

SOUTH ISLAND MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS



EVENT MANUAL

WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Bike Methven, Mt Hutt Adventure Park (MHAP) and our sponsors for their support. This event only exists because of you, so thank you to everyone for participating.

We continue to see strong growth in CNZ School's competitive mountain biking. This event is an opportunity to test yourself against riders beyond your class room and your home region.

We hope to encourage the next wave of New Zealand mountain bike riders – from local races through to CNZ National Champs, the next Commonwealth Games Gold medalist, UCI World Cup racing and onto the Olympics!

Importantly this event is also a chance to have a whole lot of fun! I wish you all the best for the coming competition and hope that you achieve all your personal goals.

Enjoy the races!

Clare Harden
Event Manager.

KEY CONTACTS

PATRON (NZSCA):	Chris Ginders	
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RESULTS AND TIMING:	Ricky Brown	
CHIEF COMMISSAIRE:	Mark Darvill	

GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

Event Venue: Finishing Key, Mt Hutt Bike Park, Methven

ENDURO

Pre-Registration (Race plate pick up): 5.00pm -7.00pm Thursday 26 March; Big Al's Sports shop, The Square Methven (main street, centre of Methven)

Riders will use the same race plate for all events. These can be picked up at the pre-registration event on Thursday night or before each event. Timing chips can only be picked up in the allocated time just prior to each event and will be collected back as riders complete the event. If you are unable to finish the race please ensure your chip is handed back to the registration tent.

Friday 27 March

Age Grade	Plate & Timing Chip Pick Up Event Village	Briefing	Start boarding shuttles in race order	First riders start climb to Stage 1	START Stage 1
ALL GIRL Grades plus U13, 14, 15 Boys	11.30 – 12.30pm	12.30pm	12.45pm	1.00pm	1.30pm
U16, 17 & 20 Boys	12.45 - 1.15pm	1.15pm	1.30pm approx.	1.45pm approx.	2.15pm approx.

5.00pm or sooner: Prize-giving - Enduro

DOWNHILL

Pre-Registration (Race plate pick up): 5.00pm-7.00pm Friday 27 March; Big Al's Sports shop, The Square Methven (main street, centre of Methven)

Saturday 28 March

Age Grade	Plate Pick Up	Practise Briefing	Timing chip Pick up	Race Briefing	Seeding Runs	Race Run Starts
ALL GIRL Grades plus U13, 14, 15 Boys	8.00 – 8.45am	9.00am	12.00-12.30pm	12.30pm	12.45 – 1.42pm	2.52 - 3.49pm
U16, 17 & 20 Boys	8.00 – 8.45am		12.45-1.15pm		1.42 – 2.51pm	3.49– 5.00pm

5.30pm: Prize-giving – Downhill

CROSS COUNTRY

Pre-Registration (Race plate pick up): 5.00pm-7.00pm Saturday 28th March; Big Al's Sports shop, The Square Methven (main street, centre of Methven)

Sunday 29 March

Age Grade	Plate & Timing Chip Pick Up	Line up at start line for briefing & chips turned on	Race Start
U13, 14 - Boys & Girls	7.45 – 8.10am	8.10am	8.30am
U15, 16 - Boys & Girls	9.00 – 9.40am	9.40am	10.00am
U17 & 20 - Boys & Girls	10.15 – 11.00am	11.10am	11.30am

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

START LISTS

Start lists will be posted on the Bike Methven Facebook page or the <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-school-mtb-championships/> page when entries close.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

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

SPECTATORS

Spectators are not permitted to travel with the competitors on the shuttles. If you wish to watch the race you must WALK up the race course following the marked route, obeying marshals. No private cars allowed on ski field road above info both car park during 3 day event.

PARKING

Limited parking in Event Village. Cars need to be parked by 7.30am Saturday/Sunday and cannot leave until event finishes. All other parking will be in the designated area at the Mt Hutt ski field info booth. **NB** We will be running free shuttles from the main car park to the event village (400metres).

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

SCHOOL TENTS

Schools may put up their own tents in the designated area at the event area, tent sites must be pre-booked [here](#). There will be a limited number of tent sites available. All other parking will be at the ski field road info booth.

BIKE REPAIRS

A bike mechanic will not be available. It is critical to sure bikes are fully serviced in your home town before the event. The bike shop (Big Al’s) in Methven will be open during normal business hours.

RACE PLATES

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

TIMING CHIPS

Need to be collected in allotted time before race. No chip no time! Chips will be collected immediately upon finishing a race. Lost chips or willfully damaged chips will be charged at \$100. Timing chip worn on the right-hand wrist.

PRE EVENT PRACTICE

Competitors will have a chance to pre-ride or walk the courses from 2.00pm on Thursday 26th March. Please note there is no first aid or road closures, so team managers need to make sure students are supervised.

MECHANICALS

A competitor **MUST** start and finish on the same bike. Wheel changes are allowed. If a rider has a mechanical they **MUST** run the whole course in the direction of the race to not be disqualified. All repairs during an event must be performed by the competitor **ONLY**. No outside assistance is allowed from any other persons (including mums, dads and other competitors).

SPORTSMANSHIP

Riders must not use offensive or abusive language during the event, act in any anti-sporting manner, be disrespectful to the event volunteers / officials or ignore the race regulations. Riders must act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right, without deliberately obstructing them.

COURSE

Course maps will be released closer to the event. Riders are not permitted to shortcut the course. The responsibility for following the official route lies with the rider. If you do not follow the official route you will be disqualified. Riders are not permitted to willingly alter the course in any way. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles. If a rider breaks through tape, they must re-enter back at that point, before the next "fencepost"

RULES

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

UNIFORMS

It is compulsory to wear school uniform for these events. If your school does not have a specific riding uniform, PE uniform is acceptable or PLAIN kit with no sponsor logos on it is also acceptable. See the Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules (link above) for more on Uniform Rules.

PRIZE-GIVING Event village

Enduro – Event Village at approx. 5:00pm or sooner
 Downhill – Event Village at approx. 5:30pm
 Cross Country and Overall awards – Event Village at approx. 1.00pm

AWARDS

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

The Overall Champion in each age group will be the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the **XCO**, **DHI** and **END** races. (They must enter **ALL** races to be eligible.) Points for Overall

Champion will be awarded as follows:

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

Etc. Until 43rd and below who all receive 1 point. DNF = 0

In the event of a tie for a placing (i.e. same number of points for the two races), then the fastest time in each age group in the Enduro race total time will decide the rankings.

RESULTS

Provisional results will be printed and posted on the notice board on the Bike Methven caravan when available.

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 manual) and will be reviewed by the Disputes Panel. Final results will be posted to <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-school-mtb-championships/> as soon as possible after the event.

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

We would like to use this venue again! **Use the rubbish bins** provided for all litter – competitors must not drop any food wrappings or other litter on any course. All litter must be carried out and put in the bins provided. Including Race number plates and plastic cable ties.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/CyclingNZLSchools/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/cyclingnzschools/
Website	https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-school-mtb-championships/
Event Hashtag	#SISMTBChamps

CANCELLATIONS

The organisers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website. ***Please note that there will be no refunds if any event is cancelled.***

SAFETY COMMITMENT

Bike Methven and Cycling New Zealand Schools are committed to providing and maintaining upmost health and safety standards, by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm from occurring to the event staff, participants and all other personnel involved in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Please report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Event Manager.

Please make sure you have the correct protective equipment as set out in the MTB Protection Policy as part of the MTBNZ Technical Regulations [here](#).

SMOKE, DRUG AND ALOCHOL FREE

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

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The event recognises that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distance being adjusted in the interest of participant and officials safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the Contingency Committee.

FIRST AID

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

In an Emergency call 111

ENDURO INFORMATION

FRIDAY 27th MARCH

Venue: Event village, Mt Hutt Bike Park, Lower Ski Field Road, Mt Hutt, Methven

Cost: \$40

Briefings: A compulsory race briefing will be held at 12.30pm. & 1.15pm

Start:

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U16, 17 & 20 Boys	12.45 - 1.15pm	1.15pm	1.30pm approx	1.45pm approx	2.15pm approx

Prize giving: 5.30pm

Order: Riders will leave at 30 second intervals in the following order - Girls; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. Boys; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. Schools will be ordered alphabetically, start as a school group, within each age category. Teams need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest) during the entry phase prior to the event. Start waves will be posted on the Wednesday prior to the event.

Equipment: Compulsory - approved full-face helmet.

Any 1 or 2-Piece helmet with approved Safety Certification is permitted

- 'Enduro Style' 2 Piece helmets with removable Chin-bar are permitted if they meet the approved Safety Certification below. Note the Chin-bar must be attached any time the rider is on course

- Must achieve one of the following approved Safety Certification standards: ASTM-F1952 (ASTM for DH), UN/ECE Reg No. 22, AS 1698, NZ5430, British standard BS 6658 or Japanese standard T8133

Course: The course will use a mix of Mt Hutt Bike Park tracks (up and down).

DOWNHILL INFORMATION

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

Venue: Event Village, Mt Hutt Bike Park, Lower Ski Field Road, Mt Hutt, Methven

Cost: \$60

Briefings: A compulsory practice briefing will be held at 9.00am and a compulsory race briefing will be held at 12.30pm

Practice: *** Riders must complete 2 practice runs to race ***
 Shuttles for practice runs will be available after the race briefing from approx. 9:20am until 12pm. Riders must be registered and have their race number on their bike to show that they are entered. Riders will be restricted to two practice runs each unless there is sufficient time for more. The intention is for each rider to have two practice runs prior to timed runs in the afternoon.

Shuttles: Riders must line up in an orderly fashion at the Event Village where an official will organise bike transport. No private vehicles to be used for shuttling on race day.

Start:

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ALL GIRL Grades plus U13, 14, 15 Boys	8.00 – 8.45am	9.00am	12.00- 12.30pm	12.30pm	12.45 – 1.42pm	2.52 - 3.49pm
U16, 17 & 20 Boys	8.00 – 8.45am		12.45- 1.15pm		1.42 – 2.51pm	3.50 – 5.00pm

Schools need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest) when they enter. Nationally ranked DH riders (both female and male) will race last. They will go in age groups in reverse order of their national ranking.

Prize giving: 5.30pm

Equipment: Compulsory - approved full-face helmet, neck brace, elbow protection and knee protection.

Any 1 or 2-Piece helmet with approved Safety Certification is permitted
 - 'Enduro Style' 2 Piece helmets with removable Chin-bar are permitted if they meet the approved Safety Certification below. Note the Chin-bar must be attached any time the rider is on course
 - Must achieve one of the following approved Safety Certification standards: ASTM-F1952 (ASTM for DH), UN/ECE Reg No. 22, AS 1698, NZ5430, British standard BS 6658 or Japanese standard T8133

Course: The course will use a mix of the Mt Hutt DH tracks (there will be optional by-passes around large jumps). The average rider will take about 4 minutes to complete the course.

Weather: In the event of poor weather, seeding run times may be used to determine overall race results.

CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

SUNDAY 29th MARCH

Venue: Event Village, Mt Hutt Bike Park, Lower Ski Field Road Mt Hutt, Methven

Cost: \$30

Briefings: A compulsory race briefing will be held prior to the start.

Start:

Sunday 31 March – CROSS COUNTRY

Age Grade	Plate & Timing Chip Pick Up	Line up at start line for briefing & chips turned on	Race Start
U13, 14 - Boys & Girls	7.45 – 8.10am	8.10am	8.30am
U15, 16 - Boys & Girls	9.00 – 9.40am	9.40am	10.00am
U17 & 20 - Boys & Girls	10.15 – 11.00am	11.10am	11.30am

There will be a mass start for each age category (with male and female riders starting together – depending on entry numbers). Nationally ranked riders will be called forward to the front rows by the starter (evidence of rankings needs to be supplied at time of registration). They will be followed by experienced riders, then less experienced riders whom team managers will need to identify.

Prize giving: 1.30pm

Equipment: Compulsory - A helmet that satisfies the current New Zealand or equivalent international standards is compulsory.

Course: The lap length is approx. 4km. The start lap will begin at the Event Village. A rider's race **ceases** when they complete their final lap (Commissaires can close the course if most of the field has finished, any riders still to finish will keep their placings as of lap finished). The race will follow a multi-lap format with each lap taking approximately 20 minutes to complete for the average rider. The same course will be used by all competitors and so is designed to cater for beginners through to experienced riders (dependent on weather).

Laps: TBA

Feed Zone: Competitors may receive food, drink and technical assistance **within the designated feed/tech zone only**. Only one feeder per competitor is permitted in the feed zone. Outside of the feed/tech zone, assistance is permitted only between riders who are members of the same school.

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 (\$50) Received/Held by: _____

Official Receiving Protest: _____

Passed to Chief Commissaire (Date/Time) _____