

MTBNZ XC Series 2024

Round 4 PICTON

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EVENT MANUAL

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WELCOME

Marlborough Mountain Bike Club welcomes all riders and their supporters to the Round 4 of the Mountain Bike New Zealand XC Series for 2024. We're proud to call Marlborough home, and we welcome you to this special place. We anticipate a fantastic level of racing and rivalry as well as an environment that encourages all riders to join us for a drink after the races. After all, we are the wine capital of New Zealand and have some fantastic local craft beers as well!

EVENT PARTNERS

We would like to thank the following sponsors and supporters for their contribution to this event. Without them this event would simply not be able to take place.

Please support these generous organisations when you can.



A 20% discount on the Interislander to and from the event is available by using the [Code: MMTBC241](#)

Here are the conditions:

20% discount off refundable available fare. Travel between 7 - 22 February 2024. Discount amount has no cash or refund value. Normal fare conditions apply. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. You must show your registration for the MTBNZ XC Round 4 Race in Blenheim at check-in in each direction.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

All official announcements regarding this event will be posted on the MTBNZ website and the Event Facebook page. Please mark as Going or Interested to ensure you get notifications of any announcements.

www.mtbnz.org.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1044239486621793/>

IMPORTANT! VENUE CHANGE

Due to the original location of this race (the Withers Hills Mountain Bike Park in Blenheim) being closed due to Fire Risk, MMBC are moving the race to the **Victoria Domain in Picton**.

KEY CONTACTS

ROLE AT EVENT	NAME
MTBNZ PRESIDENT:	Ryan Hunt
MMBC PRESIDENT:	Fraser Brown
EVENT MANAGER:	Fraser Brown/Neil Sinclair
CHIEF COMMISSAIRE (PCP):	Matt Amos
RESULTS AND TIMING:	Stephen Bradley (MMBC)
REGISTRATION / VOLUNTEER MANAGER:	Lucy Walter
EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER	neils199photos
TRACK MANAGER:	Peter Webster

KEY EVENT INFORMATION

EVENT LOCATION

The event is being held in the Victoria Domain in Picton. The event base will be located at the Endeavour Pavilion in Endeavour Park in Picton. Endeavour Park is located on Waikawa Road in Picton.



PARKING

There is ample parking at Endeavour Park. You will be directed by a Marshall at entry.



Please note that only vehicle per Team will be admitted into the Team Car Park. All other team members will need to park in the main competitor parking on Waikawa Road.

START LIST

A start list will be posted when entries close.

SPECTATORS

The Event Village is adjacent to the start/finish line, with easy walking access to the course. Please obey the marshalls at the start/finish line when crossing the track to ensure safety and to ensure that riders are not affected. For those wishing to view the racing, walking up the Victoria Domain Road to the top car park will afford views of the riders a couple of times as they race around the circuit.

The main downhills on Grandads and The Doctor are narrow and walking up these tracks is forbidden.

PIT TENTS

There will be sites available for teams to set up tents on a 'first in first served' basis in a dedicated area in the Event Village. Please ensure that you bring appropriate weights or pegs to keep your tent down. Pegs can be no longer than 200m under the MDC venue hire agreement. Please comply with the peg length rule. Teams are also responsible for removing any waste at the end of the day. Please help us in supporting our host venue and respect their property.

Teams will be able to set up sites from SATURDAY afternoon. There will NOT be a security overnight. Please note the organisers take no responsibility for equipment left overnight.

FOOD AND DRINK

There will be coffee carts and Mr Whippy on-site on race day. EFTPOS may be available, but we strongly suggest bringing cash in case technology does not co-operate!

BIKE REPAIRS

While we will attempt to have a bike mechanic on site for the event, it is recommended that you plan for no mechanic to be on site on race day.

TIMING

Timing services will be provided by Marlborough Mountain Club using our SportIdent timing system. Riders will be issued a numbered race plate, as well as a transponder in their race pack at registration.

Transponders are to worn on the **right** wrist. Please ensure that there are no smart watches on your right wrist as these can interfere with the timing transponder.

Riders will be charged \$250.00 for any transponders that are not returned to event officials at the conclusion of the event.

RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers must be displayed vertically on the handlebars of the bicycle. Altering, cutting or placing of unauthorised sponsor's logos on numbers may result in disqualification. All riders must display their race numbers if riding the course on the official practice times or on race day.

PRE-EVENT PRACTICE

The Victoria Domain is a Council owned and maintained facility on public land. The track is available for pre-riding prior to the event. Unofficial practice is available in the week before race day. The track will be taped for pre-riding from 12pm on Saturday 17th February. **Please note the track is CLOSED for the final Commissaires Track check from 8am – 12pm on Saturday 17th February.**

SPORTSMANSHIP

Riders must not use offensive or abusive language during the race, act in any anti-sporting manner, be disrespectful to the event volunteers / officials or ignore the race regulations. Riders must always act in a polite manner and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right, without deliberately obstructing them.

The Picton course is our back up venue. As a result, this course has limited passing opportunities. We ask that all riders cooperate and pull over to allow faster riders through on race day.

COURSE

Riders are not permitted to shortcut the course. The responsibility for following the official route lies with the rider. If you do not follow the official route you will be disqualified. Riders are not permitted to willingly alter the course in any way. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles.

COURSE PREVIEW VIDEO

A preview video of the course is available here.

<https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike/videos/235702089589495?idorvanity=1044239486621793>

This course is subject to change at the discretion of the organisers. Any changes will be announced via the Facebook Event Discussion Tab as soon as possible. Final changes will also be posted on the Event Notice Board in the Event Village.

RULES

This event is being run under the MTBNZ Technical Regulations version 2.1 (January 2024). A copy of the regulations can be obtained from <https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/file-share/f04e9399-d2a8-4047-bda9-d7a78f6a8ca2>

PRIZE-GIVING

Prize givings will be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 1 and Race 2. MTB medals and series jerseys will be issued to the winners. In lieu of spot prizes, draws for prizes will be held at each prizegiving.

RESULTS

Official results will be posted to www.mtbnz.org.nz and to the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club Facebook page as soon as possible after the event:

Provisional results will be available on www.facebook.com/MTBNewZealand/

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

We would like to use this venue again! **Use the rubbish bins** provided for all litter – competitors must not drop any food wrappings or other litter on any course. All litter must be carried out and put in the bins provided.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to get involved in the event through social media.

The key links are provided below:

SOCIAL SITE	DIRECT LINK
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/MTBNewZealand/ https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughMountainbike/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/mtbnz_official/
Website	https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/
Event Hash-tag	#MTBNZ24XCround4

CANCELATIONS

The organisers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions or other reasons. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website. ***Please note that there may not be any refunds if the event is cancelled.***

SAFETY COMMITMENT

MMBC on behalf of MTBNZ is committed to providing and maintaining the highest level of 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 in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Please play your part by following instructions where required, and report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Race Office or a Race Official immediately. **SMOKE, DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE**

The entire event is smoke, drug and alcohol free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

PETS

No dogs or pets are permitted to be brought to the Event Village or are allowed in the Victoria Domain.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The event recognises that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distance being adjusted in the interest of participant and official's safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the Contingency Committee.

FIRST AID

Primary/immediate first aid will be provided on site by Peak Safety.

If you require further medical attention, see below for local Medical Centres. Please note that both of these facilities are within 30 minutes drive of the race venue (the Urgent Care Centre is in the grounds of Wairau Hospital).

FACILITY	HOURS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Urgent Care Centre	8am-5pm, 7 days	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 6377
Wairau Hospital Emergency Dept.	24 hours	Cnr Hospital Rd & Taylor Pass Rd, Witherlea, Blenheim	(03) 520 9999

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 111

RACE INFORMATION

COSTS

- Cost: **2024 XCO Championships Entry Fees:**
- Affiliated Club member and Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$75
 - Affiliated Club member but not a Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$85
 - Not an affiliated Club member nor a Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$95
- OTD Late Entries will incur an additional \$15 surcharge (cash only)***
Online entries close the Wed prior to each round

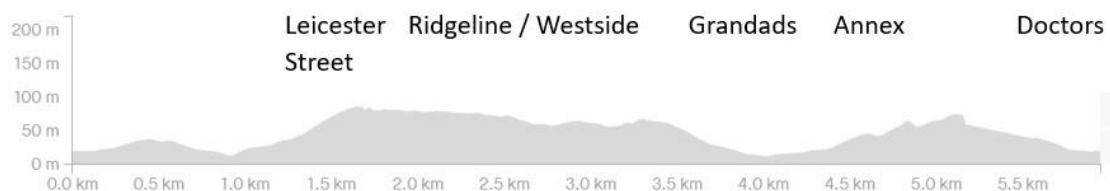
RUN SCHEDULE

CROSS COUNTRY RACES	
7.30am	Race course opens for Practice
8.00am	Race 1 Registration (closes at 9.00am)
9.20am	Compulsory XC Race 1 Briefing
9.20am	Race 1 Call up (Non UCI : U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1, 2, 3 and 4)
9:30am	Race 1 Start
11.30am	Race 1 Prize giving
11.30am	Race course opens for Race 2 Practice
11.30am	Race 2 Registration (closes at 12.30pm)
12.50pm	Compulsory XC Race 2 Briefing
12:50pm	Race 2 Call up (UCI : U19, Elite)
1:00pm	Race 2 Start
3:00pm	Race 2 Prize giving
3.30pm	Event Close

RACE INFORMATION

Event:	Cross Country
Date:	Sunday 18th February 2024
Location:	Endeavour Park Pavilion, Waikawa Road, Picton
Registration times:	Sunday 18rd Oct (Race 1 from 8.30am, Race 2 from 12pm).
Briefing/Racing times:	Race 1 9.15am, Race 2 12.45pm.
Prize giving:	Race 1 11.30am (or earlier), Race 2 3pm (or earlier).
Race numbers:	All riders are to wear the issued race plate (1 per rider) placed vertically on front of handlebars (please do not cut or bend), plus transponder on right wrist.
Seeding:	Please refer to 10.3.2 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations for seeding order. On the day entries will be seeded at the back of their respective categories.
Feed/Tech Zone:	Riders may only receive food, drink and technical assistance within the designated feed/tech zone. Only one feeder per rider is permitted in the feed/tech zone. The feed/tech zone is immediately prior to the start/finish line.
Lap Guidelines:	Provisional laps and waves are below. Final wave groups and lap numbers will be determined by the Chief Commissaire.

RACE	WAVE	AGE GROUP	START TIME	INDICATIVE LAPS	TOTAL DISTANCE & CLIMBING
1	A	Men Sport, Men Masters 1 & 2	9:30am	TBC	24km, 680m vert
1	B	Men U17		TBC	24km, 680m vert
1	C	Men U15, Men Masters 3 & 4		TBC	18km, 510m vert
1	D	Women Sport, Women Masters 1 & 2		TBC	18km, 510m vert
1	E	Women U17		TBC	18km, 510m vert
1	F	Women U15, Women Masters 3 & 4		TBC	12km, 340m vert
2	A	Elite Men	1:00pm	TBC	30km, 850m vert
2	B	U19 Men		TBC	30km, 850m vert
2	C	Elite Women		TBC	30km, 850m vert
2	D	U19 Women		TBC	24km, 680m vert



Distance = 5.95km. Vertical Metres = 168m

(Note the course and starting waves are subject to change)



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