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Bike Methven

UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE CONTINENTAL SERIES

MTBNZ NATIONAL SERIES RACE 1

17TH-18TH JANUARY 2026

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Oceania Cycling Confederation

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MOUNTAIN BIKE NEW ZEALAND

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Mountain Bike NZ Welcome

Kia ora koutou katoa

It is my pleasure to welcome competitors and supporters alike to the first round of the 2026 Oceania Continental Series DH here at Mt Hutt Bike Park.

It is great to be able to build on this series in 2026 and provide an opportunity for our riders to experience international level competition at home. To our compatriots from across the Oceania Confederation and beyond, we hope you enjoy your time here in Aotearoa, and our great trails on and off the race course.

We're looking forward to some top notch racing over the coming days. Thank you to Bike Methven for the effort their volunteers have put into making this event happen and are vital to the success of the event. I'd also like to acknowledge our Commissaire team who play a fundamental role in supporting the integrity of our sport and give their time voluntarily to officiate events like this one throughout the country.

On behalf of Mountain Bike NZ, have a great weekend and let's go racing!

Ryan Hunt
President
Mountain Bike New Zealand

Bike Methven Welcome

Welcome to Round 1 of the 2026 Oceania Continental Series DH at Mt Hutt Bike Park!

We are beyond thrilled to welcome riders from around the world to Mt Hutt Bike Park for. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Mt Hutt, in South Island New Zealand, our trails are ready to challenge, excite, and inspire. To all the athletes competing—your skill, passion, and determination are what make this event special. Best of luck out there—we hope to see you on the podium!

- The Team at Bike Methven

KEY CONTACTS

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Commissaire Panel	Mark Darvill	
	Phil Snowdon	
	Neil Sinclair	
	Millie Donald	

For any event enquiries, please email: hello@mtbnz.org.nz

KEY VERSION UPDATES

Version	Date	Comments
1	18/12/2025	First Version

EVENT WEBSITE

To enter and for more information please check the event website

https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/down-hill

During the event competitors will be notified of any changes through MTBNZ's social media channels, the website and via email used to complete registrations.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRIES

Enter now through our website: https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/down-hill
Entries will close at midnight on Thursday 15th January 2026.

ENTRY FEES

Event/Category	Early Bird Fee (until 20 December 2025)	Standard Fee (after 20th December 2025)
DH - UCI Licence Holder	$180	$200
DH - Non-UCI -Licence Holder (includes one day licence)	$195	$215
1/2 Price entry if a Marshal is provided. (limited to 15 entries)	$90	$50

ENTRY WITHDRAWS AND REFUNDS

The event does NOT provide refunds under any circumstance. All riders are encouraged to opt for a refund. Refund Protection cover which costs between $6.40 to $12.75 depending on the category a rider has entered. Refund Cover can only be added to an entry at the time of entering.

POSTPONEMENT / CANCELATION

Due to the location of the event and environment, it is a difficult area to manage racing in inclement weather. Racing may be affected by high winds. Bike Methven is equipped with sensitive weather equipment that enables a fair amount of forward weather planning. Every option will be enacted as a contingency to continue to provide the scheduled racing; however, we all need to understand that any decision to change, postpone or cancel racing will be made solely with the rider's safety at the forefront.

LATE ENTRIES

If capacity allows, late entries will be accepted for Non-UCI Categories only (U15, U17, Sport and Masters) once entries have closed with a late fee penalty of $50 per event.

Late entries close at 1pm Friday 16 January.

Riders who enter late will not be given any seeding preferences.

ENTRY CRITERIA AND LICENCING

UCI Categories (U19, Elite)

All riders in UCI categories (U19 and Elite) must hold either:

- A 2026 Cycling New Zealand Annual Licence (New Zealand residents), or
- A 2026 UCI Licence issued by the national federation in their country of residence, and that provides insurance while competing in New Zealand.

Late entries will not be accepted for UCI categories.

Non-UCI Categories (U15, U17, Senior & Masters 1-5)

All riders in non-UCI categories must hold either:

- A 2026 Cycling New Zealand Annual Licence (New Zealand residents), or
- A 2026 UCI Licence issued by the national federation in their country of residence, and that provides insurance while competing in New Zealand, or
- A one-day race licence by paying the Non-licence holder entry fee.

CATEGORIES

The following event categories are available for both male and female.
Age is calculated as at 31 December 2026.

UCI Categories	Elite - For Riders aged 19 or over (as at 31 December 2026) U19 (Junior) - For riders aged 17 - 18 (as at 31 December 2026)
NON -on -UCI Categories	U15 - For Riders aged between 13 - 14 (as at 31 December 2026) U17 - For Riders aged between 15 - 16 (as at 31 December 2026) Senior - For Riders aged between 17 - 29 (as at 31 December 2026) Masters 1 - For Riders aged between 30 - 39 (as at 31 December 2026) Masters 2 - For Riders aged between 40 - 49 (as at 31 December 2026) Masters 3 - For Riders aged between 50+ (as at 31 December 2026) Masters 4 - For Riders aged between 60 - 69 (as at 31 December 2026) Masters 5 - For Riders aged 70+ (as at 31 December 2026)

EVENT REGULATIONS & EQUIPMENT

Racing will be conducted under the UCI Regulations (https://www.uci.org/) and MTBNZ Technical Regulations (Version 2.4.1, 1 August 2025)

All riders, by entering this event, agree to accept and abide by the Cycling New Zealand Code of Conduct.

All riders must complete two runs of the course during their official practice sessions to be permitted to seed/race.

A rider must start their seeding run to be permitted to start their race run.

New Zealand MTB Protective Equipment Requirements apply to this event. These are defined in section 7 of the MTBNZ Technical Regulations and summarised below:

Summary of DHI Protective Equipment Requirements

Requirement	**U15, U17**	**U19, Senior, Elite, Masters**
Full face Helmet (7.4.1)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Long sleeve shirt (7.4.2)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Elbow/forearm protection (7.4.3)	Compulsory	Highly recommended
Long or Short Pants (7.4.4)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Knee/Shin Protection (7.4.5)	Compulsory for short and long pants	Compulsory for short pants

Neck Brace (7.4.6)	Compulsory to wear either neck brace or spinal protection	Highly recommended
Spinal Protection (7.4.7)		Highly recommended
Shoulder Protection (7.4.8)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Full Finger Gloves	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended

WITHDRAWALS DURING RACE

Withdrawing during a race – the rider must advise a Commissaire as soon as possible and return their timing transponder to the race office.

RACE PLATE & TRANSPONDER COLLECTION

The race office is located in the building at the race village . See page 19 for the map.
Saturday – 9am – 4pm
Sunday – 8am – 9am

Plates must be displayed on the bicycle handlebars during practice and racing. Zip ties will be provided at race pack pick up.

Race plates must be vertical, flat and not wrapped or curved around the bars – officials need to be able to read the number or no place can be awarded.

Altering, cutting, or placing unauthorised sponsors' logos on numbers will result in a fine and/or disqualification. All riders must display their race numbers if riding the course on the official practice day(s) or on race day(s). Downhill riders will not be allowed on the Shuttle unless they have a number attached to the handlebars of their bicycle.

Timing transponders will also be provided to riders at race pack pick up. These must be secured around your **right front fork** and returned after your race. Riders will be charged $10 for timing transponders that are not returned.

Body numbers must be worn on the back for seeding and racing.

RACE BRIEFING

Riders will be briefed prior to seeding run. Please see the times in the schedule above.

Important information including any updated race or course information, any key safety messages, changes to the event or contingency plans will be provided at these briefings.

All Race updates will be added to our website event page **here** and links for this added to our Facebook & Instagram page

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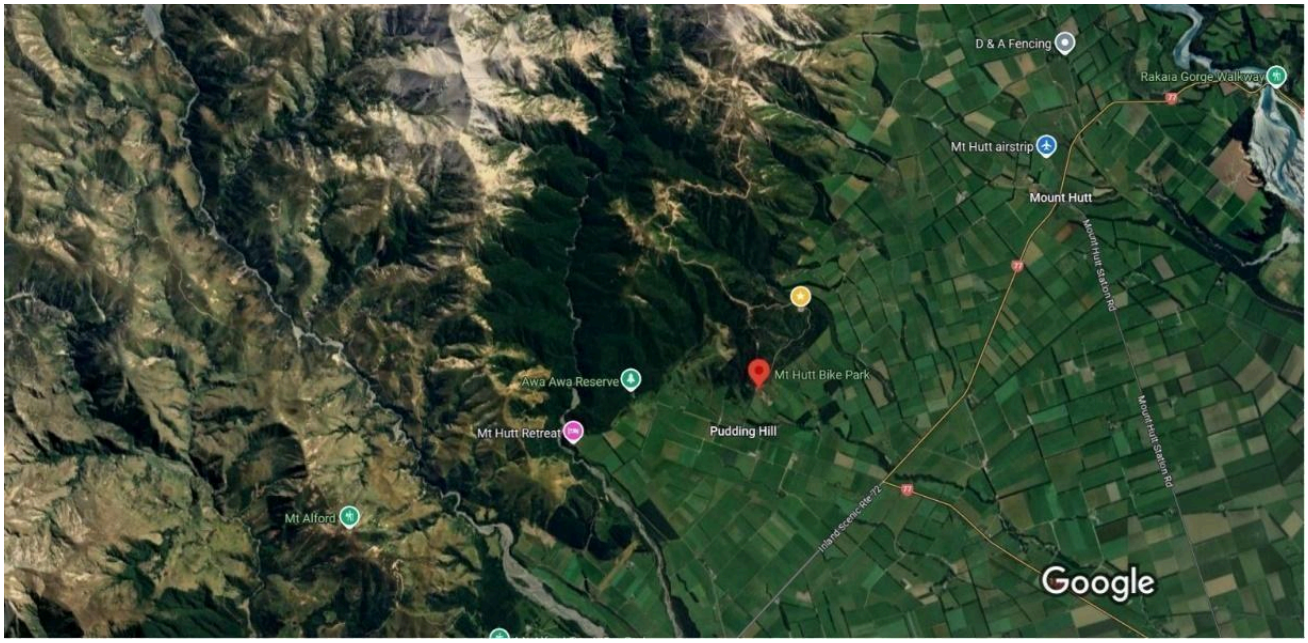
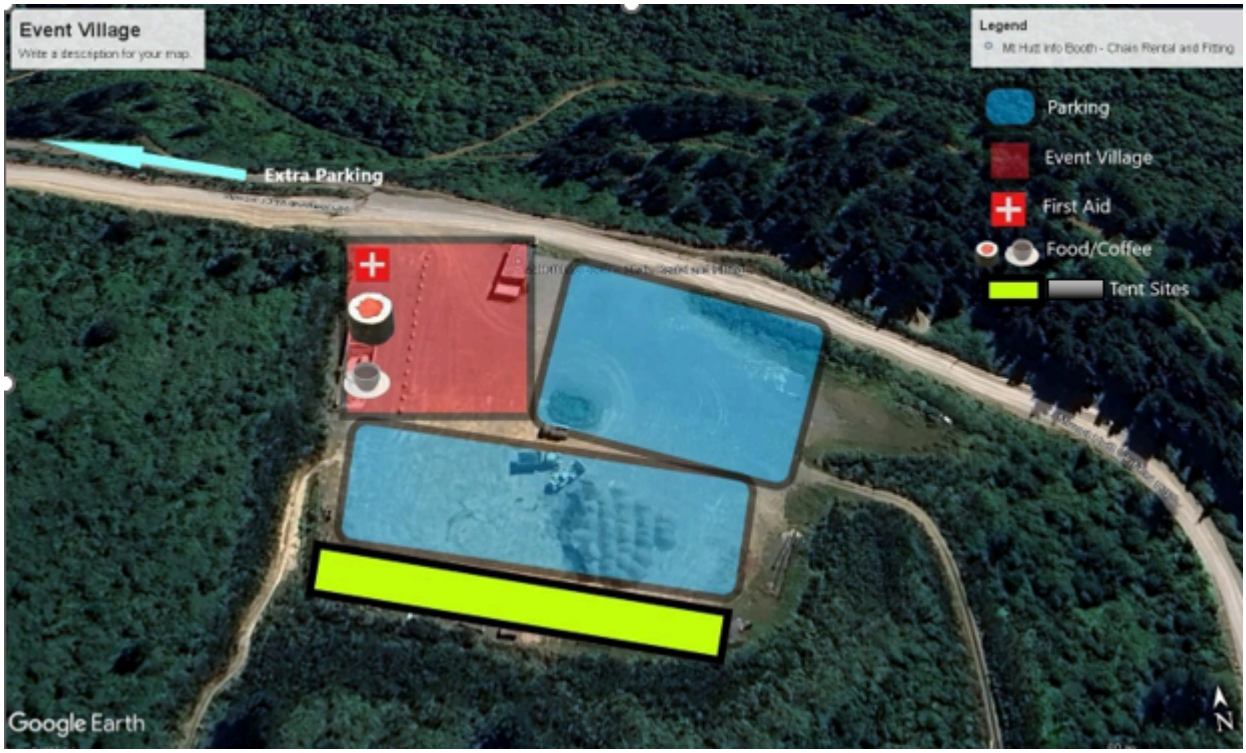
VENUE & GETTING THERE

Mt Hutt Bike Park
Mt. Hutt Bike Park boasts a 40km+ trail network, from a family friendly XC loop to epic single track, double-black diamond technical descents and with some nice climbs to link it all together. All tracks are well maintained with berms, bridge features and jumps. But don't let the jumps put you off; there are easy lines around all the features and jumps catering for all riders.

The Bike Park is located at the foot of the Mt Hutt Ski Area and can be shuttled using the Mt Hutt Access Road. The Event Village will be located in the Mt Hutt Information Booth Carpark see google map link below:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/7Y2LNiKBKWcSJn2H8





Mt Hutt Bike Park is run and managed by the incorporated society Bike Methven. The tracks can be ridden at any time outside the event, and the road is available to shuttle on. Please note the road will be closed the Saturday & Sunday of Racing

Full details available on the website https://www.bikemethven.co.nz/

EVENT SCHEDULE

This schedule is provisional and is subject to change.

Day	Details	Time
Saturday	Venue open from	9.00am
17 Jan	Race pack pick up	9.00am – 4.00pm
	Commissaire Course Walk	10.30am
	Riders Course walk (shuttle pick up 11-11.30am)	11.00am - 12.30pm
	Track open	1.00pm
	Rider shuttles	1.00pm to 3.40pm
	Practice - all categories	1.00pm to 4.00pm
Sunday 18 Jan	Race pack pick up	8.30am – 11.00am
	Practice session 1 - U15, U17, Sport and Masters	8.30am – 10.00am
	Practice session 2 - Elite and U19	10.30am – 12.00pm
	Lunch break	12.00pm – 12.30pm
	Transport for seeding departs	12.15pm
	Seeding run commences	12.30pm
	Race run commences	2.30pm
	Prizegiving for all categories	Approx 4.00pm or as soon as racing concludes

DHI Information

Course Length: Approx. 2.6 km
Start Elevation: 848m
Finish Elevation: 520m
Total Elevation Drop: 362m
Fastest Estimated Time: 3.30 minutes
Timing: Sport Split

Shuttles: Riders will catch a shuttle Van from the Race village to the top of the hill. No competitors are to use any transport other than the official transport supplied by the race organisers for the official downhill practice or race day(s). Riders must have their race plates on their bikes for all practice, seeding and race runs. Race plates will act as Shuttle passes on Saturday & Sunday.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event is committed to providing and maintaining the utmost health and safety standards by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSAW2015).

The safety of the riders, officials, volunteers, and spectators are included in the event planning. This includes (but is not limited to) course inspections, course marking, directional signage, hazard warning signage, communications and first aid provisions.

The venue and course are in a public mountain bike park and other users may be present during the event. The event courses are designed for mountain biking and a certain amount of skill is required. By entering this event you are deemed to have a sufficient level of experience and skill to ensure your own safety. It is your responsibility to manage your own safety during the event, to always be aware of other trail users and to make responsible decisions.

The event is held in an outside environment and weather conditions are likely to be very changeable. Please ensure you are prepared for inclement, adverse, or extreme (hot or cold) conditions.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding Health and Safety, please report to the Event Coordinator or the Chief Commissaire.

MEDICAL

Medical support will be present at the venue Saturday the 17th 1pm to 4pm & Sunday 8.30am to 4pm

If you require any special medication (e.g. asthma inhaler) please make sure you have it with you. Trail Safety will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course. In the first instance, in case of an accident or medical emergency please contact your nearest marshal or Bike Methven crew member.

If you require any special medication (e.g. asthma inhaler) please make sure you have it with you. Trail Safety and **ProMed** will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course. In the first instance, in case of an accident or medical emergency please contact your nearest marshal. They are in radio contact with Trail Safety to respond.

The nearest A&E is at Ashburton District Hospital on Douglas St, in Frankton. 45.7km / 34 min drive from the Event village.

The nearest hospital is:
Ashburton District Hospital
28 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton, 03 3078450

Notify an event official in the case of medical attention being required.
In the event of an emergency please call 111.

ANTI-DOPING

The Sports Integrity Committee (formerly called Drug Free Sport New Zealand) may attend this event. Riders must ensure they always have a photo ID available if requested. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) must be available and ready to be presented to the Doping Control Office. See map on page 20.

All athletes should make themselves aware of the rules, rights and requirements regarding competing in their chosen sport. Valuable information and educational opportunities are available on The Sport Integrity Committee website which can be accessed here.

Check out their Youtube Video for the doping control process.

MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL

Medal ceremonies will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters only, please refer to the schedule for approx timings. Please listen to the instructions of the officials and MC and be ready for prize giving which will be fluid. Where present, spot prize winners will also be called out at prize giving. The awards ceremony will take place in the Event Village.

POINTS

The following events are registered with the UCI and will be eligible for UCI Points. UCI points are being awarded as per the UCI Regulations, Part 4 Annex 2, 2a and 3, for the UCI Continental Series DHI points scale, and summarised as follows:

	continental series
DHI Downhill	
Men's and Women's Elite	Top 25
Men's and Women's U19	Top 20

PRIZE MONEY

No prize money is payable for this event.

PARKING

Plenty of free parking is available at the venue.

TEAM PIT SITES

Located across the South of the event village carpark

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Coffee will be available on site race day.

SMOKING & VAPING

The entire venue of Mt Hutt Bike Park and the event is smoke, vape and drug-free.
Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/MTBNewZealand
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/mtbnz_official/
Website	https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/down-hill
Event Hashtag	

MEDIA

All media must be accredited prior to the event.
Accreditation is issued only to media for event-specific coverage only. Completing the accreditation is not a guarantee your credentials will be accepted. All media will be supplied a high-vis vest to wear on the course.
Please contact hello@mtbnz.org.nz to express your interest, prior to the event.

VENUE

A bike wash is located at the carpark at the entry to the Bike Park. By Rainbow bike park sign

SPECTATORS

Always obey the marshals when close to or crossing any of the race tracks.
No Dogs

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

This is a DOC recreation reserve and dealing with our rubbish to minimize our footprint is essential. Please use the four streams of rubbish bins correctly. 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, including race number plates and plastic cable ties.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mt Hutt Bike park has limited coverage over the entire mountain.

TOILETS

A Portaloo is available at the Bottom of the DH.
Otherwise, full toilet and wash facilities are available at the event village