



Commissaires Attire

With so many new Commissaires joining the team, it's timely to remind everyone of the protocols around Commissaires uniforms at events. It's important that we conduct ourselves and present ourselves to competitors, supporters and the general public in a way that is professional and that shows our respect for those that we are dealing with as Commissaires.

There are some general principles and some more defined guidelines that can be applied for the level of event that you are officiating at.

General Principles

- As a Commissaire, you are representing Cycling New Zealand and the wider sport of Cycling
- The President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) will normally determine specifically what uniform is to be worn when you are working as part of a team. If you aren't sure, check with the PCP.
- A uniform, by definition, is everyone in the team dressed the same. In the same way that we expect riders to be correctly attired and wearing the same uniform, we expect our officials to return that respect by doing likewise.

Other considerations

- Different events and different roles may require specific types of attire. Each code has attire that suits the situations that Commissaires find themselves operating in – road, track, CX, MTB & BMX have their own requirements that suit the environment that is worked in, along with the unique culture of each code. Similarly, roles like Motorcycle Commissaire will have the need for specialist safety and wet weather gear that will require deviation from the standard uniform.
- Environmental conditions – extremes of temperature, rain, mud, indoor or outdoor
- Any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that may be required to keep you safe. i.e. caps for protection from the sun, boots to walk a MTB circuit, Hi-viz jackets for working on roads etc

General Guidelines

These are a general expectations on Commissaires attire. The PCP may require a higher level of attire (particularly in situations such as working in front of paying spectators) or a more relaxed attire in specific situations. At all times, the General Principles should be applied (some commissaires may prefer to wear a skirt rather than pants).

Club / Open / Regional event – blue polo, black pants/shorts, closed footwear

Regional Championships – white shirt, black pants / shorts, closed footwear

National (Including Schools) MTB/BMX – blue polo, black pants/shorts

National Series Road & Track event - blue polo, black pants, closed black footwear

National Championships Road & Track Event (including School Nationals and Islands) - white shirt, black pants, closed black footwear, tie or scarf (this is the full uniform, a.k.a. as "No.1"s)

At a Managers meeting for a Road & Track National level event, the expectation is that those who are presenting to the meeting will be wearing full "No.1" uniform.

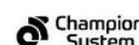
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Cycling New Zealand Issued Uniform

If you are an active Commissaires at club/regional events for all codes or for CX, BMX or MTB National events – you can ask Cycling New Zealand to issue you a blue Commissaires polo. We issue 1 – 2 of these free of charge as recognition of your voluntary time. If you would like more than 1 or 2 we can sort this out for cost. If you are an active Commissaire at road & Track national events – you can ask Cycling New Zealand to issue you a white shirt. As above we issue 1 – 2 of these free of charge (they do come in short and long sleeve). We also have ties and scarves if needed.

For all Commissaires, we also have a black jacket that we issue one of. This jacket is not (nor intended to be) a top of the line rain/hail resistant gortex-style jacket. It is just another layer to be used for warmth that displays appropriate branding. We encourage those who are undertaking duties in the elements to bring their own jackets to use in severe conditions. In these cases the CNZ vest will be on the outside of everything so you will still be visible but you will be dry(er).

For National Championships Road, CX and MTB Events, we also issue (at the event) Commissaire Hi – viz vests – these are returned to us and re-issued at next event. Note these are just for visibility, they are not approved to undertake TTM duties. For those who have been at these events, it's great to easily and quickly be able to identify a Commissaires from a Cycling New Zealand Event Staff (in Pink) or from our other volunteers who are generally in orange.

In all cases, these should be paired with your own tidy black pants or tidy black shorts/skirt. The go-to will be black pants, but there are definitely some cases where shorts are appropriate (MTB/BMX in particular). From a comfort level as well as when the level of the event supports a more casual look (club/Open/Regional events as an example). The important factor is making sure that the team is still uniform in appearance.

Footwear

For all events, the expectations are that you have closed toe shoes for your protection and that are tidy, comfortable and fit for purpose for that event. You will likely be on your feet for a significant amount of time so they need to be comfortable and you may need to do a lot of walking so make sure they support you to do that! If you are at a Road or track event, the expectation is these are black leather shoes, if you are at a MTB or C X event you may like to consider tramping boots or off road running shoes for grip and to be practical out on course.

We would recommend you check in with your PCP of the event prior to leaving home to check you understand their expectations and you have what you need.