



Vantage Criterium National Championship – Impact of Covid-19

This is an update on the status of the upcoming Vantage Criterium National Championships scheduled to take place in Christchurch on the 14th November 2021 and the ability to support the ongoing delivery based on current and likely scenarios and the current Alert Levels.

We recognise Covid-19 continues to significantly impact the ability for many events to take place in this environment, taking into account the health and safety of all those attending and the government restrictions which support this.

We acknowledge that the impact for those of our riders in Auckland has been significant over the past few years and in more recent times the last 9 weeks. With the impact and restrictions now extending to the Waikato region – this is creating more challenges for us to deliver national level events.

Our desire to resume racing is strong and we are committed to supporting all our riders and the objectives of this championships while also staying committed to supporting the Government Guidelines (and the intent of the government guidelines) and the national health response to Covid-19.

Below are some likely scenarios that we are considering with a final decision to be announced on Monday 1st November:

- Christchurch is in Alert Level 2 – We have developed a plan to deliver the event if the host region Christchurch is in Alert Level 2. This plan has been reviewed by the Christchurch City Council and other key stakeholders and deemed suitable.
- Auckland is in Alert Level 3 – Riders from these regions will not be permitted to travel outside their region so unfortunately will not be able to attend the event. The event will continue and a full refund will be offered to these riders.
- Auckland and Waikato are in Alert Level 3 – With riders from both of these key regions not permitted to travel outside their regions they will not be able to attend. Due to the cumulative total of expected riders unable to attend and the impact this will have on the event, the event will not be held on the 14th November. All riders will be offered a full refund.

We are working with the council on a postponement date and will announce more details if required. If the event is postponed we will offer riders the options of a refund or a transfer.

These scenarios are based on the current 4 tiered Alert Level System. The government have indicated a new system may come into place with more details announced on Friday so it is likely these scenarios again will need to be reviewed with any new system announced.

We encourage all of those wishing to enjoy a summer of bike racing to get vaccinated and help us get back to doing what we all love. Click here <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/> for more on how to get vaccinated.

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To our Auckland riders.

We know the continued impact on you is the hardest. We know that if this event goes ahead without you, you will be gutted. We get it. It is not an easy decision to run a national championship without you but the opportunities to deliver any event in this environment is limited and it's hard. We are trying to support all of our riders, our sponsors and where possible deliver events to raise the profile of cycling so while you will be disappointed, we hope you understand.



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