



ELITE ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thank you to those who have indicated their support for the upcoming Grassroots Trust Elite Road National Championships event. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday 11 – Sunday 13 February as part of the Grassroots Trust Ride Festival in Cambridge.

As most of you will be aware, New Zealand is operating under the Covid Protection Framework (Traffic Light System) and that currently, the whole country is operating under the Red setting.

Our planning is based on the current traffic light settings, and we are aware that things may change in the future, therefore we will reserve the right to make changes to our planning and will adapt and communicate our response as we continue to navigate through this latest challenge.

In addition to the Government requirements and guidelines and the intent of those guidelines include (not limited to):

- Health and safety of all those attending the event
- Health and safety of the host community
- Any directives from local authorities
- Number and nature of community cases in the region
- Expected timing of future government updates
- Any restrictions on travel between regions
- Current entries

Current status:

Taking into account the current guidelines (as issued by the NZ Government and Sport NZ), **Ride NZ and CNZ believe it is possible for the event to take place under the RED setting** (as a 'My Vaccine Pass' event) and are finalising their planning on this basis.

For this to happen, there are likely some significant changes required to the planning around the event to ensure we are doing our best to keep both those attending the event and the Waipa community safe.

Under all settings of the Covid Protection Framework, all those attending the event and/or requiring access to the venue (i.e. riders, team managers, officials, volunteers) will be required to hold a 'My Vaccine Pass'.

Our plans are currently with our key stakeholders for feedback and we hope to be able to provide more details on what the event will look like as well as other key dates on when decisions will be made, early next week.

We would also like to encourage you to continue with the other protections available prior to attending the event:

- 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.)
- If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
- Stay at home if you are awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- Stay at home if you have been in contact with any known/suspected cases in the past 14 days
- Stay at home if you have returned or been in contact with anyone else who has returned from overseas in the past 7 days
- You are encouraged to maintain physical distancing from people you do not know.
- Wash your hands.
- Wear a mask when away from home.
- 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.

We recognise the strong desire to continue racing and we are committed to supporting our riders while staying committed to supporting the current Government Guidelines (and the intent of these guidelines) and the national response to Covid-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please email events@cyclingnewzealand.nz