



OMNIUM & MADISON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thank you to all those who have indicated their support for the Vantage Cambridge 3 Day track event.

To assist with your planning and preparation we wanted to update you some of our likely responses, based on likely scenarios for the event which is scheduled to take place in Cambridge on 17 – 19 December.

As you will all know, the Covid-19 landscape is changing all the time and there is a likelihood that we will move from the Alert Level System to the Covid Protection Framework system (Traffic Light System) prior to the event. This new framework is highlighted below however we are waiting for specific advice from Sport NZ prior to confirming the requirements for attendees under this framework. We are also working with our key partners such as our host venue; The Grassroots Trust Velodrome to also understand their requirements to safely and successfully hold the event.

We acknowledge that the landscape can change quickly and there is likely to be further clarification and guidelines issued from both the Government and Sport NZ in the coming weeks that may impact our decisions or change our planned responses below.

The decision will be made no later than 3rd December, based on the information available at that time.

- **If Waikato (as the host region) is in an Alert Level 3 or 4 the event will be cancelled.**

The Madison National Championships and the Omnium National Championships will be rescheduled early in 2022 (dates and venues to be announced). All riders will be offered a full refund.

- **If Waikato (as the host region) is in Alert Level 2 but any other region is prohibited from travelling, the event will still take place with a revised programme of non-championship events.**

This recognises the feedback we have received from riders regarding the offering of National Championship titles when parts of the country are prohibited from attending but the strong desire for racing to continue if possible. Numbers may be restricted to meet Alert Level 2 guidelines and the duration of the event may be altered with a revised programme. The Madison National Championships and the Omnium National Championships will be rescheduled early in 2022 (dates and venues to be announced). Those riders currently entered into a championship event will be offered a transfer to non-championship events or a full refund.

- **If all of NZ is in Alert Level 2 (or able to travel) the event will still take place however numbers may be restricted to meet Alert Level 2 guidelines. Priority will be given to championship event participants.**

We will review the numbers of entries for the championship events and look to review

the programme to enable as much participation as we can under the Alert Level 2 guidelines. Any rider currently entered, who misses out on a start due to restrictions will be offered a full refund.

- **Click here for the current general guidelines under the [‘Covid-19 Protection Framework’](#).**

We are still waiting for Sport NZ guidance on sport specific interpretation of these guidelines and how they can be safely applied in sports and recreation (specifically mandating vaccinations). These are subject to change as more information is made available and additional mitigations are considered at each level appropriate to the risk of Covid-19 in event environments. As such these are not Cycling New Zealand’s official position statement on mandating vaccinations at this time. Any rider who is unable to meet any requirements under this framework will be offered a full refund.

We acknowledge that this stance on National Championships (where part of the country are unable to attend) differs to an earlier decision, and that there are a number of factors that have been taken into consideration. We would like to thank those who provided feedback and to the Athletes Voice Committee (AVC) and the Schools Cycling Focus Group members for their feedback and perspective that has enable this decision to be made. We hope that this decision is supported by the wider rider community.

Thank you for your understanding, we will be in touch again when more information comes to hand.

Kind regards,

The events team at Cycling New Zealand