

5 October 2021

To all Clubs and Regions,

The BMXNZ Board met last night to discuss the outcomes of the latest alert level announcements, to determine the effects on the BMX calendar, delivery of events and influences on the sport of BMX Racing as a whole.

We can break this down into three clear segments, so it is easy to understand

- 1 Auckland under LEVEL3 with three steps
- 2 Pending events and their status to proceed
- 3 NQMs

1 - Auckland under LEVEL3 with three steps

Under COVID LEVEL3 - Step ONE

The situation with the Auckland BMX Clubs and their tracks remains the same. All facilities are closed and BMXNZ advises all licensees NOT TO RIDE at any club facilities.

The window of hope sits in LEVEL3 - Step TWO. Where public facilities can open, and gatherings can happen up to 25. This allows access to tracks and small non-club gatherings. E.g. friends out for a ride.

Under the three-step process announced, the three steps will be reviewed weekly. So, in a best-case-scenario, the following dates could possibly be applied.

Step ONE up to the 11th Oct - Facilities closed

Step TWO up to the 18th Oct – Facilities open, no club organised gatherings.

Step THREE up to the 25th Oct - Increase gathering size, no club organised events at this point in time.

A POSSIBLE LEVEL TWO change by 1st Nov

PLEASE NOTE this is a fluid situation and a pause in any of the steps will increase any change accordingly.

We understand that borders remain closed at this point in time. So, no events can be attended outside of Auckland. BMXNZ understand this affects both the NQM and the National Series processes and have noted this below.

2 - Pending Events

With the COVID Levels active at this point in time, the following events in date order have the following status.

OCTOBER 2021

9th CHC (NQM) meet - to proceed under L2 guidelines

9th MR skill camp – postponed, revised date to be advised

9th HN skill camp - Hold until Government announcement Thursday 7th or Friday 8th

10th NC (NQM) meet - to proceed under L2 guidelines

10th MR skill camp cancel – postponed, revised date to be advised

10th HN skill camp to be discussed - Hold until Government announcement Thursday 7th or Friday 8th

16th CB (NQM) - to proceed under L2 guidelines

17th HN meet - Hold until Government announcement Thursday 7th or Friday 8th

23rd HAW Taranaki Reg Champs – to proceed under L2 guidelines

24th NP Taranaki Reg Champs - to proceed under L2 guidelines

October

30th HB meet (NQM) - to proceed under L2 guidelines

30th NP Skill Camp - to proceed under L2 guidelines

31st NP Skill Camp – to proceed under L2 guidelines

31st DN Meet (NQM) - to proceed under L2 guidelines

November

6th Nov HAW meet (NQM) - to proceed under L2 guidelines

7th Pre-Norths NP — to proceed under L2 guidelines ** NOTE S11 Trial to be updated Monday 25th October after Government announcements



13th WAIKATO Reg Champs1 (NQM) – to proceed under L2 guidelines 14th WAIKATO Reg Champs2 (NQM) – to proceed under L2 guidelines 14th ALX meet (NQM) – to proceed under L2 guidelines

20th EC Meet + Crank It - TBC pending Auckland COVID Level Status

27th Skills Camp TPO – to proceed under L2 guidelines 28th Skills Camp TPO – to proceed under L2 guidelines 28th CW Meet (NQM) – to proceed under L2 guidelines

December

4th/5th BMXNZ Norths NP - to be reviewed under possible changes in L2 or L1 Level Status

National Series

This series will be dependent on ALL riders having free and open access to the events that offer the ability to score points. If riders do not have the ability to ride events due to lockdowns or closed borders, this series becomes biased towards those that can attend. So BMXNZ will at this point continue to hold the series open until the end of October. By then BMXNZ will have the ability to confirm if it will be possible to continue with the series and will advise the sport its decision.

3 - NQMs

BMXNZ understand this is an active topic within clubs and the membership nationwide. We understand the situation across the country affects riders and families in different ways. With the constantly moving situation we are in right now, we cannot determine who and what will be affected in the remaining half of the year, and the ability to attend the remaining NQM events. With this in mind, BMXNZ wish to keep it very simple for our members in a very testing time.

And so, the NQM requirement for the 2022 Nationals will be modified to the following levels.

All licenced riders in the seven **Northern Region Clubs** – require **ONE NQM** to attend the 2022 Nationals **All other licenced riders** within the sport – require **TWO NQMs** to attend the 2022 Nationals

All other requirements are to be met as per the BMXNZ regulations.

Final Notes

Any of these positions are open to change within the fluid nature of a pandemic. If COVID Levels are altered, BMXNZ may revise its positions and update the sport as soon as it possibly can.

Another point throughout the process to step away from our lockdown levels across the nation is that getting a vaccination will assist the Government to pull back restrictions, which will open up the tracks quicker and give us the ability to start racing again. So, your choice to have a vaccination will assist us all to get back on bikes.

If you have any questions about the positions above, please contact me & I will try to assist.

Regards

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