

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN – 2022 TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The intent of this plan is to summarise Cycling New Zealand's response to the delivery of the **2022 Track 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 a large indoor situation from Monday 14th – Saturday 19th March at the Grassroots Trust Velodrome 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, handlers, officials, volunteer and staff to have their My Vaccine Pass available to be scanned and verified upon entering the venue.

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 (10/3/22) – 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 acknowledged 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, 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.tracknationals.nz

Approx. number of attendees directly under our control.

• Riders	195
• Handlers	60
• Volunteers/Officials (event workers)	25
• Onsite Contractors (event workers)	10
• Staff (event workers)	10

Other groups not under our direct control

- Venue staff
- Public users of velodrome and cafe

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

- PCP (Chief Commissaire)
- Cycling New Zealand Events Director
- Grassroots Trust Velodrome

EVENT OUTLINE

Monday 14 March - Training day, Confirmation of Starters, Team Manager's Meeting
Tuesday 15 March – Saturday 19 March – Competition days

DEFINED GROUPS

Groups are defined as below. Centres will be allocated a number of handlers per group (dependant on their number of entries in that specific group). Handlers must not cross over groups.

Group 1: U17 & U15 Boys and Girls

Group 2: Elite & U19 Women, Para cycling Men and Women

Group 3: Elite & U19 Men

The event programme has been adjusted for the defined groups as above.

SPECTATORS

This is a NO spectator event. 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 streaming will be available for some session, results will be posted on the event website after each session and updates will be posted on the Cycling New Zealand Facebook and Instagram throughout the event.

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.

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 and please ensure you are able to comply with the details in this plan before attending.

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.

KEY COVID INFORMATION

- This is a My Vaccine Pass event. This applies to all riders, supporters, staff, officials and volunteers. MVP will be checked on entry to the venue.
- 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 a close contact with any known/suspected cases and are still within your isolation period.
- 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.

CLOSE CONTACTS

This plan does not eliminate the risk of someone at the event contracting Covid-19 or being identified as a close or casual contact. This plan is developed to mitigate the risk of this occurring as reasonable practically and to ensure there are appropriate plans in place there if a positive case or close/casual contact occur.

Expectations outside of the event venue

The planning above is predominately around the controlled event venue.

We recognise that the multi-day nature of this event and that some of its attendees will be travelling to the event and will be staying in accommodation and using public food and retail facilities.

Our main message to all those attending the event is to maintain the intent and integrity of the defined groups both inside and outside of the event and to recognise your part and responsibility in this.

Your planning should be to minimise any non-essential activity that will increase your risk of exposure from those outside of your defined group. We ask that you and your team management consider the following:

- Minimise their time at the event venue. Including, not attending when not racing and leaving as soon as possible after their final race.
- Ensuring all those in the team have completed the online Health Questionnaire prior to travelling to Cambridge - This will assist you to determine if you should travel to the event.
- Consider how you socialise with other riders outside of your team – e.g. avoid any non-essential socialising with riders outside of your team and defined group.
- Consider how you socialise within the community – e.g. if you are going out for meals, consider sitting outside in your defined groups.
- Consider how you undertake essential services such as supermarket shopping - e.g. have a designated shopper or do online shopping etc.

Reporting

If one of your team (management or rider) is notified as a close or casual contact during the event, display any Covid-19 symptoms, you should contact the Events Director immediately. If you or one of your team test positive within 14 days of the event, you should contact the Events Director as soon as possible.

Definitions of Close and Casual Contacts

To minimise your risk of exposure to Covid-19 through close or casual contacts, please ensure you are familiar with the definitions [here](#) and plan your activities and actions prior to and during the event to minimise any exposure that could lead to you being notified.

Traveling away from home

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a plan in place if you contract Covid-19 or are notified as a close or casual contact. This is particularly important for those travelling to the event. You can read more on the requirements here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/if-you-test-positive-for-covid-19/if-you-test-positive-for-covid-19-while-travelling-away-from-home/>

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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