

Cycling New Zealand Road & Track (CNZRT) position statement on COVID-19

To all Affiliated Road & Track Clubs & Centres

It's important that as a sport, we need to play our part in keeping our communities, friends and family safe by doing everything possible to limit the spread of the COVID – 19 virus.

We have already seen larger cycling events throughout New Zealand postponed or cancelled. The Road and Track Council now ask that you review your own events and activities as soon as possible.

There is a range of information available for clubs and centres to consider and we recommend the following:

- All Clubs & Centres should follow and adhere to the New Zealand Government and Ministry of Health policies and directives at all times. Please see the following link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
- Clubs & Centres should also follow the advice of any other authorities, such as their local council, landlords, or custodian of regular meeting places in terms of undertaking club activity.
- Regarding Club & Centre activity, please follow the specific advice issued by the Ministry of Health for Public Events and Mass Gatherings. See the following link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-advice-public-events-and-mass-gatherings>
- If your Club or Centre activity does not fall under the criteria mentioned in the link above, CNZRT asks that you fully consider the risks to health and wellbeing of all those attending. The key thing to consider is whether or not the race, group ride or meeting will in any way enable the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Please see the following link for some things to consider: <https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/covid-19/clubs-and-event-organisers/>
- We recommend postponing any formal Club and Centre gatherings (of any size), where members might feel obliged to participate or would miss out on a recognised achievement (eg Club or Centre champs, race series etc). This will help those who are in self-isolation or who are managing their own social distancing from feeling excluded.
- We recommend that Committee meetings use online tools such as free video conferencing like ZOOM / Skype.
- We suggest using on-line systems such as Strava (<https://www.strava.com>) or Zwift (<https://www.zwift.com>) to arrange safe competition between your club riders.
- Continue to regularly engage with your members through your website, Facebook pages and email newsletters. Offer assistance to those who need to be isolated with this virus and to those who are feeling anxious.

The Road & Track cycling community must do our part to help contain the spread of the virus, while helping and supporting each other through the challenges that now face every New Zealander.

Be kind. Be careful. Consider others.

Warm Regards

Mike Sim, on behalf of the Road & Track Council