



COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN – 2022 TORPEDO7 MTB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The intent of this plan is to summarise Cycling New Zealand's response to the delivery of the **2022 Torpedo7 MTB 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 25 – Sunday 27 February in Christchurch.

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 – details in plan.

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 (15/2/2022) – 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 Event Director is responsible for this plan.

More details on this event are available at www.mtbnationals.nz



Approx. number of attendees directly under our control

- Riders 327 (169 at Cross Country, 158 at Downhill)
- Essential supporters (XCO) 175
- Volunteers/Officials 80
- Onsite Contractors 20
- Staff 10

Other groups not under our direct control

- Venue staff
- Public users

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

- Christchurch City Council
- Host Clubs
- Christchurch Adventure Park
- PCP (Chief Commissaire)
- Cycling New Zealand Events Director
- MTBNZ President

EVENT OUTLINE

Cross Country – Crocodile Park, Halswell Quarry

Friday 25th – Saturday 26th February

Downhill – Christchurch Adventure Park

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th February

COMMUNICATION

All official communication will be from Cycling New Zealand via email. Any urgent communication will be via text. Messages will also be published on the event website, CNZ Facebook and Instagram.

SPECTATORS

To be able to run the event safely and in accordance with this plan we ask that spectators, family and friends please do not attend the event. Please ensure you have communicated this message to your supporters. Live timing will be available for both races, and we are working on the feasibility of live streaming.

PERSONAL 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.



We also encourage you to have a plan if you are travelling to the event and are required to isolate away from home.

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

An online health questionnaire will be sent to all registered riders and registered supporters to complete prior to the event. We ask that you complete this to ensure you are fully aware of your responsibilities prior to, during and after the event. We appreciate your cooperation.

GENERAL COVID ADVICE

- This is a My Vaccine Pass event. This applies to all riders, supporters, staff, officials and volunteers.
MVP will be checked as below:
Riders – prior to the event or at race pack pick up
Supporters – prior to the event or at race pack pick up
Staff – prior to the event
Officials/Volunteers – at briefing
Contractors – on arrival to site
- Masks are required for all at all times, with the exception of when you are riding your bike.
- Scan in via the event QR codes each day. A manual sign in will be available at the race desk if required.
- 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.
- 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.



CROSS COUNTRY SPECIFIC

- Riders must register on Friday
- The event will be split into two groups, with two races within each group to keep within the limits of 100.
- Each race will have their own defined area at the venue. Each defined area will have no more than 100 people in it (including riders and registered supporters).
- Rider must stay in their defined area until call up - Once you enter your defined area, please do not leave until you are called up to the start (15 minutes prior to your race start).
- Toilets will be provided within your defined area.
- No spectators – or non-registered supporters – to be able to run the event safely and effectively we require spectators, family and friends to stay away from the event.
- One supporter per person is permitted.
- Supporters must be pre-registered with CNZ by Monday 21 February
- Supporters will be given a wristband on verification of their MVP, this must be worn at all times and are non-transferable.
- Prior to and after the race, the supporter must stay in their defined area.
- During the race, the supporter must either stay in their defined area or the feed zone only.
- The feed zone will operate as a defined space, only those with a wristband for that specific race must enter the feed zone.
- If your supporter wants to ride the course during practice, please request a number plate for them at race pack pick up.
- Riders and supporters must arrive at or after the stated arrival time and depart the venue by the stated departure time across both days.
- Presentations are invite only to place getters
- There will be no food or coffee vendor's onsite, please come prepared.

Defined groups for Cross Country

Group	Race	Categories
1	1	U15, U17, Sport Men
1	2	Masters Men
2	1	All Women
2	2	Elite, U23, U19 Men

For the full event schedule, please see the Technical Guide.



DOWNHILL SPECIFIC

- Riders must register on Friday
- The event will be split into two groups
- Riders must arrive at or after the stated arrival time and depart the venue by the stated departure time across all three days.
- No spectator access to the finishing bowl or start area - to be able to run the event safely and effectively we require spectators, family and friends to stay away from the event.
- Presentations are invite only to place getters
- Christchurch Adventure Park Covid Protocols apply. It is a CAP requirement that face masks must be worn in the chair lift lines, on the chairlift and to access CAP buildings including the café and guest services.
- Please note – we have managed to fit a seeding run in for both groups however reserve the right to remove it if required (i.e. due to weather or time constraints from hold ups in the course.)

Group	Categories
1	U15, U17, Masters M & F, Sport F
2	U19, Elite M & F, & Sport M

For the full event schedule, please see the Technical Guide.

We acknowledge that this plan may detract from the full event experience expected for a National Championships but we are fortunate to be in a position to deliver a race. This planning is based on the current Government Guidelines and the current Covid-19 environment and is subject to change at any time through change to the government guidelines or direction from any relevant authorities either prior to or during the event which may prevent the event going ahead or another change to its format. We will continue to keep you updated if there are any further changes.

We appreciate your support.

CONTACT

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