

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN – 2022 AGE GROUP ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The intent of this plan is to summarise Cycling New Zealand's response to the delivery of the **2022 Age Group Road National Championships** under the Covid Protection Framework and the steps that the event will undertake in considering all its stakeholders, the wellbeing of all those attending and to uphold the intent and guidelines directed by the NZ Government.

The event is sanctioned by Cycling New Zealand and the principals of this plan follow the [Cycling New Zealand Guidelines for the resumption of cycling events and organised cycling activity](#).

The event is scheduled to take place in an outdoor situation from Thursday 21 April – Sunday 24 April in Hokitika.

At the time of publishing this plan – 14 April 2022 – the country is in the ORANGE setting of the Covid Protection Framework and the event planning to take place under these ORANGE settings guidelines as set out by the Government and Sport NZ. It should be acknowledged by all that the settings will be reviewed again on 14 April 2022 and the guidelines could change at any time. The Ministry of Health (MOH) website and updates will be monitored and reviewed when new information is released.

The event will also operate under the principles of the '[Event Sector Voluntary Code for NZ](#)' which include:

- Demonstrate through planning and delivering, a commitment to Covid – 19 Ministry of Health Guidance and consider all those attending the event.
- Take all reasonable and practical measures to ensure the wellbeing of all those attending the event.
- Encourage a culture of adhering to best practice Covid-19 risk management.

This plan below provides a summary of the events response under the RED Setting of the Covid Protection Framework for general event planning and specifically considered the following groups of stakeholders: Riders, Officials, Volunteers, Contractors, Staff, spectators and members of the public (not connected with the event).

This plan does not eliminate the risk of someone at the event contracting Covid-19 or being identified as a close or casual contact. This plan is developed to mitigate the risk of this occurring as reasonable practically and to ensure there are appropriate plans in place there if a positive case or close/casual contact occur.

Details from this plan will be included in the events safety management plan. The Event Director is responsible for this plan.

More details on this event are available at www.roadnationals.nz

Approx. number of attendees directly under our control.

• Riders	500
• Team Managers	40
• Volunteers/Officials (event workers)	85
• Onsite Contractors (event workers)	10
• Staff (event workers)	10

Other groups not under our direct control

- Members of the public

This plan has been sent to the following persons for review:

- PCP (Chief Commissaire)
- Cycling New Zealand Events Director

EVENT OUTLINE

Thursday 21 April – Race Pack pick up, Team Manager’s Meeting, Volunteer briefing

Friday 22 April – Time Trial

Saturday 23 April & Sunday 24 April – Road Race

DEFINED GROUPS

As there is no capacity limits for outdoor events, there will be no defined groups for this event.

COMMUNICATION

All official communication will be from Cycling New Zealand via email. Any urgent communication will be via text. Messages will also be published on the event website, CNZ Facebook and Instagram.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The success and safety of this event relies on all those involved with the event to comply with the instructions and the intent of this plan and any instructions or messages issued by officials at the event. This plan can only work if we all work together. The continuation of events and racing is at risk if we are unable to support or follow this plan. Please ensure you are thinking about your own safety and that of others when you are interacting with those connected with the event and please ensure you are able to comply with the details in this plan before attending.

KEY EVENT COVID INFORMATION

- Masks are encouraged for all when indoors; this includes at the Team Managers meeting, race pack pick up, in vehicles, presentations and in the race office.
- Stay at home if you are sick (If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Health line and make sure you get tested.)
- Stay at home if you are awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- Stay at home if you have tested for COVID-19 and are still in your isolation period
- Stay at home if you have been a close contact with any known/suspected cases and are still within your isolation period.
- If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
- Have a plan if you are required to isolate away from home.

BASIC HYGIENE AND HEALTH INFORMATION

- You are encouraged to maintain physical distancing from people you do not know.
- Wash your hands.
- Get your booster vaccine as soon as possible.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- If you're concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
- If you have had Covid-19, ensure you safely return to exercise and competition. Click [here](#) for more

REPORTING

DURING THE EVENT - If you test positive or are notified as a household contact during the event, you will be required to withdraw from any further competition and you should contact the Events Director immediately.

AFTER THE EVENT - If you test positive within 7 days of the event, you should contact the Events Director as soon as possible.

Definitions of Close and Casual Contacts

To minimise your risk of exposure to Covid-19 through close or casual contacts, please ensure you are familiar with the definitions [here](#) and plan your activities and actions prior to and during the event to minimise any exposure that could lead to you being notified.

Traveling away from home

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a plan in place if you contract Covid-19 or are notified as a close or casual contact. This is particularly important for those travelling to the event. You can read more on the requirements here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/if-you-test-positive-for-covid-19/if-you-test-positive-for-covid-19-while-travelling-away-from-home/>



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This planning is based on the current Government Guidelines and the current Covid-19 environment and is subject to change at any time through change to the government guidelines or direction from any relevant authorities either prior to or during the event which may prevent the event going ahead or another change to its format. We will continue to keep you updated if there are any further changes. We appreciate your support.

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