

Event Risk Assessment Recommendation UCI BMX Racing WORLD CUP #2, Papendal, NED

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Event Details	
Event Name	UCI BMX Racing WORLD CUP #2, Papendal, Netherlands
Date of Event	11-12 June 2022
Location of Event including Country	Papendal, The Netherlands
Event website	http://www.bmxpapendal.com/
Organiser	LOC: High Performance Centre Papendal email: melissa.vandelft@papendal.nl
Sanctioning body	UCI
GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Current NZ government travel recommendations	<p>www.safetravel.govt.nz</p> <p>This is the first time the safe travel website has been updated in the last 2 years. New advice is as follows:</p> <p>9/3/2022</p> <p>This COVID-19 travel advice applies to all international travel, in all destinations. If you are planning international travel at this time, please read this advice alongside our destination specific travel advisories.</p> <p>In line with step two of the Government's 5-step plan to re-open New Zealand's borders, at 11:59pm on Friday 4th of March 2022, we removed the SafeTravel global 'Do not travel' advisory and returned to issuing destination-specific travel advisories.</p> <p>While our borders have reopened for fully vaccinated New Zealand citizens, it is important to remember that international travel is different now. Travel has become more complicated and there are additional things you need to think about when planning your trip overseas.</p> <p>Although many countries now have increasingly high vaccination numbers, any country could continue to experience a sudden outbreak of COVID-19. This may include the emergence of new variants of concern, which may lead to the sudden imposition of strict travel restrictions or health measures that could impact upon your travel plans, and your travel insurance. If you're heading overseas, it's important you think about the risks of contracting COVID-19 in</p>

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	<p>your destination. This may mean that you have to remain overseas for longer than you had planned, which may have financial implications for you. We recommend that all New Zealand travellers make contingency plans in case disruptions mean you need to support yourself overseas for longer than you planned.</p> <p>All travellers also need to be aware of the requirements for returning to New Zealand. You can read more about that on the Unite Against COVID-19 website here.</p> <p>We advise that New Zealanders overseas follow local health advice and use basic hygiene measures to minimise the risk of exposure. The Ministry of Health provides useful information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19</p> <p>New Zealanders travelling or living in The Netherlands should have comprehensive medical and travel insurance policies in place that include provision for medical evacuation by air.</p>
Current host country government travel recommendations	<p>Specific Travel Advice for The Netherlands https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/netherlands</p> <p>Exercise increased caution Exercise increased caution in the Netherlands due to the threat of terrorism.</p>
Current requirements to enter country	<p>Travelling to the Netherlands: negative COVID-19 test result no longer required From 23 March 2022 people travelling to the Netherlands from outside the EU/Schengen area no longer need to show a negative test result.</p> <p>You do not require a Short-Stay Visa</p> <p>You can travel to the Netherlands and other Schengen countries for a maximum of 90 days without a visa. You will, however, still need to meet certain requirements. Please check the requirements for entering the Netherlands without a visa.</p> <p>Your Indicated Situation</p> <p>What will be the duration of your intended stay in the Schengen area? 90 days or less</p> <p>What is your nationality? New Zealander</p> <p>https://consular.mfaservices.nl/schengen-visa/schengen-advisor/GFZSA/advisor-result/no-short-stay-visa-needed</p>

Current requirements to return to NZ	<p>The following people can enter New Zealand now from anywhere in the world and self-test on arrival with 2x RATS tests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand citizens • Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand residents • Vaccinated Australian citizens and permanent residents • Unvaccinated Australian citizens who live in New Zealand • Current temporary work and student visa holders, with a valid visa who can still meet their visa requirements. This includes both visa holders currently offshore, and those in New Zealand who choose to travel overseas and wish to return • Up to 5,000 international students, for semester 2 • Vaccinated travellers with a border exception • Vaccinated travellers on a working holiday scheme • Vaccinated travellers from countries who do not need a visa (visa waiver visitors) • Vaccinated travellers from other countries who already hold a valid visitor visa • Other vaccinated eligible travellers under current border settings <p>https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#who-can-enter-new-zealand-now</p>
Does travelling to the event include any likely stop overs that present any risk?	Depending on airline, and where riders are traveling from. This would need to be checked when booking flights as it depends on which country you are entering and there may be a requirements for testing at the location.
Travel and health insurance requirements	Take out comprehensive medical insurance, including cover for hospitalisation and medical evacuation. Make sure it covers your personal circumstances, both for pre-existing conditions and the activities you plan to undertake.
Any Terrorism, Social and Political Situation that present any risk at the location of the event	<p>Specific Travel Advice for The Netherlands https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/netherlands</p> <p>Exercise increased caution Exercise increased caution in the Netherlands due to the threat of terrorism.</p>
COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination	
A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.	<p>Around 1,700 daily cases currently, with a relatively low death rate as well.</p> <p>Much lower case numbers than the peak experienced in February 2022</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/netherlands/</p> <p>Most restrictions have been lifted.</p>

	<p>No entry ban for travellers from safe countries</p> <p>The EU entry ban does not apply to travellers from safe countries outside the EU/Schengen area. Please note: the United Kingdom (UK) is not part of the EU/Schengen area.</p> <p>List of safe countries and areas</p> <p>The following countries and areas outside the EU/Schengen area are designated safe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahrain • Chile • China, mainland (the EU entry ban will apply to China until China lifts entry restrictions on European travellers) • Colombia • Hong Kong SAR • Indonesia • Kuwait • Macau SAR • New Zealand • Peru • Qatar • Rwanda • Saudi Arabia • South Korea • Taiwan • United Arab Emirates • Uruguay <p>EU entry ban for countries and areas not on the safe list</p> <p>An EU entry ban applies to travellers from countries and areas outside the EU/Schengen area that are not on the safe list. If the purpose of your trip is on the list of exemption categories on this page, you can travel to the Netherlands. You can also travel to the Netherlands if you have valid proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. This proof of vaccination recovery must meet certain requirements.</p>
<p>MIQ requirements at destination</p>	<p>Self-quarantine requirement lifted as of 25 February 2022</p> <p>From 00.01 on 25 February 2022 people travelling to the Netherlands no longer have to self-quarantine on arrival. There are still other rules for travellers. See the checklist to find out what rules apply to you.</p> <p>https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/self-quarantine</p>

Contract Tracing requirements	No requirements mentioned
Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	As of 25 February 2022, the coronavirus entry pass (QR code) is no longer needed for going to a bar, restaurant or activity. The coronavirus entry pass desk for visitors in Amsterdam is closed as of 24 February 2022.
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	<p>https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/coronavirus-measures-in-brief</p> <p>Coronavirus measures and advice in brief</p> <p>Some measures and advice to limit the spread of coronavirus are still in place. The vaccinations are working as they should and many people have built up resistance due to being infected with coronavirus. But coronavirus has not gone away. People will continue to get infected and become ill. The government is therefore monitoring the situation closely and will take action as appropriate, based on how the situation develops.</p> <p>Measures for limiting the spread of coronavirus</p> <p>Nearly all coronavirus measures have been lifted. Only the following measures still apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks at airports and on planes • Face masks must still be worn on planes and at airports beyond the security checkpoint. <p>Advice and measures to limit the spread of coronavirus</p> <p>The basic advice continues to be: wash your hands, cough and sneeze into your elbow, stay home and do a test if you have symptoms, ensure a good flow of fresh air indoors and get vaccinated and boosted.</p>
Event Plans	
<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Nothing included in their race information specifically relating to Covid

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination requirements • Pre and during event testing • Protocols if a NZ rider tests positive 	
<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address your safety:</p> <p>Eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical coverage • Security • Emergency response • Official practice or training times. 	<p>MEDICAL COVER</p> <p>A team of doctors and paramedics will be present throughout practice and racing. The team will be based on the track and have use of a medical room at the bottom of the start ramp.</p> <p>The medical team will be available at the following times:</p> <p>Official Practice Day Friday 10 June 2022 10:00 to 18.00</p> <p>Competition Days Saturday 11 June 2022 08:00 to 19:30 Sunday 12 June 2022 08:00 to 19:30</p> <p>The nominated hospital: Hospital Rijnstate Wagnerlaan 55 6815 AD Arnhem +31 (0)26 378 8888</p> <p>Be advised; when visiting the hospital you will need to bring;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of ID/Passport, • address, postal code and place of residence. • Copy of assurance / health care incl. phone number
<p>Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?</p>	<p>Rules for holidaying in the Netherlands</p> <p>https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/tourism-and-recreation-in-the-netherlands</p> <p>If you develop coronavirus symptoms, you are advised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay in your accommodation, • avoid contact with others and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get tested by the municipal health service (GGD) or do a self-test. <p>If the result of your self-test is positive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you must isolate, • get tested by the GGD to confirm the result, • do not travel if you have symptoms (except to a test centre). <p>Testing positive while visiting the Netherlands</p> <p>If you are visiting the Netherlands and you test positive for coronavirus, you must self-isolate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you booked your trip through a tour operator, contact them if you need to isolate due to a positive test. • If you are travelling independently, you must arrange a place to isolate yourself. <p>If you continue to test positive, contact the country you are travelling to after your stay in the Netherlands to find out about the entry rules for that country.</p> <p>A negative test is required for entry to NZ, however it is possible if the rider has contracted COVID19 whilst over there the pre-departure test could return a positive result. If this is the case then a medical certificate will be required. Details as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If your pre-departure test is positive, but you believe this is because of a historical COVID-19 infection, you need to see a medical practitioner who will examine you for current symptoms of COVID-19.</i> • <i>If they are confident you do not currently have a COVID-19 infection, you will need them to provide:</i> • <i>a medical certificate with the date of your previous positive test, within 48 hours of your first international flight and</i> • <i>documentation stating that they consider you as no longer being infectious with COVID-19.</i> • <i>If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 3 months, book your medical examination in advance of receiving your test results.</i> • <i>You should also check with your airlines about any regulations they may have in place regarding past COVID-19 infections.</i> • <i>You are still required to provide a current valid pre-departure test if you have recovered from COVID-19.</i>
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	https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-tests-to-enter-new-zealand/
Medical	
Current pressure on local health system that may impact your ability to receive medical support in the event of an injury.	Given the relatively low number of cases currently being experienced in The Netherlands and the low death rate it is assumed the hospitals are not under stress at this point in time.
Athlete health check prior to travel	<i>The UCI do not have any requirements for pre-health checks prior to competing in an international event, aside from the COVID requirements as stipulated by the event. It is however recommended by Cycling NZ that all riders have a medical check from either a HPSNZ doctor or their local GP to identify any underlying medical conditions that could be additional risk if they were to contract COVID19 prior to leaving NZ.</i>
Recommendation for self-health checks while at event	Self-manage for any COVID19 symptoms
Assessment Summary and Recommendations	



The key points:

- Case numbers lower than what we are experiencing in NZ.
- There are currently no effective restrictions for The Netherlands
- The NZ Government is easing restrictions on travel, however this can change at short notice as we have seen in the past.

It is important to note:

- COVID19 is still an unknown virus and can escalate extremely quickly, this could result in difficulty in getting back home to NZ should there be an outbreak and also treatment at a hospital could be impacted for not only COVID19 related symptoms but other injuries.
- If an athlete contracts COVID19 they will be required to isolate for 7 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events

Given the above it is recommended that this event is deemed:

ORANGE – Based on the information available, there are some moderate risks of attending this event outside of what should be reasonable accepted for international travel. All those wishing to receive an entry/accreditation or selection should complete an informed consent form and will be required to adequately and appropriately be able to demonstrate their understanding of this additional risk and their plans in place to mitigate the. These risks are as follows:

- 1. Acknowledge that the chance of contracting COVID19 during travel is still possible and you will be required to isolate in Netherlands if you test positive for 7 days.**
- 2. The event is not required to have any restrictions in place so there is a higher chance of someone having COVID at the event and a rider catching it.**
- 3. Ability to stay in Netherlands or in another country for an extended period of time, if the NZ government decides to change the border status**
- 4. If you contract COVID-19 and want to return to NZ you may still return a positive pre-departure PCR test so a medical certificate will be required within 48 hours prior to travel**

Recommendation approved by Independent Risk Assessor: Shanelle Barrett

Signed:



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