

Race Guide - MTBNZ National Downhill Series.

ROUND 5 - Dome Valley

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HOSTED By

Auckland Downhill Club (AKDH)

IN Conjunction With

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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 Dome Valley 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 New Zealand (MTBNZ) Executive Committee, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to athletes, supporters and spectators to the 2023 National DH Series - Round Five.

Special thanks to Auckland Downhill Club, the host club for Round Five. MTBNZ is excited about the prospects in store with the series in the ever popular Dome Valley 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

Auckland Downhill Club

Our community and Mountain Bike Club would like to welcome you to the Auckland region and Dome Valley for round five of the 2023 MTBNZ National DH Series.

Auckland Downhill Club 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.

Miles Purchase
Auckland Downhill 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

AKDH 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

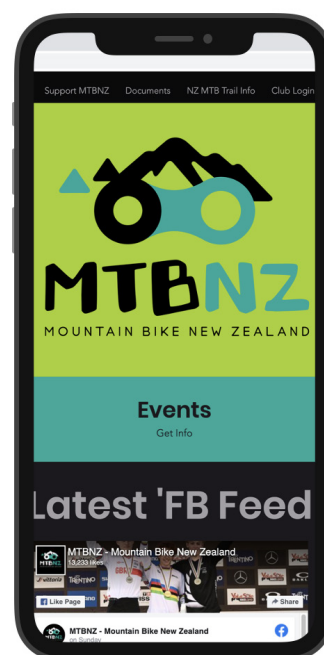
The event is endorsed by Cycling New Zealand and will be run under UCI [Part IV] and MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

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

AKDH 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

AKDH will locate ProMed paramedics and a medic vehicle at the base event village, who will provide first aid support for this event.



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.

Rayonier Matariki 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

Race registration will be held on Saturday, 18 February at at the base village from 7.30 am – 8.45 am.
No entries will be taken on the day.



Link - [Kraack Road, Dome Valley](#)

PRE-PRACTICE Track Walk

The track is available to be walked by RIDERS ONLY. There is NO uplift for track walking, but riders may be dropped off at the "Start Area" road intersection on their way IN to the event and walk down the track.

All gear and bikes must remain in cars or shuttle to be dropped at the base village.

NO BIKES, Spectators or Supporters allowed in the 'Race Track' event defined space during the walk. Track walk available time 6.30 am to 8.15 am

Riders must still register at the appropriate time 7.30 am to 8.45 am

TIMING and Race Plates

All riders will be issued with an event number plate and transponder. These must be attached to the front of your bike prior to and for the practice session. No plate, no track access. Transponders must be attached to the non-brake side of the fork and be attached prior to the practice session.

Riders MUST complete a minimum of two practice runs to be able to partake in their Seeding and Race Runs.

Transponders MUST be returned after the race run. Unreturned transponders will be charged to the riders at \$100 per transponder.



Event Location.

LOCATION of Event

The AKDH track is situated in the Rayonier Matariki Forest off Kraack Road, Dome Valley, 0981, north of Warkworth. The turn off the main Highway is opposite the Dome Valley Café & the event will be sign posted from Kraack Road.

VENUE Parking

Parking will be available on the side of the forestry road just beyond the 'Race Village' until there is no more room. After that we will close the forestry road just above the start area and anyone arriving after that will need to park there and catch a shuttle down to the village.

VENUE Exit

To exit the event site and forest, ALL vehicles MUST use the northern exit road as sign posted. DO NOT exit via Kraack Road to the Highway.

RACE Headquarters/Village

Race HQ will be based at the bottom of Kraack Road. NOTE: There is limited mobile phone service in the race village.

FOOD and Water

Water is not available on-site. 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 site with **cash only** due to limited mobile phone service.

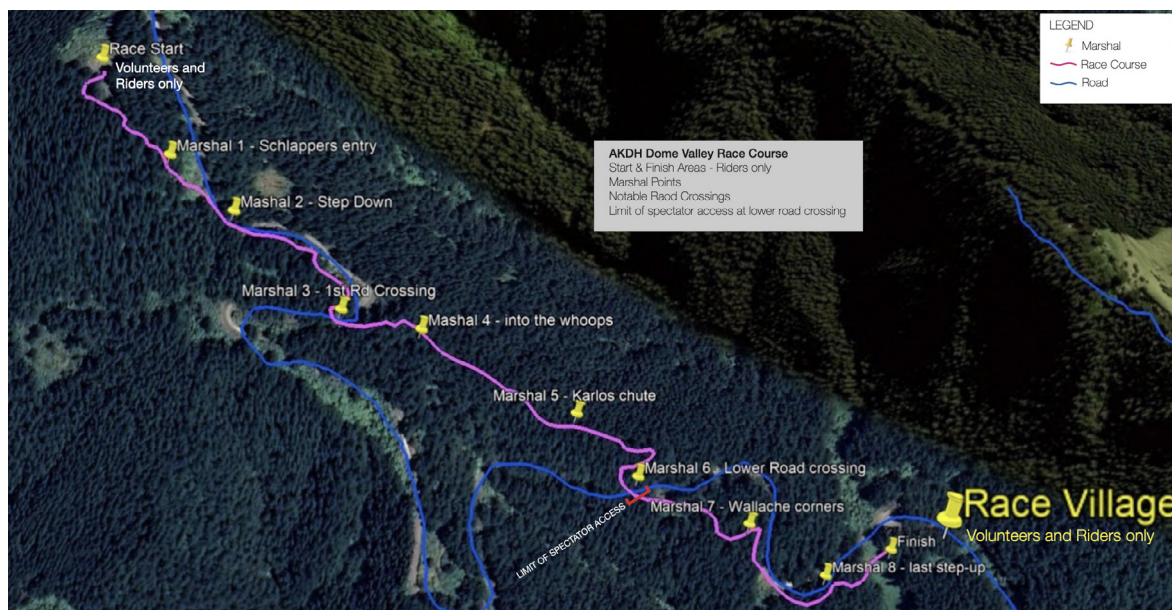


Course to Race.

DOME Valley DH

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

Link - [Dome Valley DH](#)



TRACK Access Before Event

AKDH will hold a Shuttle Day on Friday the 17 February between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.30 pm. The cost per rider will be \$40.00 for as many runs as they can manage in that time. As this is a club day there will be no medics on site.



Event Programme.

FRIDAY 17 February 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY	NOTES
10.00 am - 2.30 pm	Club Shuttle Day	No medics on site

SATURDAY 18 February 2023

TIME	EVENT ACTIVITY
6:30 am	Event Site Open (please see Event Guide for full access detail) - Volunteers and Riders in own vehicles access to base village - Spectators and Supporters access to track side only
7:30 am	Race Registration Opens
8:00 am	Shuttle Road and Vehicle access to Base Village CLOSED - All parking now at the top of the hill - Shuttles for volunteers, riders and gear to the base village available
8:15 am	Marshal Briefing
8:45 am	Registration Closes and Marshal Shuttles
9:00 am	Practice Commences for all riders **Minimum of two runs**
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Shuttle and Marshal Lunch Break
12:45 pm	Race Briefing for all Riders
1:00 pm	Uplift start for Seeding Runs – Load in Seeding Order
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Seeding Runs
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Race Runs
4:30 pm	Prize Giving
5:00 pm	Road open for exit. Shuttles available to take riders and gear back to top carpark



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 AKDH 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](#)