



MTB Club Affiliation FAQ's

Why Should My Club Affiliate?

MTBNZ is an entirely volunteer-based organisation that provides advocacy for clubs and racers to Cycling New Zealand (CNZ) and other wider agencies. The affiliation fee enables that role to occur for our sport in New Zealand. In addition to our core activities, MTBNZ have undertaken a variety of projects with other agencies in the last 18 months including: NZ Recreation Association, Mountain Safety Council and Accident Compensation Corporation.

CNZ is the governing body for our sport in New Zealand. Through club affiliation, we gather robust participation and engagement data, which can be used by CNZ to advocate for funding from Sport NZ.

Both CNZ and MTBNZ work collaboratively to deliver National MTB events in New Zealand.

So, by affiliating you are supporting the wider development of our sport. *That's*

all very nice but...

What's in it for Our Club?

In addition to the wider benefits, club specific benefits of affiliation include: Access to robust fit-for-purpose insurance for club activities (with higher tier cover available if required); Collaboration across affiliated clubs; Development of racers through performance pathways; Access to grants for Juniors; Opportunities to be involved in National events; Regular updates including coaching and skills training opportunities, Commissaire courses and other important information; Access to a skilled group of people who have significant experience in the sport of MTB in New Zealand for advice, guidance and/or support as needed.

MTBNZ has also invested significant time resource in enhancing its social media presence over the last 18 months and now has a wide audience with excellent reach and engagement. This provides a platform for clubs to leverage for event promotion, membership recruitment and news updates.

It is also worth noting that both MTBNZ and CNZ have made significant positive changes over recent times and are acutely aware of the need to continue to enhance value for our affiliated club members. *OK, that sounds interesting, so...*

How Much Will It Cost?

MTBNZ revised its affiliation model in 2016 to improve equity across clubs. We moved away from the fixed flat rate per member structure to a tiered model to achieve this. The cost of affiliation depends on the number of current members in your club as at 31 Dec of the previous year.

- **Tier I:** MTB Club 0-59 members – flat fee of \$150;
- **Tier II:** MTB Club 60-499 members– \$5 per Adult / Individual Member or \$10 per Family Membership (any combination of memberships) – to a maximum of \$1250;
- **Tier III:** MTB Club 500+ members – \$1,250 + the following for members above the 500 cap: \$1 per Adult / Individual member or; \$2 per additional Family Membership (any combination of membership type) – to a maximum payment of \$3,500.

CNZ club affiliation costs a flat rate of \$225 and is in addition to the MTBNZ affiliation outlined above. *Hang on...*

Why Do We Have to Join Both MTBNZ and CNZ?

It is essential for CNZ and MTBNZ to work collaboratively for the benefit of our sport as a whole. CNZ is the National Sports Organisation for cycling in New Zealand and UCI National Federation. CNZ provides overarching governance nationally, advocacy roles to Sport NZ and other organisations, communication with UCI, funding for athlete development (such as the MTB Performance Hub) and High Performance carding for our best Kiwi MTBers supporting them in their goals to race at the highest level on the world stage, as well as development and education of coaches and officials to ensure New Zealand retains the capacity to support athletes and events. MTBNZ is the volunteer based National organisation for our sport, and is the CNZ member organisation for mountain biking, providing advocacy to CNZ, partnerships with affiliated clubs as well as alliancing opportunities with other relevant organisations. As such, it is critical for both entities to work supportively of each other.

With that in mind, from 2016 it was a requirement for all MTB clubs to join both MTBNZ and CNZ for affiliation.

So, there is a tiered affiliation system and membership of two organisations for one affiliation...

Why Is It So Complicated?

We are mindful that the current affiliation process may appear somewhat complicated. However MTBNZ continue to work with CNZ and our affiliated club members to streamline this process. This topic will be included in our 2018 Summits. Ryan Hunt (Secretary) or Chris Arbuckle (Treasurer) to discuss any questions you have further.

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