

CYCLING NEW ZEALAND POSITION STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES – UPDATE #3

31 August 2020

COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the world. On the [15 July](#) and [17 August](#) Cycling New Zealand (herein referred to as CNZ) published position statements on international campaigns and project activities. In developing this position statement, consideration was given (but not exclusively) to how the pandemic has affected the general population worldwide, cycle racing, travel, short and long term health risks and CNZ's duty of care towards its members and staff. Along with recommendations from MFAT and the New Zealand Government.

On 24 August UCI published its [protocol](#) for the resumption of mountain bike competitions in 2020. The document applies to all UCI-registered international competitions, in particular the UCI MTB World Championships for cross country, downhill, E-MTB and marathon and eliminator events. In relation to the published protocols, CNZ has taken the following position:

- CNZ will NOT enter any riders in the 2020 UCI MTB World Championships, 2020 UCI MTB Marathon World Championships and the 2020 UCI MTB World Cups unless they have 2020 contractual obligations with a UCI listed mountain bike team;
- Any riders named in national teams for any of these events are required to be based in Europe for at least 1 month prior and to make their own arrangements with regard to entry exemptions and quarantine requirements for the countries they intend to travel to. Additionally, would be responsible for their own quarantine when returning to New Zealand;
- CNZ will NOT provide any New Zealand based staff for any of these events. Any riders named in national teams for these events will need to be solely reliant on their UCI teams for support. CNZ will facilitate entries as required and provide national team uniform. However, we strongly recommend all riders undertake their own personal risk assessment of the situation, and ensure they have support measures and plans in place should they find themselves in a changed circumstance;
- CNZ will work in collaboration with selected athlete's UCI trade teams to ensure staff can service riders during the events;

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- Finally, for avoidance of doubt, CNZ will not enter any U19 (UCI Junior category) riders in any overseas events over which it has entry jurisdiction between now and 31 December 2020 (Regardless of any potential exceptions listed above).

CNZ continues to monitor the global situation and reserves the right to modify its approach to its activities at any time prior to the above events running.



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