

Grassroots Trust Elite Road National Championships 2022

Covid Response Plan - RED

The intent of this plan is to summarise Ride Festival and Cycling New Zealand's response to the delivery of the **2022 Grassroots Trust Elite Road National Championships** under the Covid Protection Framework and the steps that the event will undertake in considering all its stakeholders, the wellbeing of all those attending and to uphold the intent and guidelines directed by the NZ Government.

The event is sanctioned by Cycling New Zealand and the principals of this plan follow the [Cycling New Zealand Guidelines for the resumption of cycling events and organised cycling activity](#).

The event is scheduled to take place in an outdoor situation from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 February in Cambridge.

The event recognises that the Covid-19 situation is fluid and the government can make decisions that impact the event at any time. The Ministry of Health (MOH) website and updates will be monitored and reviewed when new information is released.

This will be a 'My Vaccine Pass' event. It is a requirement for all attendees of the event including; riders, essential supporters, officials, volunteers and staff to have their My Vaccine Pass available to be scanned and verified at the event – further details in below. (Children under the age of 12 years and 3 months do not need to provide a My Vaccine Pass to enter places with a vaccination requirement but may be asked for proof of age).

The event will also operate under the principles of the ['Event Sector Voluntary Code for NZ'](#) which include:

- Demonstrate through planning and delivering, a commitment to Covid – 19 Ministry of Health Guidance and consider all those attending the event.
- Enable effective contact tracing that will support fast and effective tracing if required.
- Retaining records of attendance and vaccine status and in accordance with the privacy act.
- Take all reasonable and practical measures to ensure the wellbeing of all those attending the event.
- Encourage a culture of adhering to best practice Covid-19 risk management.

At the time of publishing this plan (4/2/2022) – the country is in the RED setting of the Covid Protection Framework and the event planning to take place under these RED settings guidelines as set out by the Government and Sport NZ. It should be acknowledge by all that the guidelines could change at any time.

This plan below provides a summary of the events response under the RED Setting of the Covid Protection Framework for general event planning and specifically considered the following groups of stakeholders:

Riders, Officials, Volunteers, Contractors, Spectators, Sponsors, Staff, and Members of the public (not connected with the event).

Details from this plan will be included in the events safety management plan. The Race Director is responsible for this plan.

More details on the event are available here www.eliteroadnationals.nz

Approx. number of attendees directly under our control

- Riders 105
- Registered Team Supporters 130 (105 of these will be Feed Zone)
- Volunteers/Officials 60
- Onsite Contractors 50
- Staff 10

Other groups not under our direct control

- Public/spectators

This plan has been sent to the following persons for review:

- Waipa District Council
- Ride Festival
- Cambridge High School
- PCP (Chief Commissaire)
- Cycling New Zealand Events Director

This Covid Response Plan is subject to written approval from Waipa District Council.

EVENT OUTLINE

- **Grassroots Trust Elite Time Trial National Championships** – Friday 11th of February
Elite women – 10.30am
Elite Men – 11.15am (approximately – confirmed times will be published on Tuesday 8th February)
- **Grassroots Trust Elite Road National Championships** – Sunday 13th February
Elite women's – 8am start
Elite Men's – 9.55am start

GENERAL COVID ADVICE

- 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 you are not racing
- 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.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 following your attendance at the event, please notify the Event Organiser immediately.
- Have a plan if you are required to isolate away from home.

COMMUNICATION

All communication will be from Cycling New Zealand via email to riders, registered team managers and Commissaires

How will it work?

Team Managers Meeting:

This will continue as planned. Only registered team managers can attend. Masks must be worn by all and physical distancing is required. Team Managers will be required to present their MVP at the door.

Team Support Cars:

Only essential personnel are permitted in Team Support cars. All personnel must be registered with Cycling New Zealand by Monday 7th February. All those in the car must be able to present a MVP when requested. A mask must be worn at all times.

Time Trial:

The Men and the Women will be split into 2 defined groups. Once entering Tom Voyle Park they will be directed to a dedicated parking area, this will be a tapped off area and restricted to those in that group and limited event officials if needed.

Every rider will be allowed to enter the group with 1 support person only. This support person will need to double as their support vehicle as well if they choose to have one.

Once the rider and support person have entered the defined area they will be unable to leave until they enter the start shoot, (10 mins before start time to allow enough time for bike check). All warm ups will need to be done on a trainer inside the dedicated area. If the supporter is not following the rider they will need to stay inside the defined area until the rider returns.

Once the rider crosses the finish line they will be directed back to their defined area where they can warm down etc. If they are not required for the podium they will be asked to leave once they have warmed down and packed up.

There will be toilets located inside each defined area.

Road Race:

The Men and Women will once again be split into 2 defined groups for the Road Race.

Riders have two options for the Road Race:

Option 1 – Get ready off site. This means riders will do all of their preparation away from the venue and course, this will enable to them to get ready, warm up and have their support people with them. They will be required to enter the defined area for their race, which will be a pen located by the start line 20 minutes prior to their race start time. This is for riders only. This is when and where they will sign on and if they have any questions for the commissaires they can be answered here. All riders must have entered this area no later than 10 minutes before the start of their race. At this time their group will be moved to the start line for the briefing and race.

Note: No support people can enter the defined start area.

Option 2 – Park and get ready at venue. This will be the same as the Time Trial, when entering you will be directed to a specific parking area for your defined group. You will be able to park your car there and get ready. You will not be able to leave this area to warm up. Once the defined start area opens like in Option 1 (20 minutes prior to the start) you will be taken to this area to sign on and get ready for the Race as above.

Note: No support people can enter the parking area with you, you must come on your own or with another rider from your race.

Team Vehicles:

Team Vehicles will be requested to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes prior to your race start time. You will be directed to a designated parking space and asked to remain in your vehicle. A Race official will issue you with your radio and run through your drivers briefing with you.

This is for registered team vehicles and event official cars only. All team vehicles must be registered with Cycling New Zealand **by Monday 7th February.**

Feed Zone:

These will be operating as defined spaces; this means they are limited to 100 people only. All riders will be issued 1 x wristband (will be included in the team managers pack) this is to be worn by person feeding them and this person must be able to present their MVP if requested. Only people with wrist bands will be allowed in the Feed Zone. No supporters or spectators allowed.

Spectators and Supporters:

This is a NO SPECTATOR event. To be able to run the event safely and in accordance with this plan we require spectators, family and friends to please stay away. Please ensure you have communicated this message to your supporters. Details for the live streaming are on our website.

Personnel Responsibility:

The success and safety of this event relies on all those involved with the event to comply with the instructions in this plan and any instructions or messages issued by officials at the event. This plan can only work if we all work together. The continuation of events and racing is at risk if we are unable to support or follow this plan. Please ensure you are thinking about your own safety and that of others when you are interacting with those connected with the event.

Health Questionnaire:

An online health questionnaire will be sent to all registered riders and team officials to fill out prior to the event. We appreciate your cooperation.

We acknowledge that this plan detracts from the full event experience expected for a National Championships but we are fortunate to be in a position to deliver a race. We appreciate your support.

Important info recapped below:

- **Should you attend the event?** – Do not travel or attend the event if you are feeling unwell (any symptoms), have been instructed by the MOH to isolate, are awaiting results from a Covid-19 test etc (See more advice under General Covid Advice)
- **No Spectators** or non essential support personnel –To be able to run the event safely and effectively we require spectators, family and friends to stay away from congregating and watching the racing.
- **My Vaccine Pass** – All riders, registered supporters (team vehicle drivers & those in the feed zone), officials, event staff and volunteers must have a valid Vaccine Pass

- **Defined groups** – Riders must enter their defined race group of no more than 100 people. Once they enter their defined race group they cannot leave. Their group will be called to the start line for their race. Defined race groups will be advised in advance, and riders must be in their group during the times advertised. There will be space for 1m distancing within the defined area. There will be toilets provided per group. Groups will be well spaced on Tom Voyle Park. Races are spaced out throughout the day. Marshalls will be on hand to direct and manage groups as required.
- **Parking** – entrants can park in their defined parking area on Tom Voyle Park in line with the plans details above.
- **No Event Village** –no food or drink stalls onsite – please bring any food or drink you require.
- **Prize giving** – this will be held as invite only for place-getters.
- Riders must **wear a mask** as stipulated by Government at all times (unless warming up, eating or drinking) until the start of their race.
- **Race briefing** is 10 minutes before the start of your group
- Riders are asked to arrive on time, ride their race, and exit the race area as soon as possible after their race ends.

CONTACTS

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