

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.***

SECTION FOUR: ENTRY & REGISTRATION

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are open now. 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 2025 year, list their riders under their affiliation and pay their 2025 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.

Age Grades

Riders are to enter the age group based on their age as 31st December 2025. Categories are

CATEGORY	RULES
Under 13	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.
Under 14	Riders must have had their 13th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
Under 15	Riders must have had their 14th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
Under 16	Riders must have had their 15th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
Under 17	Riders must have had their 16th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.
Under 20	Riders must have had their 17th 18th or 19th birthday between 1st January and 31st December (inclusive) in the year of competition.

Refund Policy

Refunds requested after entries have closed will only be processed on the presentation of a medical certificate and will incur a \$25 administration fee. If withdraws occur before entries have closed, the sports coordinator can log in and delete the entry themselves.

KEY DATES

DATE	PROCESS
3 rd February 2025	Registration opens
15 August 2025	Registration closes
28 th August 2025	All invoices must be paid by this date

Please note the short timeframe for paying for entries (although entries can be paid for at any stage). This is to allow maximum registration time while allowing the school to pay the invoice before the event. If invoices are not paid, you will not be issued a race plate and will not be able to race.

REGISTRATION & RACE PACK COLLECTION

School team racepacks should be collected by your team manager **for all riders** on either Friday 29th August between 2:00pm - 4:00pm or Saturday between 7:30am – 9:00am. Registration HQ will be located at the Event Village in the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club tent.

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).

ENTRY LISTS

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

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

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving for individual and relay races will be held at the conclusion of the racing at 3:00pm.

Placegetters must wear either their school kit or school uniform on podium. Remember that every rider who doesn't get a medal would love to wear your one. So respect the medal and do not take it off until you have resumed your seat.

SECTION FIVE: RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES

The event is endorsed by School Sport New Zealand and is run under [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) 16 April 2025

BIKE REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to Section 30. of the Cycling New Zealand School Rules above for exact details of the requirements of bicycles. For this event, dropped or straight handlebars are permitted and there is no restriction on tyre width. This means that it is possible to compete using a mountain bike. Please note that bike requirement for the Cycling New Zealand 2026 Cyclocross National Championships are different and you should refer to the Technical Guide if you are unsure.

RIDER UNIFORM

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@cnz.kiwi

TIMING

Timing will be provided utilising Sportsplits timing system.

- All riders will be issued with a unique body number and two shoulder numbers.
- The two shoulder numbers must be attached to the **front** of the rider's arms just below the shoulder.
- The body number must be attached on the back with the numbers vertical. Preferably slightly off set to the side of the rider closest to the timing tent. This is expected to be on the right, but will be confirmed upon registration.
- Timing chips will be provided along with an ankle strap. These are attached to the right ankle.

For the Relay, each team will be given three body numbers, three shoulder numbers and one transponder (which is different to the individual races transponder). This is worn by the rider on-course, and then transferred to the next rider in the team at the end of each lap.

Schools will be charged \$100.00 per transponder for any transponders that are not returned to event officials at the conclusion of the event.

RESULTS

Official results will be posted to <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-cyclo-cross-championships/> as soon as possible after the event:

Provisional results will be available on 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.

HOME SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AT PRIZE GIVING

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

SCHOOLS PASSION AWARD

CNZ Schools want to celebrate and recognise those riders off the podium that turn up and try their best and have a good attitude. So, we have created an award that the riders can strive to win by displaying good sportsmanship in our Schools Cycling events called the Passion Award. We hope this will encourage good behaviour and participation and become a goal for any rider who takes part. Thank you to our 2023 Schools Focus Group for bringing this idea to life and to Haraway's Oats for sponsoring the awesome prize pack for our winners!

SECTION SIX: EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

Please note this programme is subject to change.

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 29th August	Open practice & Event Registration	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
Saturday 30th August	Event Registration	7.30am - 11.00am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Tent
	Open practice	7.30am - 9.00am	Auntsfield Estate
	South Island Schools Race 1 (U13, U14, U15 (M+F)) 30 mins	9.20am call up 9.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	South Island Schools Race 2 (U16, U17, U20 (M+F)) 40 mins	10.20am call up 10.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	CrossFest Race 1 (Anything Goes Race incl SS) 40 mins	11.20pm call up 11.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	CrossFest Race 2 (CXM Kids - under 10s) 10 mins	12.20pm call up 12.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Lunch / Open Practice	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
	South Island Schools Race 3 (All Relay Teams) 40 mins	1.00pm call up 1.10pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	South Island Schools Prize Giving	2.00pm	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	CrossFest Race 3 (Hill Climb) 20 mins	2.30pm call up 2.40pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	CrossFest Race 4 (R18 Hand Up Race**) 30 mins	3.10pm call up 3.20pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Open practice	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
	Event Venue Closed	5.00pm	Auntsfield Estate

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 31st August	Race pack pick up (registration) - including licence check for national races	7.30am - 10.00am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Tent
	Open Practice	8.00am - 8.45am	Auntsfield Estate
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 1 (U15, U17, Masters 2, Masters 4, Masters 5 Men) 40 mins	8.50am call up 9.00am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 2 (Sport, Masters 1, Masters 3) 40 mins	9.50am call up 10.00am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Prizegiving National Men's Age Groups non-UCI	10.50am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	Open Practice + Lolly Scramble	10.50am - 11.10am	Auntsfield Estate
	U19 Junior Men 40 mins	11.20am call up 11.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	U19 Women and national age group Women (non-UCI) (U19, U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1-4) 40 mins	12.20pm call up 12.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Elite Women (U23, Elite) 50 mins	1.20pm call up 1.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Elite Men (U23, Elite) 60 mins	2.30pm call up 2.40pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Prizegiving All Women's categories and Men's UCI categories	3.50pm	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	Venue closes	4.30pm	Auntsfield Estate

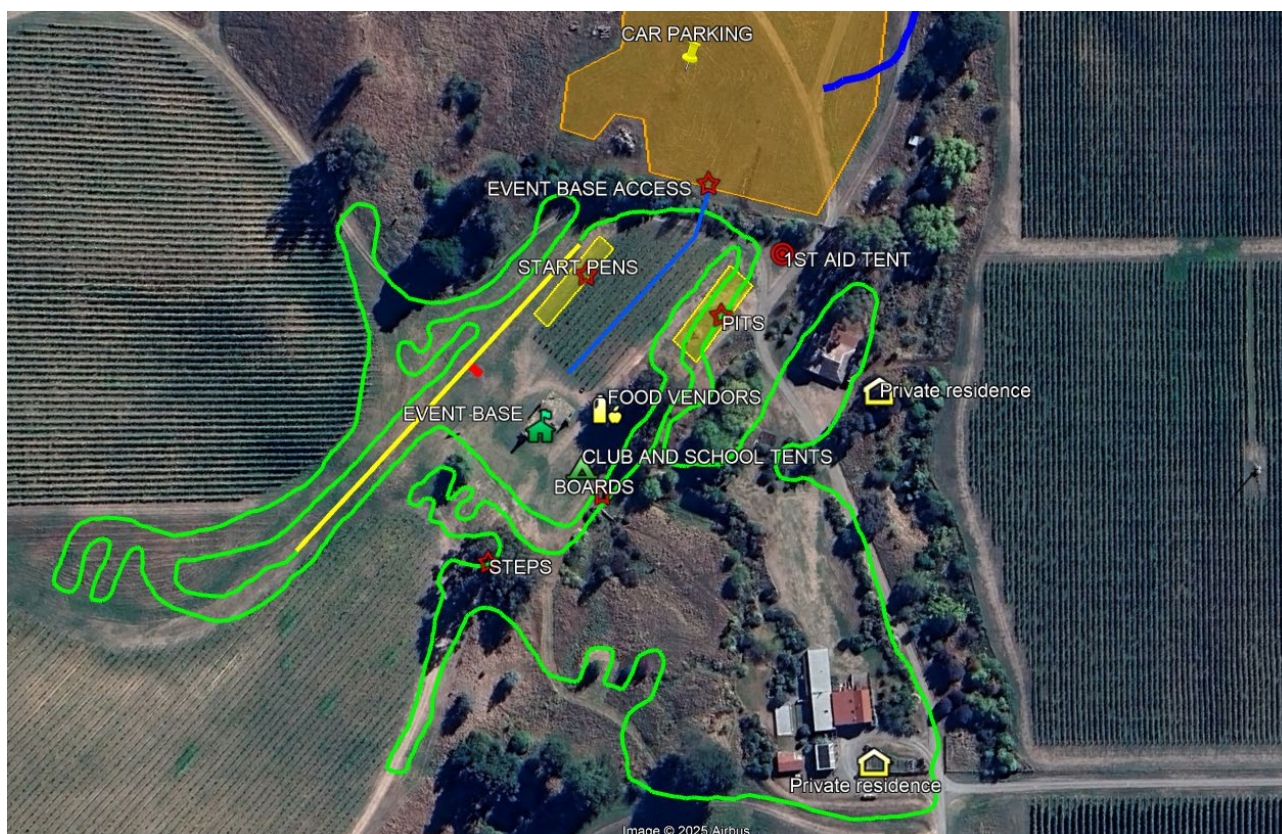
* NOTE - Beverages will be provided for competitors in the R18 Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted. 18+ event.

DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION

CX INFORMATION

Event:	CycloCross (CX)
Date:	Saturday 30th August 2025
Location:	Auntsfield Estate, Fairhall, Blenheim
Registration times:	Friday 29th Aug (2pm-4pm) or Saturday 30th Aug 7:30-9:00am.
Practice times:	See 'Pre-riding' on page 3 of this manual. The course is only available for practice at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14:00-16:00 Friday 30 August • 07:30-09:30 Saturday 30 August • 12:30-13:00 Saturday 30 August
Briefing/Racing times:	10 minutes prior to each race starting.
Prize giving:	2:00pm or earlier
Race numbers:	All riders are to wear the issued race numbers and transponders as outlined in the Timing Section of this manual.
Pits:	<p>The pit area is the part of the course where riders can change wheels or bicycles or receive technical assistance.</p> <p>A rider may only take the pit lane to change their bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance.</p> <p>Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane</p> <p>Changes of wheels or bicycle between riders are forbidden.</p> <p>Riders can only receive food or drink in the pit lane if it is attached to a bicycle being swapped. Passing of bottles or food directly to riders is not permitted.</p>
Race Durations:	<p>Final race durations and wave groups will be determined by the Chief Commissaire.</p> <p>The provisional race durations are</p> <p>U13, U14 and U15 race : 30 minutes</p> <p>U16, U17 and U20 race : 40 minutes</p>
Lap Outs:	If a rider is passed by the leader of their category, they may be lapped out at the finish line at the discretion of the finish judge. If a rider is lapped out they still receive a finish position.

TRACK INFORMATION



Our track takes advantage of the natural features of the landscape. Expect lots of mud, lots of river crossing and natural obstacles like logs and steep slopes. Our track can be ridden on both a CX bike or a XC Mountain Bike.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAY INFORMATION

Event:	Cyclocross Relay (CXR)
Date:	Saturday 30th August 2025 (afternoon)
Registration times:	See above
Riders in a team	The CX relay will broadly follow the regulations as set out for the mountain bike cross country relay (XCR) in the CNZ Schools Regulations. The CX relay is open to teams of two or three riders. Riders changes will happen on each lap, and teams of two or three will maintain the same order throughout the race.
Practice times:	Essentially the course will be a shortened version of the CX course. See 'Pre-riding' on page 3 of this manual. The course is only available for practice at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14:00-16:00 Friday 30 August • 07:30-09:30 Saturday 30 August • 12:30-13:00 Saturday 30 August
Briefing time:	2:00pm (compulsory)
Prize giving:	3:00pm or earlier
Race plate + timing:	For the Relay, each team will be given two or three body numbers, two or three shoulder numbers (one for each rider). One transponder will also be issued (which is different to the individual races transponder). This is worn by the rider on-course, and then transferred to the next rider in the team at the end of each lap. Each team will be issued the numbers and transponder at the race briefing 10-mins prior to the CXR race start.
Age Groups:	U16, U20.
Categories:	Girls, Boys, Mixed: U16 + U20.
Description:	Teams Relay will consist of teams of two or three riders who will rotate riders every lap in order for 40 minutes.
Medals	Cycling New Zealand Schools Titles and Medals are being offered for the CXR this year.

Composite Teams:

Composite Teams with riders from multiple schools may be entered and are eligible for unique Marlborough Mountain Bike Club medals, but not Cycling NZ Schools medals as per the current School Sport NZ Rules.

If you would like to race in the relay but do not have a team, please email marlboroughmbc@gmail.com or see us at registration and enter the CXR pool. We will attempt to allocate you into a team.

Key Information:

Riders must dismount before entering the Transition area, then run (with their bike) and **physically tag** the next rider. Other team riders may assist with the transponder changeover in the Transition area.

Riders must ride **single laps** 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.

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: