

CYCLING NEW ZEALAND POSITION STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES – UPDATE #8

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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 regularly revise its Covid-19 related travel position, starting from January 2021, and until further notice.

GENERAL STATEMENT

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 29 March 2021).”

As such, Cycling New Zealand will not be conducting or endorsing any National Team, Performance Hubs campaigns, projects or individual entries in any events due to take place outside of New Zealand before 31 May 2021.

Cycling New Zealand acknowledge and understand the impact that this statement will have on individuals and their ability to continue to complete and to participate in the sport of cycling at an international level. In particular the uncertainty for future planning for activity outside this current period. The decision of this statement is driven by the duty of care that Cycling New Zealand has for endorsing or supporting riders at international events, the advice from the government regarding travel at the time and the directives of Sport New Zealand. The regular assessment of this statement is acknowledging that the pandemic continues to evolve and recognises Cycling New Zealand’s intent to adapt accordingly.

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Exceptions

The following exceptions to the above apply:

- In the case where countries have established a travel bubble between New Zealand and another country, 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.
- Riders that are contracted to overseas-based UCI registered trade teams and would therefore not require entry by the National Federation.
- Cycling New Zealand registered athletes who are on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic long list and need to compete internationally to complete Olympic qualification or selection processes (as covered on page 1 of this document). 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 Sport New Zealand's (SNZ) guidelines for International travel before approval is considered and possibly granted. For additional information, please contact Cycling New Zealand at info@cyclingnewzealand.nz for more details.

Specific Clarification

Cycling New Zealand recognises there is a need to provide specific clarification for some upcoming campaigns/events for riders and their families to prepare accordingly.

- **U19 Categories**

Concerning all disciplines, Cycling New Zealand advises it **will not** enter any U19 teams or make any selection in any UCI sanctioned 2021 World Championships or any other 2021 UCI sanctioned events held outside New Zealand (refer to exceptions listed above). Cycling New Zealand recognises the value and importance of selection for U19 riders at this level and may therefore make National titular* selections based on available quotas.

***Note** Titular in this context means we will be selecting a team in name only. Without any intent to compete at the specified event.

- **UCI MTB World Cups**

Cycling New Zealand, as a National Federation, will NOT enter riders in UCI World Cup events over which it has entry authority between now and 31 May 2021. For clarification, this includes:

- Supplementary Entries (riders without the required UCI ranking points and U19 riders).
- Individual Entries (riders with the required UCI ranking points).



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Cycling New Zealand and Olympic Selections

In the case of MTB and BMX, the Cycling New Zealand Olympic Nomination Criteria is currently under review and will be published as soon as possible; whereas the Olympic Road Nomination Criteria was published in June 2020.

Cycling New Zealand would like to reiterate the advice of 21 December 2020: 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 nomination. Pertaining to BMX, no results gained in the BMX discipline, between 15 March and 31 December 2020, will be considered for either Olympic nomination or Cycling New Zealand selection.

Managed Isolation (MIQ)

Unless specifically confirmed by Cycling New Zealand, any athlete who is returning to New Zealand is responsible for their own MIQ booking and any fees payable.

Pre departure testing

As of 23 February 2021, travelers returning to New Zealand from most locations worldwide require a certified pre-departure COVID-19 test in order to travel to New Zealand. Unless specifically confirmed by Cycling New Zealand, any athlete who is returning to NZ is responsible for their own COVID-19 test and any associated costs (this includes any testing required by other countries prior to departing NZ).

Vaccinations

Cycling New Zealand continues to work closely with Sport New Zealand and other agencies in regards to Covid-19 vaccinations. Advice on availability of vaccination for people qualified under the "National significance" category can be found [here](#). Cycling New Zealand will provide any further updates as they become available.

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