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CYCLING NEW ZEALAND POSITION STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES – UPDATE #5

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As a result of the ongoing and ever evolving Covid-19 pandemic, Cycling New Zealand has put together an international travel working group. This working group meets on a regular basis to evaluate Cycling New Zealand's international travel position any time new domestic or international information related to the pandemic becomes available.

At present and in light of the ever evolving Covid-19 worldwide situation, Cycling New Zealand will revise its Covid-19 related travel position at every end of the month, starting from January 2021, and until further notice.

Cycling New Zealand continues to support and endorse the position of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), which reads as follows:

“MFAT currently advise that New Zealanders do not travel overseas at this time due to the outbreak of COVID-19, associated health risks, widespread travel restrictions and difficulty returning home to New Zealand (current statement as at 4pm 8/12/2020)”

Travel restrictions

Between now and when the working group meets at the end of January 2021, Cycling New Zealand will not be conducting or endorsing any National Team or Performance Hubs campaigns, projects or individual entries in any events due to take place outside of New Zealand before 1 February, 2021.

Exceptions

However, the only possible exception to the aforementioned position would be in the case where countries have established a travel bubble between New Zealand and that country, or in the case where Cycling New Zealand registered athletes who are on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic long list need to compete internationally to complete Olympic qualification or selection processes. In the case where a Tokyo 2020 long listed athlete is required to compete internationally before or after 1 February 2021, a request must be formally submitted in writing to the Cycling New Zealand High Performance Director (HPD), at least 60 days before the

scheduled event is set to take place. At the time where a request is asked, this request will be evaluated against Sports New Zealand (SNZ) guidelines for International travel before approval is considered and possibly granted.

For additional information, please contact Cycling New Zealand at info@cyclingtonewzealand.nz for more details.

Travel bubble

In the case where a government endorsed travel bubble is implemented, Cycling New Zealand still reserves the right to not conduct any national campaigns or projects unless the event organisers can demonstrate an appropriate level of duty of care and planning in regards to Covid-19, or other factors that may impact a rider's health and wellbeing.

Cycling New Zealand and Olympic Selections

In the case of MTB and BMX, the respective Cycling New Zealand selection policies as well as Olympic policies are currently all under review and will be published as soon as possible; whereas the Olympic Road Selection policy was published in June 2020.

International result considerations

As international events in both MTB and Road over the course of the 2020 season were minimally disrupted, all results acquired from 15 March 2020 will be considered for selection; whether it be for Cycling New Zealand or Olympic selection policies. Pertaining to BMX, no results gained in the BMX discipline, between March 15th and December 31st 2020, will be considered for either Olympic or Cycling New Zealand selection.



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