

As the Covid-19 pandemic and the global and domestic response continues to evolve, Cycling New Zealand is updating its position on international competition activities. This was last updated 15 October 2021.

Through its previous position statements, the focus has been on a response to the Covid-19 pandemic. As this pandemic continues to evolve, in some cases the specific risks associated with it has reduced.

Through this process it has highlighted other risk associated with international travel that Cycling New Zealand should consider before endorsing international event entries. This applies to any athlete or support staff (regardless of cycling code or category) who is requesting selection, entry or accreditation into international events where Cycling New Zealand, as the National Federation, has entry jurisdiction.

As such, the significant change in this position statement is that the assessment of risk will move beyond just Covid-19 and will include (but not limited to):

- CNZ's duty of care and obligations to its riders and staff
- Advice from MFAT, Sport NZ and other government departments
- Information for [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)
- Covid-19 or other pandemics
- Terrorism, Social or political instability
- The global pandemic environment (including consideration of domestic and global vaccination programmes)
- The ability for NZL citizens to return to New Zealand
- advice from Chubb Travel Smart
- advice from an independently appointed risk assessment professional
- World Health Organisation recommendations and statistics
- Availability and scope of international travel insurance

### Position Statement

CNZ acknowledge and agree the position of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) in regard to international travel as it pertains to athletes and support staff undertaking international travel for competition purposes. This is summarized below:

*The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted on sport related international travel. The New Zealand Government currently recommends that New Zealanders do not travel overseas, but New Zealanders are not prevented from doing so. Despite the international pandemic, professional and high-performance athletes and teams have a number of motivations for travelling overseas to train or compete in international competitions.*

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It is noted that on 3 February, the New Zealand Government announced the next steps for reopening New Zealand's border/reconnecting New Zealanders to the world. In line with these changes the current SafeTravel COVID-19 global advisory will be removed and destination specific travel advisory levels will be reinstated using our four level advisory rating system.

For those wishing to travel to an event where CNZ has entry jurisdiction over, the International Event Entry Process (IEEP) will remain in place indefinitely with a shift towards assessing any risk (not just covid-19).

The update to the IEEP can be summarised below:

- All Events where NZL riders are considered for selection, entry or accreditation from an event that Cycling New Zealand has entry jurisdiction over will be assessed through our independent risk assessor.
- Where an event is assessed as GREEN – Based on the information available, there is low risk attending this event outside of what should be reasonable accepted for international travel. All those wishing to receive an entry/accreditation or selection are required to complete an informed consent form.
- Where an event is assessed as ORANGE – Based on the information available, there are some moderate to high 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 are required to 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 this.
- Where an event is assessed as RED – Based on the information available, there are some serious and extreme risk of attending this event outside of what should be reasonable accepted for international travel. At this time Cycling New Zealand will not accept, process or make any selections for this event. Cycling New Zealand reserve the right to review this decision if more information is available.

While acknowledging that this process cannot fully eliminate the risks of travelling overseas at this time, Cycling New Zealand believes that any individual successful in their application, is, as reasonably practicable, fully informed of the risks of traveling at this time, and participating in events overseas. The International Event Entry Process also seeks to assist CNZ in fulfilling their health, safety and wellbeing obligation.

Click [here](#) for the full IEEP process.

