

International Travel Assessment Form
2021 Junior Track World Championships

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Event Name	Junior Track World Championships
Date of Event	1-5 September 2021
Location of Event including Country	Cairo, Egypt
Names of athletes, support staff travelling	
Travel itinerary Include any stopovers	Flights are likely to include 2 stop overs as a minimum. Depending on airlines available for flights
Current NZ COVID Alert Level and NZ government travel recommendations	<p>NZ is at alert level 1</p> <p>New Zealanders are advised not to travel overseas at this time.</p> <p>The New Zealand Government has raised its travel advice to “do not travel” — the highest level — regardless of destination.</p> <p>As of 19 April - You can travel from New Zealand to Australia without needing to quarantine there if you have been in New Zealand for 14 days or more and have not been in a designated COVID-19 outbreak location.</p> <p><i>Safe Travel advice below, please also refer to the Threat assessment report carried out for Cairo.</i></p>



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Regional Tensions

On 3 January 2020, an Iranian military commander and Iraqi paramilitary leaders were killed in a U.S. airstrike near Baghdad International Airport.

The security situation in the Middle East region is unpredictable and may become increasingly volatile.

State of emergency

Following attacks on Coptic churches in Tanta and Alexandria on 9 April 2017, Egypt authorities declared a state of emergency to allow for additional security measures to be implemented. New Zealanders currently in Egypt are advised to follow the instructions of local authorities, including any restrictions on movement.

Terrorism

There is a significant risk of terrorism across Egypt, including attacks that specifically target tourists and tourist areas.

Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding?

- **MIQ voucher** - <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>
- **Pre-departure testing requirements**
- **Who will cover the costs?**
- **Training options in room?**
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre->

All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica, Australia and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before departure. This is for all countries as at 25th January 2021.

MIQ charges are still \$3100 per person.

All travellers entering NZ are also required to:

[departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/](#)

- internationaltravel@sportnz.org.nz
<https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/what-to-do-before-you-travel-pre-departure-testing/>

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- Hold a managed isolation voucher, secured via the new allocation system. If you do not hold a voucher, you will be refused boarding.
- go into 'managed isolation' in a government-provided facility (hotel), or
- if you have COVID-19 symptoms, go into a quarantine facility (separate hotel).
- You will need to stay there for at least 14 days. This will prevent any further unmanaged COVID-19 infection coming into New Zealand. You can't self-isolate at home or take a domestic flight before the 14-day period is completed.
- Provide a pre-departure test – within 72 hours of departure – A positive test result means you may not be able to travel. If you test positive, you may not be able to board your flight. You should postpone your travel and follow local public health advice. If you choose to travel at a later date when you have recovered, you will be required to get a medical certificate within 72 hours from the time of departure that confirms that you had a positive COVID-19 test but have now recovered.

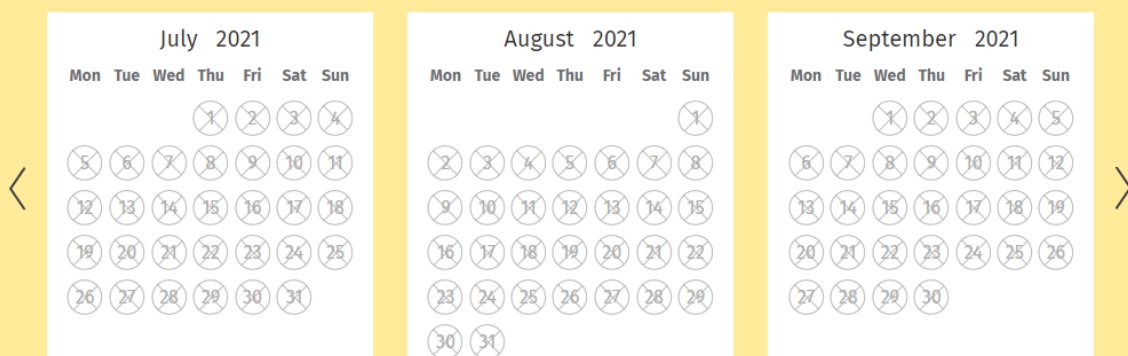
There are limited MIQ spots available, however they are released periodically so may become available.
Information from Sport NZ June update:

"Currently bookings can be made as far out as 30 October 2021, and MIQ's intention is to release vouchers up to six months in advance. MIQ vouchers for dates are released on a periodic basis and availability is constantly changing, so if your preferred date of travel is not available then keep checking. However, we highly recommend that you also have flexibility around your travel dates. As an example of this, while dates for September and October may show in MIAS as unavailable, it is our understanding that less than 50% of vouchers have been released for these months and the remainder will be continue to be released."

As at 25 June -- <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Current accommodation availability

Vouchers for MIQ are gradually released in batches over several weeks and months. Keep checking the system for available dates.



**Significance/Importance of this travel?
Olympic Qualifications etc.?**

- 1) Talent Confirmation for track cyclists transitioning through U19 – U23
- 2) International competition opportunity
- 3) International development opportunity for U19 riders
- 4) Development opportunity for targeted coaches
- 5) Attendance is mandatory for Entry to Elite track world championships

Travel Information and Insurance

In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)

Air NZ - All passengers are required to wear a face-covering prior to reaching the boarding gate and on all Air New Zealand operated flights. Passengers are welcome to wear their own face-covering and we will continue to make masks available.

High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and we are taking extra steps to ensure all our aircraft, lounges and airports are frequently cleaned. Hand sanitiser will be readily available.

Physical distancing is still recommended at the airport and while boarding at Alert Level 1. Where possible we will allocate additional space to support physical distancing on board

Our food & beverage service is back to normal. Please wear a mask or face covering while you're not enjoying a drink or bite to eat.

<https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/covid19#care>

Other airlines will need to be reviewed depending on airlines available to travel to The Netherlands. Athletes would be advised to wear a mask and carry out their own sanitization of their seats should they travel. This would be covered in their safety plan

Travel and health insurance status and what has been put in place.

Insurance for each rider will be known when they complete their safety plan. The rider will need to

<p>What will this cover? e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation? COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore required to isolate with no training options</p>	<p>acknowledge that any shortfalls from the insurance with regards to disruption, medical cover etc. will need to be personally covered by the rider</p> <p>Chubb – Declared “foreseen circumstance” There is no cover for trip cancellation or disruption if the policy was purchased after the customer became aware of circumstances which could lead to the cancellation or disruption of the trip (a “foreseen circumstance”). It is important that the customer considers this prior to the purchase of any new travel insurance or new travel arrangements for an existing travel policy with Chubb.</p> <p>Chubb considers COVID-19 to be a “foreseen circumstance” for policies that are issued and/or travel arrangements under an existing policy that are paid for after the following dates for travel to, from or within the following areas:</p> <p>5:00 pm (NZDT) on 22 January 2020 for Hubei province, China; 9:00 am (NZDT) on 2 February 2020 for mainland China; and 4:00 pm (NZDT) on 2 March 2020 for all other destinations outside New Zealand.</p> <p>Therefore, where a policy was issued and/or travel arrangements are paid for after the above dates, COVID-19 is considered a “foreseen circumstance” and as such claims for trip cancellation or disruption are unlikely to be covered by the policy. As such, please ensure that you or your client consider this prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.</p>
<p>Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	<p>Unknown at this stage until plans are completed by individuals</p>
<p>Testing requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a requirement for pre-departure testing? • What are the testing requirements on arrival? (e.g. rapid diagnostic testing, temperature or medical checks) 	<p>Negative PCR test within 3 x days of traveling to Egypt – it should be noted however that all fully vaccinated people need not take a test before traveling to Egypt – this new regulation was adopted by the Egyptian Ministry of Health from the 25 June</p> <p><i>This is information received from LOC due to difficulty in finding information on government website</i></p>
<p>COVID Information at Destination and transit locations</p>	
<p>Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations</p>	<p>Egypt Confirmed Cases – 279,184</p>

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.who.int/countries>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

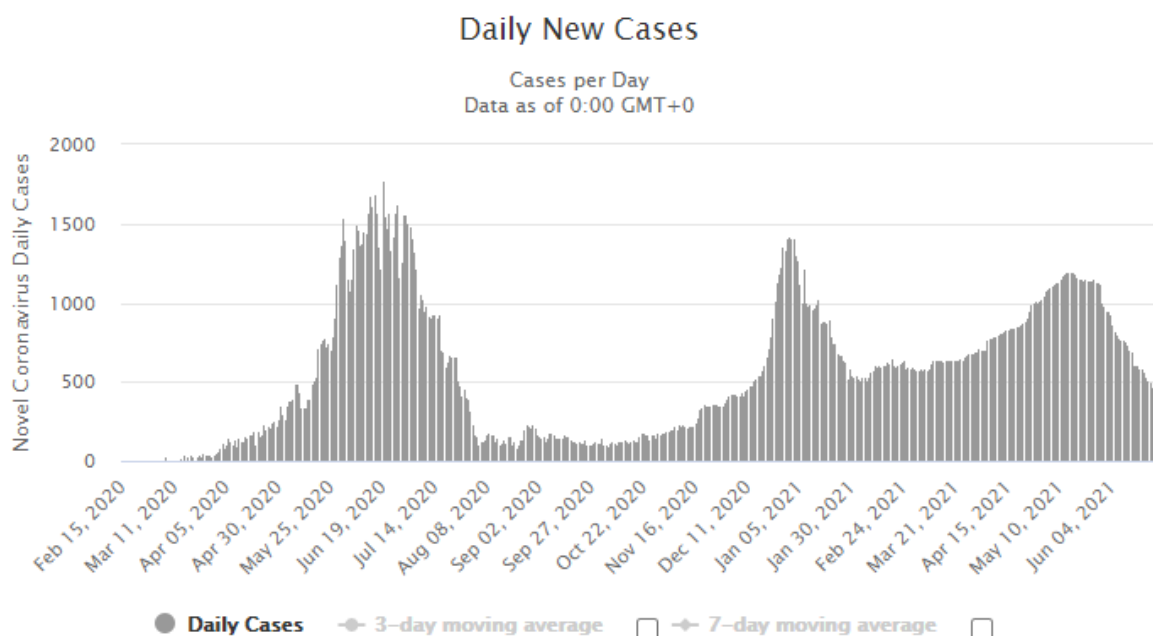
Deaths – 16,002
Daily new cases – 400-800

Egypt is just recovering from a sustained spike in COVID19.

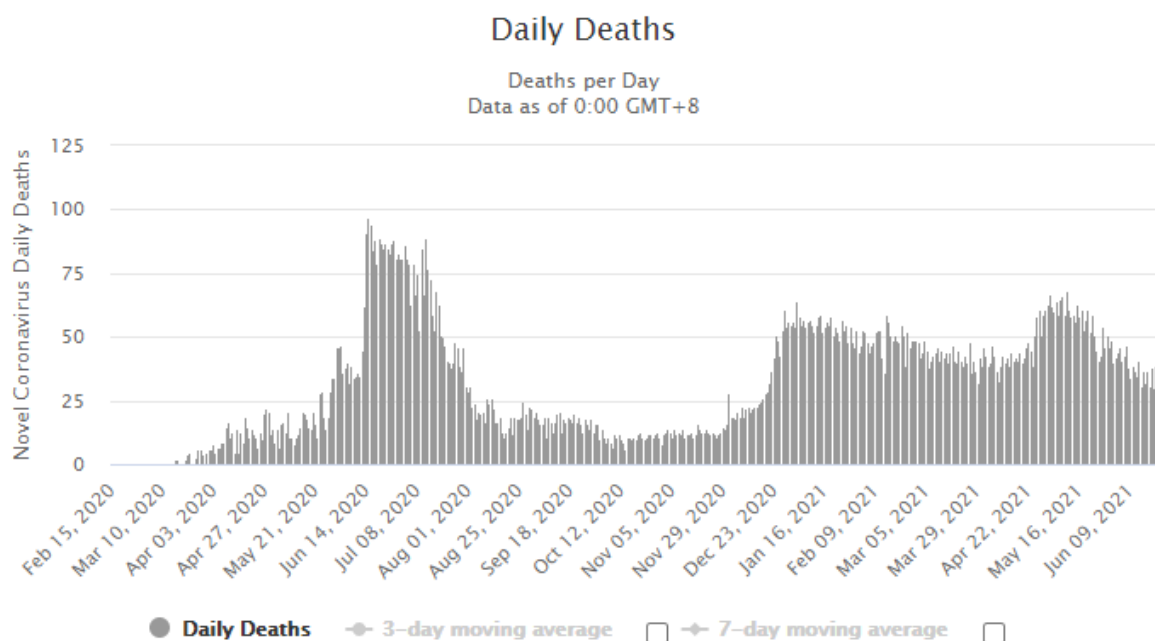
It is showing a decline however they have recorded consistent daily deaths for the last 6 months which is concerning and may be reflective of the limited hospital care that is available.

So far just over 4 million vaccine doses have been administered.

Daily New Cases in Egypt



Daily New Deaths in Egypt



MIQ requirements at destination – Key point here is ‘which country are you coming from’ and entering which country

- Which country are they travelling from and entering which country
- Number of days?
- Impact on training or details of what will be available?
- Costs?

COVID-19 PCR testing and other entry requirements – a PCR test 3 days prior to entry is required or -

All passenger with a valid COVID19 Vaccination Certificate will be exempted from mandatory PCR testing given that below conditions are met.

The vaccination certificate must be issued by an accredited laboratory in the issuing country. The vaccination certificate must contain a QR Code. Passengers who were vaccinated in Cairo for whom the vaccination certificate was issued in Cairo are exempt from providing a certificate with a QR code.

The vaccination certificate must not have any modifications or alterations (e.g. addition or deletion). 14 days must have passed since the date of the second dose for Pfizer / Moderna / AstraZeneca / Sinopharm / Sinovac / Sputnik

14 days have passed since the date of the first dose of Johnson and Johnson

Passengers who do not have a valid vaccination certificate, including Egyptian nationals, will need to carry a printed negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate from an accredited lab in English or Arabic for a test taken within 72 hours before the departure of their final direct flight to Egypt. The printed COVID-19 PCR test certificate must be original and must either be stamped by the laboratory/hospital or contain a QR code with relevant passenger details. The certificate must also have the following information:

Full name of the passenger

Passport number

The date and time the sample was taken

Details of the type of sample taken for the swab

	<p>Passengers who do not have a stamp or a QR code on their test certificate will be deported back to their point of origin.</p> <p>The COVID-19 PCR test certificate must also not have any modifications or alterations (e.g. addition or deletion).</p> <p>All passengers, irrespective of their vaccination status, who have been in or transited/ transferred through Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam in the past 14 days from the date of arrival in Egypt will be subject to an "ID Now COVID test" on arrival in Egypt. Passengers with a positive COVID ID Now test result will perform another PCR test and will remain at the airport until the test result is received. Any applicable cost for COVID testing will be borne by the passenger. In case the second test result is also returned positive, the passenger will then be transferred to a government hospital and standard COVID protocols will be applicable.</p> <p>Passengers travelling from Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, can take a COVID 19 PCR test up to 96 hours before their departure on their final direct flight to Egypt.</p>
Contract Tracing requirements	Unable to determine
Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	<p>https://eg.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/</p> <p>As of the evening of June 5, 2021, 267,171 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 15,309 deaths in Egypt were acknowledged by the Ministry of Health and Population. Egypt is implementing 14-day quarantine periods and other preventative measures in all cases for people who test positive for COVID-19 while in Egypt. Individuals who do not adhere to precautionary measures such as wearing a mask indoors may be subject to an immediate fine or prosecution. Large indoor weddings, funerals, festivals, or other mass gatherings are cancelled indefinitely. Businesses such as restaurants and cafes must operate 50 percent of capacity or less, with penalties of 4,000 LE to temporary business closures.</p> <p>There are currently no curfew restrictions in place and travel can occur between states.</p>
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.	Public transport and commercial flights are operating – unsure whether masks are required or not

<p>Specific health support (including COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 care) availability at destination.</p> <p>Information on current status of hospitals and health care facilities</p> <p>How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?</p>	<p>unknown</p>
<p>Additional details that could impact this assessment?</p>	<p>The venue is an indoor venue which presents higher risks of exposure to Corona virus and higher chance of close contacts and contraction of COVID-19.</p> <p>Egypt is currently listed as a RED country for entry into the UK. This means the advice is not to travel to this country and anyone returning to the UK from Egypt can only be British or Irish Nationals.</p> <p>Egypt is also considered a higher risk country according to the IOC/Japanese Government and now require additional measure before entering Japan and the Olympic environment (full information in separate document):</p> <p><i>Conditions of entry for Games participants, who have resided within the last 14 days in countries identified by the Japanese Government as presenting a higher level of risk due to the presence of COVID-19 variants.</i></p> <p><i>The current list of such countries is divided into two groups. The placement of countries within the two groups and the measures that must be followed, is based on various factors related to COVID-19 in each such country, which are determined by the Japanese Government. These groups are subject to change.</i></p> <p><i>Group 1 – Afghanistan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka</i></p> <p><i>Group 2 – Bangladesh, Egypt, Malaysia, United Kingdom and Vietnam</i></p>
<p>Event Details</p>	
<p>Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is in place to keep athletes and support crew safe? • Is it deemed sufficient? • Does it follow UCI protocols? • Plans if someone presents with COVID at the event venue? <p>UCI Requirements</p>	<p>UCI have released protocol for the organisation of Track Cycling Events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols.</p> <p>The following has been received from the LOC prior to releasing a COVID plan.</p> <p><i>We had been waiting in feedback from Dr Bigard, Chief Medical Officer at the UCI, as to whether we are going to need to do a bubble event or what we refer to as a protected event. His feedback is that due to the improvement in the situation in Egypt (see attached), we will not do a full bubble scenario, but will have strict protective measures in place, the primary examples of these being as follows:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x official team hotels with the aim that only riders and teams reside there • If they get filled with teams, happy days and we are able to manage accordingly • Should these hotels not get filled, then we will have separate floors for teams and riders that cannot be accessed by other guests, separate dining areas that cannot be accessed by other guests and separate entrance & exist points that cannot be accessed by other guests • At the velodrome, strict adherence to standard protocols such as masks, sanitising, distance where applicable etc • All team members will have to have a negative PCR test within 3 x days of traveling to Egypt – it should be noted however that all fully vaccinated people need not take a test before traveling to Egypt – this new regulation was adopted by the Egyptian Ministry of Health this week • Ongoing epidemiological monitoring will be done by antigenic tests on saliva every 3 days, for the riders and staff members of the teams as well as all working at the event. This will be in place from the first day of official training through to the end of the event. This procedure of repeated antigenic tests will alleviate the need for stricter bubble procedures. <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/track-covid-protocolreturncomp-eng.pdf</p> <p>https://juniortrackworldscairo.com/</p>
Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Unknown at this stage
Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	Given the current COVID status of the country it is likely that these could be limited in supply
Testing Requirements at event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All team members will have to have a negative PCR test within 3 x days of traveling to Egypt – it should be noted however that all fully vaccinated people need not take a test before traveling to Egypt – this new regulation was adopted by the Egyptian Ministry of Health this week

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Training facilities and plans	Unknown at this stage
Medical	
Athlete health prior to travel	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.
What medical support will there be for general illness, incidents etc.? Availability of medical supplies?	Unknown for event
Managing suspected cases abroad? What is the plan if someone within the travelling group presents with COVID19 symptoms? <i>If a team environment</i>	
Daily health Checks – how will this be carried out?	Daily health checks are likely to be required by the event and these could be carried out online through Cycling NZ.
Assessment Notes/Recommendations	
<p>Key Points:</p> <p>This is an indoor venue which is a higher risk of contraction of COVID</p> <p>LOC have not produced a COVID plan yet which would need to be reviewed to make a fully informed decision, however the LOC have confirmed that there will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official team hotels, with restrictions for public to be able to mix with riders and support At the venue there will be strict adherence to standard protocols such as masks, sanitising, distance where applicable Negative test required for entry into the country Ongoing tests every 3 days during the event <p>Currently Egypt are experiencing a reduced number of daily cases which is resulting in seeing 400-600 cases per day, but there are 35 deaths per day which is a high rate in comparison to the new cases per day. This is potentially indicative of the medical resources available, and this would be seen as a considerable risk not only if a team member were to contract COVID but also if they were to sustain an injury or other type of incident requiring medical support. Additional to this, if there was a terrorist attack in this country, on top of the already stretched medical facilities they would likely be under resourced to manage any foreign incidents/accidents or COVID patients.</p> <p>As per the Travel Safe website there is a high risk of terrorism in Egypt. Additional to this COVID assessment is a Threat Assessment that has been carried out. This states "At this time travel to Cairo Egypt is considered unadvisable due in no small part to COVID, however, the risk of terrorism in Cairo is</p>	

considerable.” If travel was considered then there would need to be significant investigation into the security detail that would be required to ensure the safety of the riders and support team.

RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

As at 27 June, with the current daily cases and deaths which likely point to the current medical state of the country, and without a confirmed plan from the LOC, entry into this event is not recommended.

Additional to this recommendation is the Threat Assessment which should be taken into careful consideration when reviewing this assessment.

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Signature:

Date:

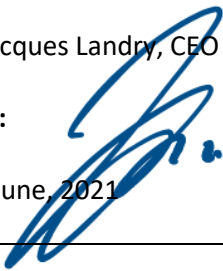
FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above APPROVED / DECLINED

Name: Jacques Landry, CEO Cycling New Zealand

Signature:

Date: 28 June, 2021



Resources

<https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2021.03.15-protocol-covid-comp-bmx-eng.pdf>

<https://worldchampionships.bmxpapendal.nl/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/>

<https://safetravel.govt.nz/news/advice-new-zealanders-overseas-0>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3615/guidelines-for-international-travel-for-new-zealand-nsos-16-december-final.pdf>

<https://hpsnz.org.nz/covid-19/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/plan-your-travel-to-nz/pre-departure-testing/>

<https://www.staralliance.com/en/country-info>

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID-19 - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

NZ Government COVID-19 - <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Information - <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/overview/>

<https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Complete these four steps if you are travelling to New Zealand

STEP ONE

Create an individual or family registration

Enter passenger details. For family registrations, enter the details of everyone in your group who is travelling to New Zealand with you.



STEP TWO

Hold your accommodation

Select your preferred arrival date in New Zealand. A 14-day stay in managed isolation will be held for 48 hours while you organise your flights.



STEP THREE

Confirm your arrival details

Book your flights then return here to enter your flight details to New Zealand. Your allocation in managed isolation will be confirmed.



STEP FOUR

Print or download your Voucher

You will need to present your Managed Isolation Allocation Voucher at the airport to board your flight to New Zealand.



Additional for this assessment:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/advice-guidance-and-resources/international-travel-exemption-form/>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3673/international-travel-update-28-01.pdf>