



CYCLO CROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



AUNTSFIELD ESTATE MARLBOROUGH 2025

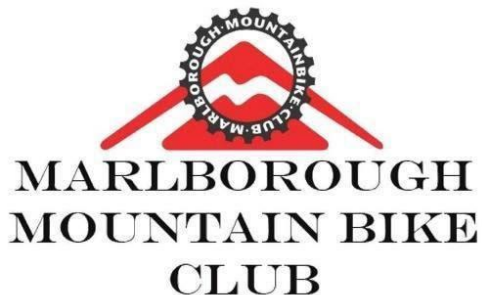


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1. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club ("MMBC"), Cyclocross Marlborough ("CXM") and Cycling New Zealand, we welcome you to the 2026 Cyclo-cross National Championships incorporating the Cycling New Zealand Schools South Island Cyclo-cross Championships and the Aotearoa Cross Fest 2025 (#ACXF25).

We are excited to have a huge double header weekend of muddy CX goodness in our region and look forward to a great event and hope you have an enjoyable time in beautiful Marlborough.

This guide provides useful and essential information for all riders and officials.

2. WELCOME

Marlborough Mountain Bike Club

Our committee at MMBC loves hosting CNZ events, whether mountain biking or Cyclo-cross. Cyclo-cross is an extremely important part of our club with many of our XC and DH riders starting their riding careers in CX. We are stoked to hosting the National Champs with the support of our mates at CXM.

We love Cyclo-cross. The spectator friendly close racing means an awesome vibe increasing the enjoy for spectators and riders. Locally we are seeing growing number of riders who hang our local rounds each year.

We believe Marlborough is the perfect location for CX. Great weather and an amazing track in a picturesque vineyard setting are waiting. Auntsfield is the spiritual home of CX in Marlborough and we are stoked to bring the National Champs to this amazing venue. Those older riders may remember the notorious 2017 when MUD was the winner. Well, Auntsfield is back!

A double header weekend with South Island Schools Champs gives double the reasons to be excited about coming to Marlborough for some great CX fun. The Saturday will feature not only the schools races, but also the opportunity for all to race and have some fun on the track! We even have a new event planned to add some extra spicy fun for those willing to enter!

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 MMBC and CXM.

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 Marlborough hospitality.

Fraser Brown
President
Marlborough Mountain Bike Club

Cycling New Zealand

A warm welcome to all riders and supporters for the CX double header weekend in Marlborough. The ability to combine the 2026 National Cyclo-cross Championships and the South Island Schools CX Championships is exciting for Cycling New Zealand and the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club. I have told the venue has great history in Marlborough and offers a challenging and picturesque course in a Marlborough vineyard. I am sure you will experience the hospitality that Marlborough is famous for. We thank the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club and Cyclocross Marlborough, 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	Fraser Brown	021 749 546
Event Manager	Neil Sinclair	027 475 2556
Cycling New Zealand contact	Steff Holcroft	events@cnz.kiwi
Chief Commissaire (PCP)	Matt Amos	
Assistant Commissaires	Lisa Morgan	
	Erin Criglington	
	Fiona Bennett	
Race doctor	Peak Safety	

4. EVENT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

For more information please check the

- Nationals website www.cxnationals.nz
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike>

For the most up-to-date information please follow Cycling New Zealand and Marlborough Mountain Bike Club 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 sponsors:

- **WK Advisors and Accountants**
- **Auntsfield Estates**
- **Marlborough District Council**
- **Merida**
- **Tinelli**
- **Maxxis**
- Tinto Containers
- Callahan & Martella Electrical
- Bikes and Scooters
- Mitre 10 Marlborough
- Findlater Construction
- Cycle World
- Carnmore Chateau Marlborough
- Simon Davis Construction

6. EVENT DETAILS

Aotearoa Cross Fest 2025 will be the most exciting cyclo-cross festival of 2025. 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 on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August 2025. The programme is included in Section 20 below.

7. DOUBLE HEADER TECHNICAL GUIDE

The Cyclocross National Championships are being hosted as a double header weekend with the Cycling New Zealand Schools 2025 Cyclocross South Island Championships.

The rules and regulations detailed in this Technical Guide apply to the Cyclocross National Championships and Aotearoa CrossFest races only.

For all rules and regulations that apply to the Cycling New Zealand Schools 2025 South Island Cyclocross Championships, refer to the Event Manual found here

<https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-cyclo-cross-championships/>

Some information, such as the weekend event schedule is included in this Technical Guide for your convenience only.

8. EVENT LOCATION

The event will take place at the Auntsfield Estate.

Auntsfield is located at 270 Paynters Road in Fairhall. This is about 15km south of central Blenheim. Please follow the flags and directions when entering Auntsfield Estate to the designated event venue.

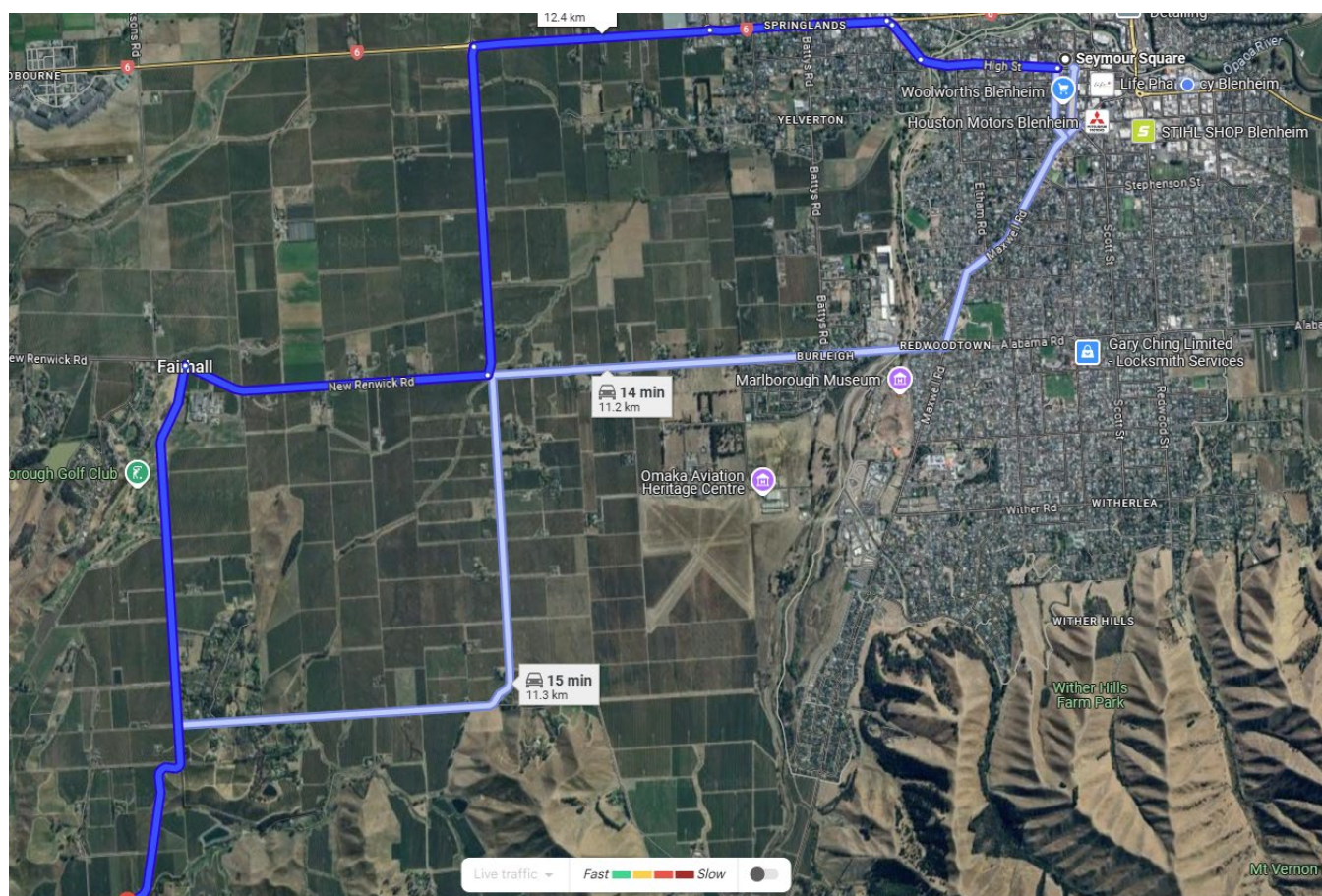
Auntsfield Estate is a working vineyard and so for health and safety reasons, you must remain in the designated event area. Access to areas including the vineyard and private residences outside the immediate event area is strictly prohibited.

As this is a working vineyard, strictly no dogs are to be brought on site.

There is no camping available on site. Practice is only permitted during official practice times.

The event village and race office will be located in the Event Area and will be well sign posted.

A map showing the general location of Auntsfield Estate is below.



9. ENTRY

National races

- Entries will be received up to midnight Sunday 17th of August 2025.
- **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 marlboroughmbc@gmail.com

South Island Schools Races

- Please refer to the Event Manual for the Schools Event, found here: <https://schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events-and-results/south-island-cyclo-cross-championships/>

CrossFest events

- Entries will be accepted between 8am and 12pm Saturday 30th of August or through pre-registration. Withdrawal is available at any time.

ENTRIES TO ALL NATIONAL AND CROSSFEST RACES ARE VIA THIS LINK

eventplus.net/CNC25

10. CATEGORIES

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

NOTE: This is the 2026 Cyclocross National Championships, ages for UCI and non-UCI categories are assessed at **31 December 2026**

National races	UCI categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elite – born 2007 or earlier / aged 19 or over (at 31 Dec 2026) • U19 – born 2008 or 2009 / aged 17 or 18 (31 Dec 2026) <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 Men (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Men's National Jersey • U19 Women (3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Junior National Jersey. • Elite Women (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Women's National Jersey <p>A total of 12 medals, 4 jerseys will be awarded.</p> <p>There are no separate U23 categories. U23 riders will compete in the Elite category and be eligible for the Elite national champions jersey and Elite UCI points.</p>
	National age groups (non – UCI) categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U15 – born 2012 or 2013 / aged 13 or 14 (at 31 Dec 2026) • U17 – born 2010 or 2011 / aged 15 or 16 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Sport – born 1997 – 2008 / aged 17 - 29 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Masters 1 – born 1987 – 1996 / aged 30 - 39 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Masters 2 – born 1977 – 1986 / aged 40 - 49 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Masters 3 – born 1967 – 1976 / aged 50-59 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Masters 4 – born 1957 – 1966 / aged 60-69 (at 31 Dec 2026) • Masters 5 – born 1956 or earlier / aged 70+ (at 31 Dec 2026)
CrossFest events	Everything goes	Combined race - Mountain Bike, Tandem, Single Speed, Tracklocrosss Fixie, CX bikes. Mens and womens - a total of 6 prizes.
	Beer Hand Up	Riders aged 18+ on event day. Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. Any safe bike.
	Hill Climb	Any safe bike (and running shoes). To be eligible for the prize, the winner must be aged 18+ (alternate prizes for junior riders will be available)

11. LICENSING

National races

- The National Cyclo-cross Championships races include UCI and non-UCI categories.
- All entrants in UCI categories (U19/Elite) must hold a 2025 UCI licence (issued by Cycling New Zealand) and have New Zealand nationality.
- All entries in non-UCI categories must hold a 2025 Cycling New Zealand annual license holder or purchase a Cycling New Zealand one-day licence (\$30) 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://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/clubs-and-membership/becoming-a-member-2025/>
- To read the one day Cycling New Zealand one-day licence T&C click here
<https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/assets/Cycling-New-Zealand-One-Day-Licence-Terms-and-Conditions-2025-v3.pdf>

Aotearoa CrossFest races

- No race licence required.

12. RACE PACK PICK UP

National races

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office during the following times:
 - Friday 29 August 2pm to 4pm at the venue
 - Saturday 30 August from 8.00am to 1.00pm at the venue
 - Sunday 31 August from 7.30am to 10.00am at the venue

Aotearoa CrossFest events

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office from 8.00am to 12.00 pm on Saturday morning

13. 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 the right ankle.

Aotearoa CrossFest events

- Aotearoa CrossFest number plates will be issued.
- These numbers are to be attached to the front handlebars. A timing chip will be provided in an envelope with an ankle band that is attached to the right ankle.

14. RACE OFFICE

The race office is located in the MMBC Tent in the Event Village.

15. RULES

- 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.
 - For UCI categories, bicycles must have drop handlebars and **the width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm** and may not incorporate any form of spike or stud
 - For non-UCI categories bicycles must have drop handlebars and **the width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 35 mm** and may not incorporate any form of spike or stud

Other key rules

- 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.

Aotearoa CrossFest

- Generally consistent with UCI rules and regulations, however safe bicycles consistent with the race categories can be used. Note flat handlebars are allowed and there is no tyre width restrictions. This means mountain bikes are acceptable for all Aotearoa CrossFest races.

16. 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.

17. FIRST AID

Primary/immediate first aid will be provided by Peak Safety on race day.

If you require further medical attention, see below for local Medical Centres. The Urgent Care Centre is in the grounds of Wairau Hospital).

FACILITY	HOURS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Urgent Care Centre	8am-5pm, 7 days	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 6377
Wairau Hospital Emergency Dept.	24 hours	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 9999

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 111

18. 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. Please also ensure your timing chip is returned to the Timing Tent.

19. 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 the [Sport Integrity Commission](#). Anti-doping officials will inform chosen riders. Any potential drug testing will be undertaken in provided facilities on site at the event village.

20. POINTS

National races

- UCI categories: 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 Men – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.
 - U19 Women – to the first 9 places
 - Elite Women – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.
- Non-UCI categories: There are no points of any kind.

CXM races

- No points will be awarded.

21. PROGRAMME

Please note this programme is subject to change.

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 29th August	Open practice & Event Registration	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
Saturday 30th August	Event Registration	7.30am - 11.00am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Tent
	Open practice	7.30am – 9.00am	Auntsfield Estate
	South Island Schools Race 1 (U13, U14, U15 (M+F)) 30 mins	9.20am call up 9.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	South Island Schools Race 2 (U16, U17, U20 (M+F)) 40 mins	10.20am call up 10.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	CrossFest Race 1 (Anything Goes Race incl SS) 40 mins	11.20pm call up 11.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	CrossFest Race 2 (CXM Kids – under 10s) 10 mins	12.20pm call up 12.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Lunch / Open Practice	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
	South Island Schools Race 3 (All Relay Teams) 40 mins	1.00pm call up 1.10pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	South Island Schools Prize Giving	2.00pm	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	CrossFest Race 3 (Hill Climb) 20 mins	2.30pm call up 2.40pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box

	CrossFest Race 4 (Beer Hand Up Race**) 30 mins	3.10pm call up 3.20pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Open practice	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
	Event Venue Closed	5.00pm	Auntsfield Estate
Sunday 31st August	Race pack pick up (registration) - including licence check for national races	7.30am - 10.00am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Tent
	Open Practice	8.00am - 8.45am	Auntsfield Estate
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 1 (U15, U17, Masters 2, Masters 4, Masters 5 Men) 40 mins	8.50am call up 9.00am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 2 (Sport, Masters 1, Masters 3) 40 mins	9.50am call up 10.00am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Prizegiving National Men's Age Groups non-UCI	10.50am	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	Open Practice	10.50am - 11.10am	Auntsfield Estate
	U19 Junior Men 40 mins	11.20am call up 11.30am race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	U19 Women and national age group Women (non-UCI) (U19, U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1-4) 40 mins	12.20pm call up 12.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Elite Women (UCI) 50 mins	1.20pm call up 1.30pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Elite Men (UCI) 60 mins	2.30pm call up 2.40pm race start	Auntsfield Estate call up box
	Prizegiving All Women's categories and Men's UCI categories	3.50pm	Auntsfield Estate MMBC Podium
	Venue closes	4.30pm	Auntsfield Estate

* NOTE - Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted. 18+ event.

22. 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 Men and Women	40 mins
	Elite Women	50 mins
	Elite Men	60 mins
	National age group races	40 mins
CrossFest events	Kids	10 mins
	Everything goes	40 mins
	Beer Hand Up	30 mins

All races

- Riders are to be present near the start boxes (able to hear the Commissaire's) 15 mins prior to the race start. Riders will be called into the start area 10 mins before the race starts. The race start procedure will commence 5 mins prior to the race start.

UCI Races

- The 80% rule or removal of 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.
- If the 80% rule is not applied, the President of the Commissaires Panel reserves the right to remove lapped riders from the course.

CrossFest 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 at the following times, practice outside these times is not permitted

- Friday 29 August: 14:00 – 16:00
- Saturday 30 August: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:30 – 13:00
- Sunday 31 August: 08:00 – 08:45 and 10:50 – 11:10

23. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

There will be a coffee cart and food truck and beer at the 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.

24. SMOKE AND DRUG FREE

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

25. MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL

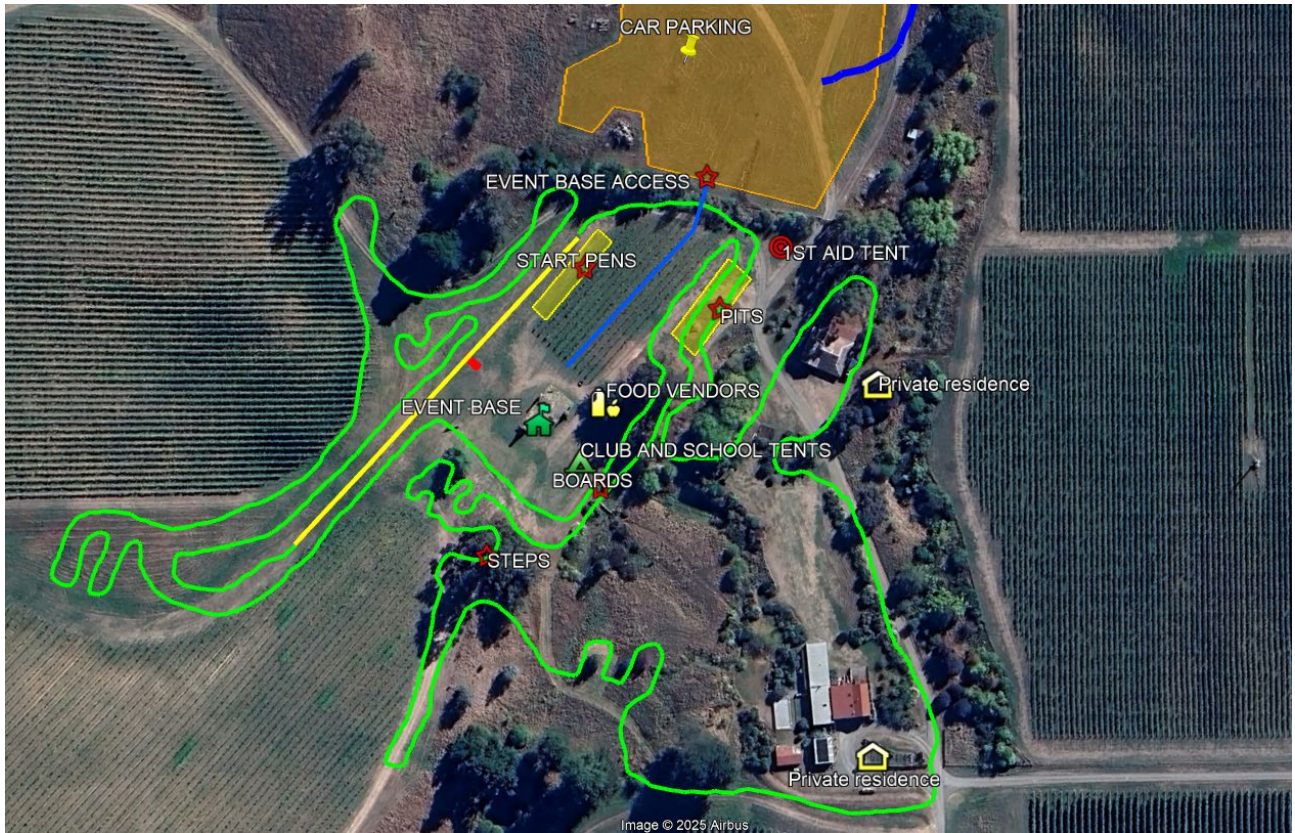
Riders are responsible for ensuring they are at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the presentation taking place. Medal winners must make themselves known to medal ceremony officials upon arrival. Medal ceremonies will be held at the Event Village.

Medal ceremonies times are shown in the programme.

26. PRIZE MONEY

There will be no prize money available.

27. VENUE MAP



28. SPONSORS

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