

Race Guide - NZDH Downhill Series.

ROUND 1 - Rotorua

Saturday, 24 September 2022

HOSTED By

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club (RMTBC)/Descend Rotorua

IN Conjunction With

New Zealand Downhill (NZDH)





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The purpose of this guideline is to provide on the day event guidelines for the delivery of the New Zealand 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.

RMTBC/Descend Rotorua

Our community and Mountain Bike Club would like to welcome you to Rotorua and the Whakarewarewa Forest for the first round of the 2022 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.

Steve Browning
President, RMTBC/Descend Rotorua



Key Contact Team.

OUR Event Team

The **EVENT MANAGER** is the main point of contact for NZDH 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 associated MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

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

The **MARSHAL MANAGER** oversees all of the Marshal's for the event and any communications that are required between the marshal team. Should the Marshall 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 NZDH 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

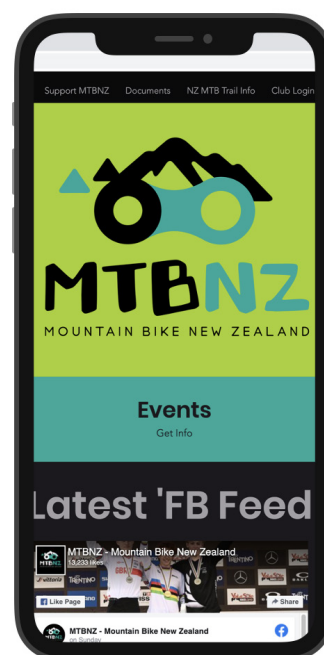
The event will be run under UCI [Part IV] and MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

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.

COVID - 19

MTBC will ask volunteers and event-goers to stay home if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Additionally, require attendees to not attend the event if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or had direct contact with an individual diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 7 days.

If you or your supporters test positive for Covid-19 after the event, please immediately contact the Event Manager.



Rego and Track.

RACE Registration

Race registration will be held on Friday, 23 September 2022 at Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua) from 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm. No entries will be taken on the day.

A second registration will be held on race day, Saturday, 24 September 2022 (8.00 am – 8.45 am) in the timing tent at the race venue. No entries will be taken on the day.

→ Link - [Planet Bike Carpark](#)

TRACK Walk

The race track will be open for Track Walk on Friday, 23 September 2022 (3.00 pm – 5.00 pm). There will be a free shuttle uplift from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm courtesy of Mountain Bike Rotorua. You will need to walk into the forest and board the shuttle from the forest pickup location on Hill Road.

No bikes will be uplifted.

→ Link - [Hill Road Shuttle Pickup Point](#)

TIMING and Race Plates

All riders will be issued with a unique numbered race plate and timing chip at registration. The race plate must be attached to the front of your bike at all times, during practice, seeding and race runs. No plate, no racing.

All racing chips are to be returned at the end of race runs and before prize giving. There will be a cost charged to any rider of \$100 for a non return of their timing chip.



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

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, so please bring enough food and water for the day.



Course to Race.

TANIWHA National DH

Taniwha - Steep technical DH with optional big jumps and drops, fast and technical international level downhill race track.

Link - [Taniwha](#)



TRACK Access Before Event

Taniwha and any other DH tracks leading from Taniwha are closed to riding from Thursday, 22 September until the event day on Saturday 24 September 2022. Any rider found riding the track prior will be disqualified from the event and not allowed to race.



Event Programme.

FRIDAY 23 September

| TIME | ACTION | NOTES |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Rider Registration | Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua) |
| 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Track Walk | The race track will be open for Track Walk from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm. Free shuttle uplift from MBR public forest pickup (Hill Road). |

SATURDAY 24 September

| TIME | ACTION | NOTES |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 7.00am | Race venue open | Gate open - permit access only |
| 7.00 am - 8.15 am | Rider and Spectator shuttle in to race venue | Leaving from Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua) |
| 7.45 am | Marshall Briefing | |
| 8.00 am - 8.45 am | Rider Registration | No entries on the day |
| 8.00 am | Marshall Uplift | |
| 8.30 am | Riders Shuttles Open | Loading for the first uplift - no plate no uplift |
| 8.45 am | Practice Runs | Practice Runs (All Riders) - at least two runs |
| 11.45 pm | Practice Ends | No riders on course |
| 11.45 pm - 12.15 pm | Lunch Break | No riders on course |
| 12.15 pm | Race Briefing | No riders on course |
| 12.20 pm | Shuttles Open | First riders loading for uplift |
| 12.45 pm - 2.15 pm | Race Run (1)* | First race run |
| 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm | Race Run (2)* | Second race run |
| 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm | Prize Giving | |
| 5.00pm | Rider and Spectator shuttle out of race venue | Returning to Planet Bike carpark (Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua) |

***NZDH events work on two (2) race runs with no seeding run. Therefore, the rider's fastest time towards their overall placing is the quickest time of either two runs.**



Entry and Race Categories.

RACE Categories

The following event categories are available for both males and females. Ages are calculated as of 31st December 2022.

U15

For riders aged 13 (minimum) and 14

U17

For riders 15 and 16

U19

For riders 17 and 18

Open

For riders 19+

Elite

For riders 19+

Masters 1

For riders 30 - 39

Masters 2

For riders 40 - 49

Masters 3

For riders 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 to the Event Manager.

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 - [RMTBC Instagram](#)

→ Link - [RMTBC Website](#)