Cycling – Road Race – COMPETITOR NOTES

It is compulsory for all entrants in this event and their supporters to read this notice and comply with its stipulations. They are also responsible for familiarising themselves with the Event Location, Rules and all its hazards. Please inform your supporters of their responsibility to comply.

Signing your waiver or completing your online entry is an indication you agree to comply with these guidelines.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

- You are responsible for your own health and safety during the event.
- You should only undertake to participate in this event if you believe that you are fit to do so.
- At no stage during this event should you engage in activity that would threaten your own safety and the safety of other people.
- You should obey marshal and Event Staff where they are instructing you for your safety.
- Marshals, Officials and Referee's are giving up their time to help you, please treat them with respect. If you have any issues with a Marshals, Officials and Referee's conduct please do not approach them independently please refer to the Event Manager.

GAMES REGISTRATION

All participants are required to check in at the Registration Desk at the Games Hub (Rotorua Energy Events Centre) in person before playing sports or taking part in an activity.

For safety and security, we cannot accept someone checking you in on your behalf. This includes Teams. Each Team Member is required to check in individually at the Games Registration.

VENUE	

The venue for the Cycling – Road Race will be at the Bluff Sports & Recreation Club, Waikaukau Road, Waikite Valley, near Rotorua

COURSE MAP



The course is a 28km loop with competitors completing 3 loops (84km) for the Road Race.

To view the map and download a GPX file click **HERE**

PARKING

Parking is provided at the start location.

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- Marshals are giving up their time to help you, please treat them with respect. If you have any issues with a marshal's conduct please do not approach them independently please refer to the Event Manager.

- Whilst every effort is made to make sure the course is marked accurately and marshals are available at key points it is your responsibility to know the course prior to starting your race.
- You will be riding on Open Roads at all times and must comply with NZ Traffic Regulations.
- The course will be marshalled, but the ultimate responsibility is with you to ride safely and be aware of other traffic.
- DO NOT CROSS THE CENTRE LINE you must keep to the left half of the road at all times.
- Do not drop any litter on the circuit, including gels or bottles.
- A feeding / drop zone will be provided on each lap near the start / finish area.
- The race will have a neutral start for approximately 2km, racing will commence once the red flag is withdrawn.

EVENT CHECK-IN

Event Check-in for the Cycling Road Race will be at the following time / location:

Saturday 4th March 2023 from 0800am – 0845am at Bluff Sports & Recreation Club, Waikaukau Road, Waikite Valley, near Rotorua

You will collect your timing chip and number plates at Check-in.

COMPETITION RULES

Description: This Cycling – Road Race takes place on rural roads. It will be a 3 lap course of 28km laps (84km). The course is undulating with some technical descents.

It is your responsibility to manage your own safety during the event, to be aware of other road users at all times and to make responsible decisions. There is Traffic Management in place, however, **the roads are OPEN**, and there will be public and official traffic on the circuit during your race. Riders must keep left of the centreline at all times during the event, and where there is no centreline riders must stay to the left half of the road.

We do also ask that whether you are racing, warming up, training or just riding back to accommodation, that you show other road users and residents' courtesy, adhere to all road rules and respect the environment.

Equipment:

Bike: Competitors need to make sure your bike is well maintained and set up properly. This includes checking tyres are inflated and not leaking, drive train is in great working condition, both front and rear brakes are functioning properly, and your seat at the correct height. We recommend you get a professional service prior to the event. Please carry your own spares and tools and know how to use them.

Helmets: Competitors helmets must be compliant with appropriate NZ Transport Agency Standards for use on open roads and must be worn at all times when riding your bike.

Clothing: Competitors should be wearing clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and the type of riding being conducted.

Lights: Whilst not compulsory we **highly** recommend you have a rear red flashing light either fitted to your bike or worn on your back or helmet.

General:

Support Vehicle: Absolutely no support vehicles are allowed on the course on Saturday. There is no need to have support vehicles. Water stops, medical needs and bike mechanics are available on the course.

Stay on left: Do not cross the centre line. Always stay as far left as reasonably practicable.

Keep your line: Maintain a straight line. Practice taking the water bottle out of its cage and food out of your back pocket before the event. During bunch riding wobbling is dodgy. Minimise looking behind you – often it causes you to veer from a straight line.

Signal Hazards: If you see a hazard which would affect the line or momentum of the bunch it is your responsibility to signal to following riders, with subsequent riders continuing the signal further down the group.

Passing: Pass on the Right, not the left.

Age Groups: OPEN | 18-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60+

All Competitors will be eligible for the Open Competition.

Timing: Electronic timing will be used for the Cycling – Road Race Event and is provided by Fastway Timing Systems.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY / DRAW

Saturday	
08:00am	Registration
08:45am	Participant Briefing
09:00am	Road Race - Starts
11:30am –	Race Finish
13:00pm	

Timings will run as close to those published but may be subject to change depending on the weather and any race incidents. Please listen for announcements on the day of the event.

MEDICAL PROVISION

Medical services will be present at the event with Paramedic Qualified personnel. This will be provided by Peak Safety.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome to attend the Cycling – Road Race Event. The cycling – road race is on open rural roads. Spectators are encouraged to watch the event from the Start / Finish area at the Bluff Club as competitors will travel past on each lap and finish at this location.

Here are some pointers to help spectators stay safe while watching the event:

- Be responsible and keep your own safety in mind.
- Always follow and obey marshal's instructions.
- Observe and follow all event signs.
- Stay within designated spectator areas.
- Do not enter any restricted areas. If you are unsure, please ask a marshal.
- Keep off the road and always pay attention.
- Children to be accompanied at all times.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize Giving will take place at the Games Hub, Rotorua Energy Events Centre between 5pm – 7pm on Saturday 4th March 2023. Full details of the medal ceremony will be provided once Games Registration closes on 10th February 2023.

KEY CONTACTS / INFORMATION

Name	Role/Organisation	Contact Number
Chris Newson	Event Manager	021 232 1457
Graham Perks	APES Games Sports Manager	021 191 3660

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is running drinkable water available at the Bluff Sport and Recreation Club (Start / Finish).

Physio services are available through Go Physio (1221 Haupapa Street, Rotorua – Tel: 07 347 8380) who will be operating a Drop-in Clinic 8am – 5pm Monday 6th March – Friday 10th March 2023 - https://gophysio.co.nz/