



AOTEAROA CYCLO-CROSS FESTIVAL



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1. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Southerncross Cyclocross Club (SCCX) and Cycling New Zealand, we welcome you to Aotearoa Cross Fest 2023 (#ACXF23), including the 2024 National Cyclo-cross Championships. We look forward to a great event and hope you have an enjoyable time in Christchurch.

This guide provides useful information for all riders and officials.

2. WELCOME

Southerncross Cyclocross Club

Cyclo-cross is fun! We all know that it is the best form of cycling. Growing number of riders and the awesome community vibe tell us this.

The Southerncross Cyclocross Club is excited to be hosting the Aotearoa Cross Fest 2023. ACXF23 has a bit of everything, with events for kids, those wanting to try cyclo-cross for the first time, inter-club competition, getting rowdy and serious national level racing all with a little twist of western European food and atmosphere.

I would like to thank all those who have helped make this event a reality – the sponsors, Cycling New Zealand, stakeholders, cyclo-cross enthusiasts and fellow members of the Southerncross Cyclocross Club. It is the support of these folk that has brought ACXF23 to life.

We welcome riders, friends, family and supporters and ask that you bring along your noise makers to take part in a fantastic weekend of cycling and Christchurch hospitality.

Ryan Cooney
2023 President
Southerncross Cyclocross Club Inc.

Cycling New Zealand

A warm welcome to all riders and supporters for Aotearoa Cross Fest 2023, which includes the National Cyclo-cross Championships; it is always great to have Christchurch as a host City and we thank Southerncross Cyclocross Club, their volunteers and support personnel who are vital to the success of the event.

Our thanks also to the Commissaires who play a fundamental role in supporting the integrity in our sport – and give their time voluntarily to officiate events throughout the country.

This event is our premium cyclo-cross national event and we look forward to building on the success of this event for future National Champs

To all of our riders, on behalf of Cycling New Zealand, we wish you all the best for the upcoming days.

Simon Peterson
CEO
Cycling New Zealand

3. KEY CONTACTS

Event Director	Ryan Cooney 027 310 7436
Event Manager	Rob Moore 021 079 0985
Cycling New Zealand contact	Steff Holcroft 027 855 7676
Chief Commissaire (PCP)	Dereck McCarthy 021 192 2144
Assistant Commissaires	Matt Amos Lisa Morgan Don Johnson
Race doctor	Emma Locke

4. EVENT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

For more information please check the

- Nationals website www.cxnationals.nz
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ACXF2023/>
- Event hashtag #ACXF23

For the most up-to-date information please follow us on Facebook.

5. EVENT SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

We would like to extend our thanks to the event supporters, whom without their support the event would not be possible.

List of supporters:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Bikes • Scotty Browns • Giro • Maxxis • Squirt • Sports Beans • Cliff Bar • Julbo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hirepool • Qualis • The Collab Creative • Lighthouse Brewing Company • Faultline Coffee • Ray White • Hynds |
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6. EVENT DETAILS

Aotearoa Cross Fest 2023 will be the most exciting cyclo-cross festival of 2023. There are a number of events, from fun races to the Elite Championship where the best New Zealand cyclo-cross racers will be recognised.

The festival is being held over two days with fun events on Saturday and national races on Sunday. The programme is included in Section 20 below.

7. EVENT LOCATION

The event will take place at the Kartsport Canterbury Race Track Carrs Road, Halswell, Christchurch. This is 7km southwest of Hagley Park Christchurch. The event village and race office will be located at the race track. See map at back of guide.

8. ENTRY

National races

- Entries will be received up to midnight Friday 11th of August 2023.
- **No late entries for UCI categories.**
- Withdrawals received in writing before entries close will be eligible for a refund minus a \$25 admin fee. Withdrawals received after entries close will not be eligible for a refund. Requests are to be emailed to southerncrosscx@gmail.com.

Cross Fest events

- Entries will be accepted up to 30 minutes before each event starts (refer to the programme in Section 20 for start times). Withdrawal is available at any time.

9. LICENSING

National races

- The National Cyclo-cross Championships races include UCI and non-UCI categories.
- All entries in UCI categories must hold a 2023 Cycling New Zealand annual licence.
- All entries in non-UCI categories must hold a 2023 Cycling New Zealand annual license holder or purchase a Cycling New Zealand one-day licence (\$20) at the time of entry.
- All entries (in both UCI and non-UCI) are required to be a member of a Cycling New Zealand affiliated road and track club, mountain bike club or cyclo-cross club.
- To obtain an annual Cycling New Zealand licence click here
<https://ccnbikes.com/#!/memberships/cycling-new-zealand-2021-annual-licence-membership>
- To read the one day Cycling New Zealand one-day licence T&C click here
<https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/assets/Events-/National-Events/Cyclo-Cross-Nationals/Cycling-New-Zealand-One-Day-Licence-Terms-and-Conditions-2022-v2.dotx.pdf>
- Note - Huttcross and Southern Cross CX are currently the only two Cycling New Zealand affiliated Cyclo-cross clubs.

Cross Fest events

- No race licence required.

10. RACE PACK PICK UP

National races

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office during the following times:
 - Saturday 19 August: 8.00am – 11.00am
 - Sunday 20 August: From 8.00am

Cross Fest events

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office up to 30 minutes before each event starts.

11. TIMING AND NUMBER PLATES

National races

- All riders will be issued with a unique body number and two shoulder numbers.
- The two shoulder numbers must be attached to the front of the rider's arms just below the shoulder.
- The body number must be attached on the back with the numbers vertical. Preferably slightly off set to the side of the rider closest to the timing tent. This is expected to be on the right, but will be confirmed upon registration.
- Timing chips will be provided along with an ankle strap. These are attached to an ankle.

Cross Fest events

- Aotearoa Crossfest number plates will be issued. These will have timing chips attached.
- These numbers are to be attached to the front handlebars (with the exception of the relay race). Twist ties will be provided.
- For the relay race a single race plate is to be handed between team members of the relay team.

12. RACE OFFICE

The race office is located in a Kartsport Canterbury club building at the northern end of the kart track.

13. RULES

National races –

- The event is run under UCI rules and regulations
<https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>
- Riders' attention is drawn to Part 1 and Part 5 for full details:
 - Part 1 – General organisation of cycling as a sport
 - Part 5 – Cyclo-cross
- A brief summary of key rules and regulations includes:
 - Race rules – refer Section 21 – Race Information of this Technical Guide. For more detail UCI Regulations Part 5, Chapter 1.
 - Rider rules – refer Section 9 – Licencing and Section 18 - Categories of this Technical Guide. For more detail UCI Regulations refer Part 1, Chapter 1 and Part 5, Chapter 1.
 - Bicycle rules – refer to UCI Regulations Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 2: bicycles. Of specific note tyre widths will be checked for all National races. UCI Regulations Part 1, Clause 1.3.018 states
 "... For the cyclo-cross bicycle the **width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm** and it may not incorporate any form of spike or stud."
 - For Non-UCI Categories, bicycles must have drop handlebars and a maximum tyre width of 35mm

Cross Fest events

- Generally consistent with UCI rules and regulations, however safe bicycles consistent with the race categories can be used.

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event is committed to providing and maintaining health and safety by eliminating or mitigating as far as practicable all risks associated with the event. This is to prevent harm in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA 15)

The safety of the riders, officials, volunteers and spectators is included in the event planning. This includes (but is not limited to) course inspections, course marking, directional signage, hazard warning signage, communications and first aid provisions.

The event course is designed for cyclo-cross racing and a certain amount of skill is required. By entering this event you are confirmed to have the sufficient level of experience and skill to ensure your own safety. It is your responsibility to manage your own safety during the event, to be aware of other users at all times and to make responsible decisions. There is course taping in place, however, there may be public and official traffic on the circuit during your race.

The event is held in an outside environment and weather conditions are likely to be very changeable. Please ensure you are prepared for inclement, adverse or extreme (hot or cold) conditions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding health and safety please report to the Event Director or the Chief Commissaire.

15. FIRST AID

First aid and race doctors will be present at the venue. Notify an event official if medical attention is required. In the event of an emergency please call 111. The nearest emergency medical centre is:

Christchurch Hospital
2 Riccarton Ave
Christchurch Central
Christchurch

Phone: 03 364 0640

16. WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE

If you are pulling out of a race, you **must** notify officials at the finish line. This is to ensure that everybody is accounted for at the conclusion of the race.

17. ANTI-DOPING

All riders are subject to drug testing to ensure competitions are fair and riders are free from the use of performance enhancing drugs. Drug testing could happen at any time and will be administered by Drug Free Sport NZ. Anti-doping officials will inform chosen riders. Drug testing will be undertaken in provided facilities on site at the event village.

18. CATEGORIES

The following event categories are available for both men (boys) and women (girls).

National races	UCI categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elite - riders aged 23 or over (as at 31 December 2024) ● U23 - riders aged between 19 - 23 (as at 31 December 2024) ● U19 - riders aged between 17 - 18 (as at 31 December 2024) <p>The races will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U19 Men. (3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Junior National Jersey. ● Elite/U23 Men's COMBINED RACE (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Men's National Jersey (regardless of category). ● U19 Women. (3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Junior National Jersey. ● Elite/U23 Women's COMBINED RACE (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Women's National Jersey (regardless of category). <p>A total of 12 medals, 4 jerseys will be awarded.</p>
	National age groups (non – UCI) categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U15 - riders aged between 13 - 14 (as at 31 December 2024) ● U17 - riders aged between 15 - 16 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Sport- riders aged between 17 - 29 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Masters 1 - riders aged between 30 - 39 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Masters 2 - riders aged between 40 - 49 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Masters 3 - riders aged between 50-59 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Masters 4 - riders aged between 60-69 (as at 31 December 2024) ● Masters 5 - riders aged 70+ (as at 31 December 2024)
Cross Fest events	CXB	B Grade riders (self selected) on cyclocross bikes only, 38mm tyres max
	CXA	A Grade riders (self selected) on cyclocross bikes only, 33mm tyres max.
	Development (D) Junior (J)	D grade riders (any age, any bike), Year 1-8 Juniors, Year 9+ Juniors on any safe bike
	Mixing Pot	Mountain Bike, Tandem (World Tandem Cyclocross Champs (unofficial), Single Speed, Tracklocrosss Fixie,
	Team Competition	Self selected 4 rider teams. Mixed or single sex teams. CX Bikes only
	Beer Hand Up	Riders aged 18+ on event day. Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. Any safe bike.

19. POINTS

National races

- National age group races (non-UCI). There are no points of any kind.
- UCI Races
 - UCI points are awarded as per the UCI regulations for a National Championship the appropriate points scale, and summarised as follows:
 - U19 Men – to the first 9 places
 - Elite/U23 Men's COMBINED RACE – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.
 - U19 Women – to the first 9 places
 - Elite/U23 Women's COMBINED RACE – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.

Cross Fest events

- No points will be awarded.

20. PROGRAMME

Please note this programme is subject to change.

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 18th August	Open practice	4.00pm - 5.00am	Kartsport Track
Saturday 19th August	Race pack pick up (registration) - including licence check for national races	8.00am - 11.00am	Event Village
	Open practice	8.00am - 8.50am	Kartsport Track
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 1 (U15, U17, Masters 2, Masters 4, Masters 5 Men) Start line briefing and call up	8.50am	Kartsport Track call up box
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 1 (U15, U17, Masters 2, Masters 4) Start (40 min)	9.00am	Kartsport Track
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 2 (Sport, Masters 1, Masters 3) Start line briefing and call up	9.50am	Kartsport Track call up box
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 2 (Sport, Masters 1, Masters 3) Start (40 min)	10.00am	Kartsport Track
	Prizegiving National Men's Age Groups non-UCI	10.50am	Kartsport Track Event Village
	Open Practice	10.50am - 11.10am	Kartsport Track
	U19 Junior Men Start line briefing and call up	11.20am	Kartsport Track call up box
	U19 Junior Men Start (40 min)	11.30am	Kartsport Track
	U19 Women and national age group Women (non-UCI) (U19, U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1-4) Start line briefing and call up	12.20pm	Kartsport Track call up box
	U19 Women and national age group Women (non-UCI) (U19, U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1-4) Start (40 min)	12.30pm	Kartsport Track
	Elite Women (U23, Elite) Start line briefing and call up	1.20pm	Kartsport Track call up box
	Elite Women (U23, Elite) Start (50 min)	1.30pm	Kartsport Track
	Elite Men (U23, Elite) Start line briefing and call up	2.30pm	Kartsport Track call up box
	Elite Men (U23, Elite) Start (60 min)	2.40pm	Kartsport Track
	Prizegiving National Men's Age Groups non-UCI followed by UCI categories	3.50pm	Kartsport Track Event Village
	Venue closes	5.00pm	Kartsport Track

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 20th August	Race pack pick up (registration)	From 8.00am	Kartsport Track Event Village
	Open practice	8.30am - 9.30am	Kartsport Track
	Mixing Pot - XCC, SS, TCX, Tandem Start line briefing and call up	9.20am	Kartsport Track call up box
	Mixing Pot - XCC, SS, TCX, Tandem Start (40 min)	9.30am	Kartsport Track
	D/J Start line briefing and call up	10.20am	Kartsport Track call up box
	D/J Start (30 mins)	10.30am	Kartsport Track
	Prize Giving - Mixing Pot and D/J	11.05pm	Kartsport Track Event Village
	CXB Start line briefing and call up	11.20am	Kartsport Track call up box
	CXB Start (50 min)	11.30am	Kartsport Track
	CXA Start line briefing and call up	12.20pm	Kartsport Track call up box
	CXA Start (60 min)	12.30pm	Kartsport Track
	Team Competition Start line briefing and call up	1.50pm	Kartsport Track race pits
	Team Competition Start (30 min)	2.00pm	Kartsport Track
	Prize Giving Team Competition, CXB, CXA,	2.45pm	Kartsport Track Event Village
	Beer Hand Up Race * Start line briefing and call up	3.00pm	Kartsport Track call up box
	Beer Hand Up Race * Start (30 min)	3.10pm	Kartsport Track
	Venue closed	5.00pm	Kartsport Track

NOTE - Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted.

21. RACE INFORMATION

Race durations are given as a guide only and may be subject to change on race day as decided by the President of the Commissaires Panel.

Category		Target race time
National races	U19 Junior Men and Women	40 mins
	Elite Women (U23, Elite)	50 mins
	Elite Men (U23, Elite)	60 mins
	National age group races	40 mins
Cross Fest events	CXB	50 mins
	CXA	60 mins
	D/J	30 mins
	MTB	40 mins
	SS/TCX/Tandem	40 mins
	Team Competition	30 mins
	Beer Hand Up	30 mins

National age group races (non-UCI)

- A rider's race **ceases when the winner of their class finishes**, i.e. riders complete their current lap. Lapped riders continue to ride and finish only when the first rider in their class has completed the event.
- Feeding and hand-ups are **not** permitted.
- Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and while stationary.
- Riders will pass the pits twice in one lap.
- A rider may only take the pit lane to change their bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance. Should a rider take the pit lane for any other reason, the Commissaires Panel shall decide the penalty to impose and the decision shall be final.
- A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change.
- A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as they retrace their route in the racing lane and enter the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.
- Only one assistant per rider shall be allowed in the rider's pit box.

UCI Races

- The 80% rule will apply at the discretion of the President of the Commissaires Panel. If a slower rider is more than 80% of the time it takes the leading rider to complete a lap, behind that leading rider at the start/finish line, the slower rider may be withdrawn under the 80% rule.
- Feeding and hand-ups are **not** permitted.

- Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and at the same point.
- Changes of wheel or bicycle between riders are forbidden.
- Riders will pass the pits twice in one lap.
- A rider may only take the pit lane to change their bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance. Should a rider take the pit lane for any other reason, the Commissaires Panel shall decide the penalty to impose and the decision shall be final.
- A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change.
- A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as they retrace their route in the racing lane and enter the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.
- Only two accredited assistants per rider shall be allowed in the rider's pit box.

Cross Fest events

- A rider's race **ceases when the winner of their class finishes**, i.e. riders complete their current lap. Lapped riders continue to ride and finish only when the first rider in their class has completed the event.

Course practice

The course will be open for practice on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at times indicated in the programme. For warm up please use the road (open to general traffic) outside the venue.

The venue will be open for a course walk from 12 noon till 4pm on Friday.

The course will be 2.5km in length with no substantive vertical rise. A course map is available at the back of this guide.

22. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

There will be a coffee cart and food truck and beer at the Kartsport Track Event Village.

Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted due to the Special Event Alcohol Licence rules. You will be asked to remove BYO from the site.

23. SMOKE AND DRUG FREE

The entire event is smoke and drug free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

24. MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL

Riders are responsible for ensuring they are at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the presentation taking place. Medal winners must make themselves known to medal ceremony officials upon arrival. Medal ceremonies will be held at the Event Village.












Medal ceremonies times are shown in the programme.

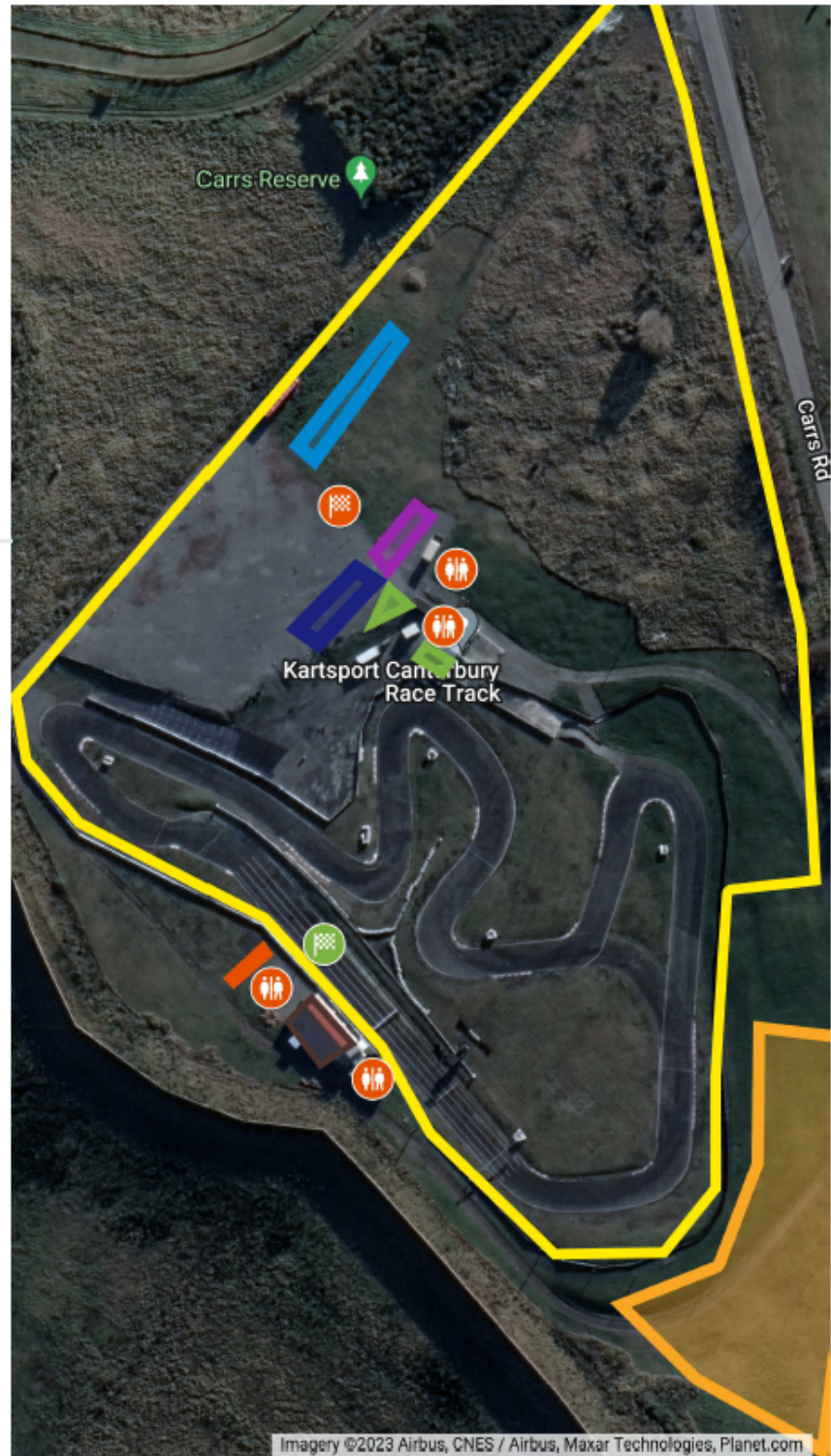
25. PRIZE MONEY

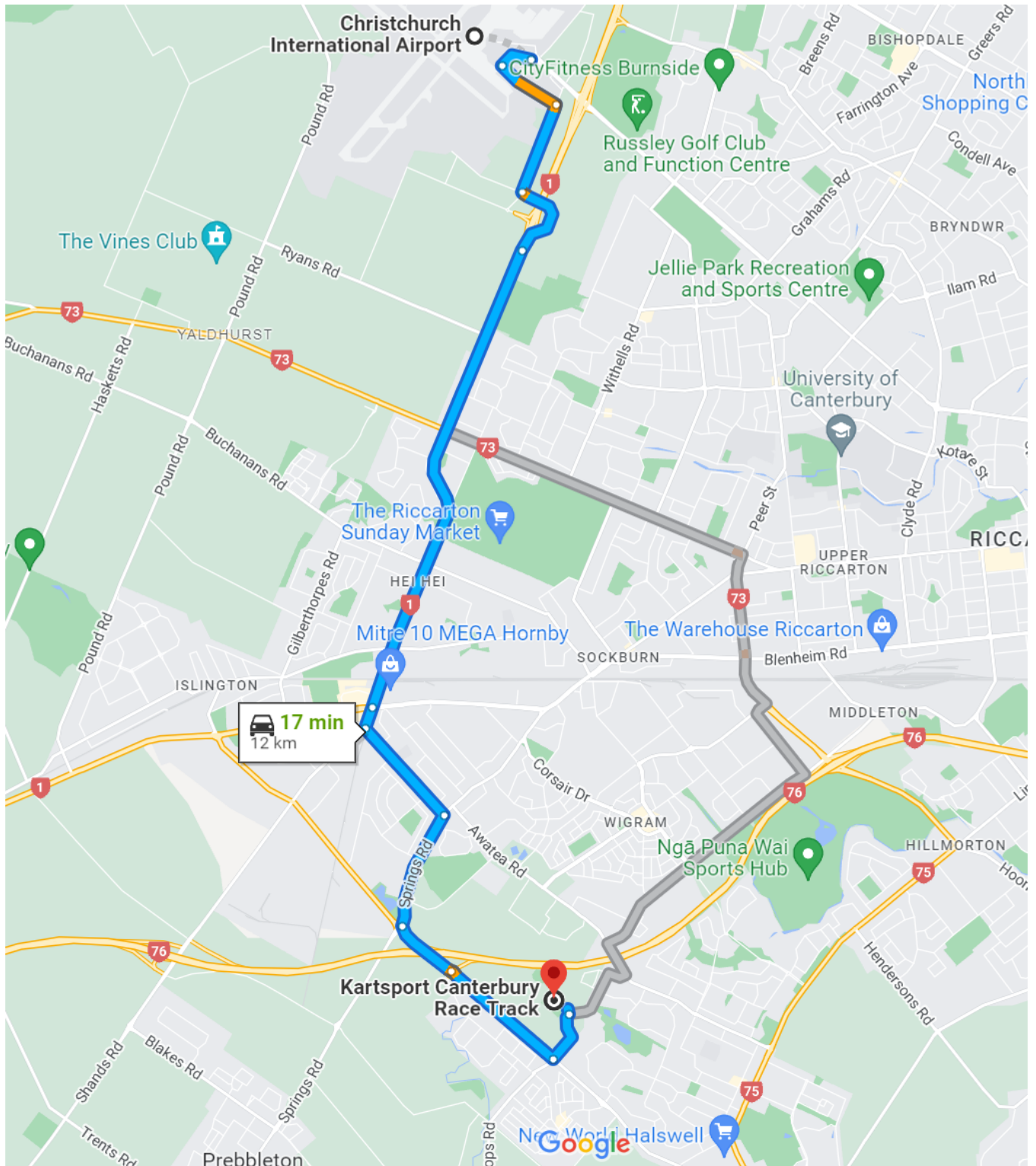
There will be no prize money available.

ACXF 2023 Venue Map

[ACXF 2023 Venue Map](#)

-  Toilets
-  Food and Drink
-  Call up box
-  Carparking
-  Club Tents
-  Drug Free Sports NZ
-  Finish
-  Pits
-  Race Area
-  Registration/Medical
-  Start







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