

Race Guide - MTBNZ National Downhill Series.

ROUND 4 - Rotorua

Sunday, 12 February 2023

HOSTED By

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club (RMTBC) / Descend Rotorua

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The purpose of this guideline is to provide on the day event guidelines for the delivery of the Mountain Bike New Zealand National Downhill Series to make our hosting round in Rotorua a success, safe and enjoyable environment for all riders, spectators, volunteers and organisers.

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Welcome from Us.

MTBNZ

On behalf of the Mountain Bike NewZealand (MTBNZ) Executive Committee, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to athletes, supporters and spectators to the 2023 National DH Series - Round Four.

Special thanks to Rotorua Mountain Bike Club, the host club for Round Four. MTBNZ is excited about the prospects in store with the series in the ever popular Whakarewarewa Forest.

This event will see riders ranked amongst the best in the world competing for Championship titles. MTBNZ wishes all competitors the very best, and we look forward to an exciting and fair race!

Ryan Hunt
President, MTBNZ

RMTBC/Descend Rotorua

Our community and Mountain Bike Club would like to welcome you to Rotorua and the Whakarewarewa Forest for round four of the 2023 MTBNZ National DH Series.

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club (RMTBC) and Descend Rotorua have the vision of inspiring young New Zealanders at an early age to become involved in all aspects of Mountain Biking.

Hosting events of this calibre helps encourage and guide the growing number of young riders and their families entering Downhill racing.

Your attendance at this event is helping our clubs vision, and we look forward to seeing you over the event weekend enjoying our forest, city and community.

Clair Scott
Rotorua Mountain Bike Club



Key Contact Team.

OUR Event Team

The **CHIEF COMMISSAIRE (PCP)** has the overall responsibility for the conduct of the race from the commencement of practice to when the results are confirmed.

The **EVENT MANAGER** is the main point of contact for MTBNZ on all event related matters before, during and after the event ensure the event is delivered to the required standard set out in this document and the MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

The **COURSE MANAGER** oversees matters relating to the daily running of the event processes and any general enquiries on the day. Should the Track Manager not be available, matters can be raised to the Event Manager.

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Safety and Race Rules.

SAFETY Commitment

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club, Descend Rotorua, and MTBNZ are committed to providing and maintaining maximum health and safety standards by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the Event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm from occurring to the event staff, participants and all other personnel involved following the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Should you at any time over the weekend of this event note any hazards that could affect the event and attendees or experience an accident/incident please report this to the Event Manager or any race officials.

RACING Rules and Equipment

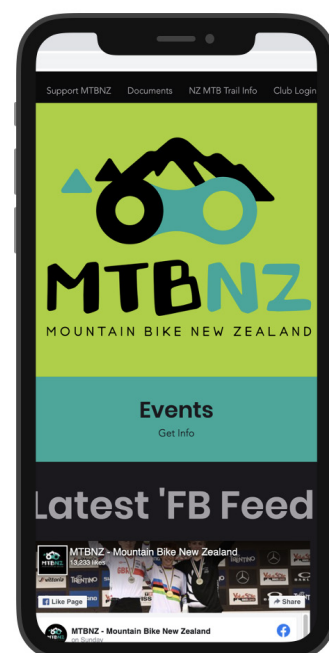
The event is endorsed by Cycling New Zealand and will be run under UCI [Part IV] and MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

For the full MTB Protection Policy, refer to Section 6.2 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

Please ensure you have read this and have the appropriate protection, as riders not following these regulations will not be allowed to race on the event day.

✘ → Link - [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#)

✘ → Link - [UCI Regulations](#)





General Safety.

GENERAL Event Safety

RMTBC are committed to providing and maintaining high health and safety standards by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the Event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm.

The safety of the riders, officials, volunteers and spectators have been included in the event planning. The event planning includes (but is not limited to) course inspections, course marking, directional signage, hazard warning signage, communications and first aid provisions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Health and Safety, please report to the Chief Commissaire or the Event Manager.

NOTE:

- The event course is designed for downhill mountain biking, and a certain amount of skill is required. By participating in this event, you acknowledge that you have a sufficient level of experience and skill to ensure your safety.
- It is your responsibility to manage your safety during the Event, to be aware of other forest users and competitors at all times and to make responsible decisions.
- The event is held in an outside environment, and weather conditions can be very changeable at times. Therefore, ensure that you are prepared for inclement, adverse or extreme (hot or cold) conditions.
- If you withdraw from the race, you must report to the timing tent at the finish line and advise an official.
- In the case of an evacuation, all riders are required to exit the course and report to the timing tent to confirm their whereabouts.

FIRST Aid

RMTBC will locate paramedics and a medic vehicle at the event venue. PEAK Safety will provide first aid support for this event. RMTBC also have Pre Hospital Emergency Care (PHEC) trained crew on course and located around the venue.



Race Admin.

SMOKE, Drug, Vape And Alcohol Free

The entire event is smoke, drug, vape and alcohol-free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this. Expect to be asked to leave the venue if you ignore this rule.

Whakarewarewa Forest is a high fire risk area, so it is not just for your health that we expect this compliance, but for the safety of everyone.

CONTINGENCY Plan

The event recognises the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and distance of track being adjusted in the participant's interest and officials' safety. Therefore, if inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the contingency plan implementation will be made by the race organisers at the earliest possible time.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Riders must not use offensive or abusive language during the race, act in an anti-sporting manner, be disrespectful to the event volunteers/officials or ignore the race regulations. In addition, riders must act politely at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right without deliberately obstructing them.

RACE Results

MTBNZ events work on one (1) Seeding run and one (1) Race run. Therefore, the rider's fastest time towards their overall placing is ONLY recorded on their Race run.



Rego and Track.

RACE Registration

Rider Registration will be held on Saturday, 11 February 2023 at Wheelhouse Cafe (Hemo Road, Rotorua) from 7:00am - 10:00am.

A second registration will be held on race day, Sunday, 12 February 2023 (8.00am – 8.45am) in the timing tent at the race venue. **No entries will be taken on the day.**



→ Link - [Wheelhouse Cafe](#)

OFFICIAL Track Practice

The race track will be open on Saturday, 11 February 2023 from 10:00am - 3:00pm for all riders to practice, and from 3:00pm - 4:00pm for Elite Riders only. Registration is required for this with the cost of \$50.

Link - [Practice Rego](#)

- 9:00am - 10:00am - Riders shuttle in from Planet Bike Carpark (Waipa State Mill Road)
- 10:00am - 3:00pm - ALL Ride Practice
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm - Elite Rider Practice

The Track on Saturday, 11 February, will be CLOSED at 4:00pm.

TRACK Walk

The race track will be open for Track Walk on Friday, 10 February 2023 from 8:00am - 10:00am.

TIMING and Race Plates

All riders will be issued with a unique numbered race plate at registration and will be required to collect a Timing Transponder from the Timing Tent at Race HQ on Sunday, 12 February 2023 between 7:15am - 8:30am.



Event Location.

LOCATION of Event

WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST

Waipa State Mill Road, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua 3073

VENUE Parking

Parking within the event venue is only permissible via a permit into the forest.

Rider and spectator parking will be at **Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua)** with shuttle services at the allocated time available in the morning and after the event prize giving to riders and spectators to transport bikes and belongings in and out of the venue. Once shuttle services have ceased access from the carpark to the event venue is only available by a short walk.



→ Link - [Planet Bike Carpark](#)

VENUE Tents

There will be space for riders' tents at the event venue with no setup prior to race day. Additionally, there will be no pre-allocated sites unless prior arrangement with RMTBC. RMTBC will provide some general tents for public use and shelter.

RACE Headquarters/Village

Race HQ will be based at the finish of Taniwha (Pipeline Road). NOTE: There is limited mobile phone service in the race village.

FOOD and Water

Water is available on-site by the public toilets. Please ensure riders, supporters, and spectators have sufficient fluid and nutrition for the duration of the event. There will be limited food outlets on the race sites with **cash only** due to limited mobile phone service.

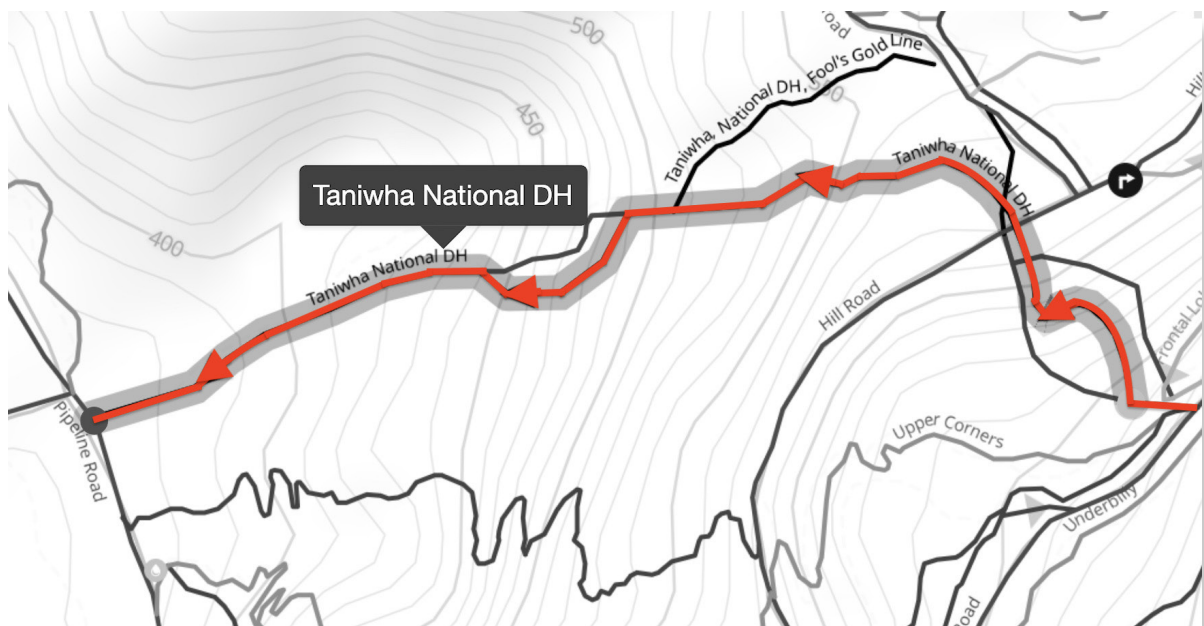


Course to Race.

TANIWHA National DH

Taniwha - Steep technical DH with optional big jumps and drops, fast and technical international-level downhill race track. The race track will be a variation of many lines off Taniwha.

→ Link - [Taniwha](#)



TRACK Access Before Event

Taniwha and any other DH tracks leading from Taniwha are closed to riding from Wednesday, 8 February, until official practice day on Saturday, 11 February. Any rider riding the track between these dates will be disqualified from the event and not allowed to race.



Event Programme.

SATURDAY 11 February 2023 - Official Practice

TIME	ACTION	NOTES
7.00am - 10.00am	Rider Rego	Wheelhouse café
8:45am	Marshal Briefing at Planet Bike Carpark	
9:00am	Marshal Uplift into position	
9:00am - 10:00am	Riders shuttle in from Planet Bike Carpark (Waipa State Mill Road)	
10:00am - 3:00pm	Official Practice Day (all riders)	
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Elite Practice	

SUNDAY 12 February 2023

TIME	ACTION	NOTES
7.00am	Race venue open Gate open - Permit access only	
7:15am - 8:15am	Rider & Spectator Shuttle in to race venue	Leaving from Planet Bike Carpark (Waipa State Mill Road)
7:15am - 8:30am	Collect Transponder	Collect from Timing Tent at Race HQ
7:30am	Marshal Collection from Planet Bike Carpark	
7:45am	Marshal Briefing	At Race HQ
8:00am - 8:45am	Rider Registration	No entries on the day
8:00am	Marshall Uplift	
8:30am	Riders Shuttles Open	Loading for the first uplift - No plate no uplift
8:45am	Practice Runs (All Riders)	At least two runs
11:45am	Practice Ends	No riders on course
11:45am - 12.15pm	Lunch Break	No riders on course
12:15pm	Race Briefing	No riders on course
12:20pm	Shuttles Open	First Riders loading for uplift
12:45pm - 2:15pm	Seeding Run	
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Race Run	
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Prize Giving	
5.00pm	Rider and Spectator shuttle out of race venue	Returning to Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road)



Entry and Race Categories.

RACE Licensing

- All entries in UCI Categories must be 2023 UCI Annual licence holders.
- All entries in Non-UCI Categories must be a 2023 UCI Annual licence holder or purchase a Cycling New Zealand one-day licence at the time of entry.
- All NZL riders are also required to be a member of an affiliated MTB Club.

RACE Categories

The following event categories are available for both males and females. Ages are calculated as of 31 December 2023.

UCI Categories - No UCI points are available

- Elite
- U19

NON UCI Categories

- U15 - For riders aged 13 (minimum) or 14
- U17 - For riders aged up to 16
- Open - For riders aged up to 29
- Masters 1 - For riders aged 30 - 39
- Masters 2 - For riders aged between 40 - 49
- Masters 3 - For riders aged 50+



Results and Social Media.

RACE Results

Official results will be posted on Rotorua Mountain Bike Club's Facebook and Instagram as soon as possible after the Event.

Any protests are to be submitted as per section 8.1 of the MTBNZ Technical Regulations and reviewed by the Chief Commissaire (PCP).

→ Link - [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#)

SOCIAL Media

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club and Descend Rotorua encourage you to get involved in the event through social media. The key links are provided below:

→ Link - [RMTBC Facebook](#)

→ Link - [MTBNZ Facebook](#)

→ Link - [RMTBC Instagram](#)

→ Link - [MTBNZ Website](#)

→ Link - [RMTBC Website](#)

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