



## MOUNTAIN BIKE

### MTBNZ Award Guidelines

Volunteers and professional people are at the heart of every sporting endeavour - dedicating hours of time and energy every year to making their sport a more enjoyable activity; supporting their sports people to further success and developing resources for their community. MTBNZ understands that, which is why we celebrate and reward volunteers, officials and the wider MTB family through our Awards programme.

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE MTBNZ AWARDS?**

The Awards are based on activities undertaken in the previous 12 months or in the case of outstanding contribution perhaps a lifelong commitment. Entries that focus on future activities or the work of an individual volunteer or Official will not be considered. Nominees for Awards (Club, person or Event) can only be made by a member Organisation or MTBNZ Affiliated Club, via a Nomination Approved at Committee Level.

#### **WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?**

The MTBNZ Awards are divided into six categories, listed below. If a nominee meets the criteria for consideration under another category, the MTBNZ Executive reserve the right to transfer the entry to that category. **Mountain Biker of the Year (Male or Female) is a Club Nominated Award.**

#### **HOW ARE THE AWARDS JUDGED?**

MTBNZ Executive /President judge the entries (if a MTBNZ Official is Nominated that Official is removed from the decision process for the specific Award).

The key criteria across the awards considered by the Executive are:

- Volunteer Input - volunteering involvement, commitment and passion
- Initiative and Creativity - innovation, capacity to overcome difficulties or face challenges, supporting MTB
- Effectiveness of Activities - success of service/project/event, achievement of objectives
- Impact - benefit of service/ project on the sport of MTB and/ or community

The decisions of the judges will be final. Representatives of the successful organisations and the person who won the Award will be invited to attend the MTBNZ AGM Awards function, which will be held in May /June of the year following.

## AWARDS

Official of the Year	<p>Underpinning Principles /Award Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be an appointed member (or staff member) of a Member Organisation or Affiliated MTB Club</li> <li>• Have contributed to the sport / recreation activity of MTB for a considerable period of time, leading / supporting a Member orgs activity or led an extremely important activity / undertaking furthering the sport of MTB or put MTB on the map at a regional or National level.</li> </ul>
Mountain Biker of the Year (Male or Female)	<p>Must be MTBNZ affiliated club member. Club provides an overview of why the club member befits the award.</p> <p>Criteria should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be an active MTB rider in the year of the award.</li> <li>• A club rider, riding local, or national and / or International events.</li> <li>• And /or epitomizes the passion for the sport of MTB or as a well-recognized recreational rider.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>This is a CLUB nominated award.</u></b></p>
Elite Mountain Biker of the Year (Male or Female)	<p>Must be a CNZ Licensed Rider and Affiliated MTBNZ Club member. Must have <u>competed</u> at a Worlds / UCI Category International Event (Inc. Juniors) (Australia at least) in the year of the award and had at least a Top 10 Result (or series of results) in their chosen discipline – Cross Country and DH or Enduro.</p>
Club of the Year	<p>Must be a MTBNZ affiliated Club in the year of the award.</p> <p>Award should be based on some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and development of recreational mtbing (events, tracks / trails / local and regional advocacy) – running established events at a National Level;</li> <li>• Support of National events – Oceania’s, MTBNZ series / CNZ Nat Champs / Schools MTB;</li> </ul> <p>Work in the wider community of MTB, both at a local level and national support.</p>
Event of the Year	<p>Priority given be a MTBNZ Sanctioned event, or event run in cooperation with an Affiliated Club or an Event that supports the sport of MTB at an extremely professional level.</p>
Outstanding Contribution	<p>This award recognises an individual (can be any member of the wider Mountain Biking fraternity) for their long-term commitment to the sport of mountain biking in NZ</p>