

SERIES INFORMATION

2012 NZ MTB Downhill Cup presented by Nature Valley



WHO CAN RIDE?

Everyone! That's the beauty of the NZ MTB Cup, rounds are all over New Zealand and have categories for all age groups. Courses are chosen to provide riders from age group chargers, right through to Elite athletes with challenging, and totally doable weekend race experiences!

Competitors competing only at one or two rounds are also welcome and are able to enter on the weekend of the event (note you must register practice day for downhill races).

There are two main categories – Age Group and Elite.

All age group categories are open to both licensed and unlicensed riders, however if you don't have a National Race Licence, you will have to purchase a day license for these events in 2012. This means that all competitors are again eligible for Cup points in 2012.

If you wish to enter in the Elite class for the first time please apply to the MTB Selection Panel for approval (email: chris.mildon@gmail.com).

LICENSING

BikeNZ issue National and International Race Licenses on behalf of MTBNZ and BikeNZ Road and Track (BRT). National Race Licenses allow you to compete in most domestic road, track or mountain bike events run by an affiliated Club or Centre, or sanctioned by BRT/MTBNZ or BikeNZ.

To enter the Elite category in either Downhill or Cross Country, it is compulsory to hold a National Licence, and be approved by MTBNZ.

International Race Licenses are only needed for events outside of NZ – athletes can easily upgrade from a National to an International Race License before leaving NZ for overseas competition..

NEED A NATIONAL RACE LICENSE?

Click: <https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=6480> to go the on-line licence application portal.

A downloadable application form is available here: <http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/License-Application-2012.pdf>

CATEGORIES

All ages are set as at 31 December 2012 in accordance with UCI rules (the international body for cycling).

Please note that in order for a category to be included as a separate title category there needs to be a minimum of five entries in that category at the NZ MTB Cup rounds (otherwise it will be combined with another age group (s)) You will see some categories have already been combined, particularly in downhill women - we really want to encourage more participation and feedback has indicated the more people in a grade (regardless of age) the more fun and competitive it is (having others to race against!)

U23 XC competitors can compete in either the Senior category or in the Elite category (on application and approval from the MTB Selection Panel) during the NZ MTB Cup and National Champs events. At National Championship events, Elite approved U23 XC competitors will compete within the Elite race category and under the Elite UCI points scale. At the Oceania Champs, U23 competitors will compete in a separate category.

Downhill

<i>Category</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Under 15	1998/1999		N/A
Under 17	1996/1997		N/A
Under 19	1994/1995		N/A
Senior	1983-1993		N/A
Masters 1	1973-1982		N/A
Masters 2	1972 and less		N/A
Hardtail	1999 and less		N/A
Fem Jun	1994-1998	N/A	
Open	1993 and less	N/A	
Elite	1993 and less		

Cross Country

<i>Category</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Under 15	1998/1999		
Under 17	1996/1997		
Under 19	1994/1995		
Senior	1983-1993		
Master 1	1973-1982		
Master 2	1963-1972		
Master 3 +	1962 and less		
Elite	1993 and less		

RACE RULES

The NZ MTB Cup has a rather more relaxed attitude to the UCI rules and regulations (although there are still some rules applied, it does need to be a fair and safe competition!), but the full UCI regulations will be applied for the Category 1 and 2 events. Our MTB Commissaires will be on hand at each of the events so if you have any queries regarding the rules, don't hesitate in asking them for clarification - they're there to help!

Download the Race Rules here (available mid November)

CODE OF CONDUCT

All riders are required to be familiar with and abide by the MTBNZ Code of Conduct.

Click: <http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Code-of-Conduct.pdf> to read MTB NZ Code of Conduct - Riders

ANTI DOPING

MTBNZ supports and subscribes to the principles of Drug Free Sport NZ, and those of the UCI. As such, athletes are able to be drug tested on a random basis.

Click: <http://www.bikenz.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=652> to read more about Anti-Doping

XC LAP INFORMATION

The XC NZ MTB Cup races are designed to enable a variety of courses to be offered and for 2012 we have a good mix of XCO (Olympic multi-lap format).

The Commissaire is responsible for confirming the number of laps before race start based on various factors such as weather conditions and condition of the track, amalgamated age categories etc.

2012 UCI regulations target a shorter race time for all categories – the NZ MTB Cup will aim to meet these guidelines where possible, and the number of laps different categories will race range from 2-3 for Under 15 women to between 6-7 for Elite Men during the four rounds.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their bike and safety equipment (pads, helmets etc) is race worthy.

MTBNZ also has a minimum protective equipment policy for downhill. This policy will be implemented for all MTBNZ events. It is also anticipated that affiliated clubs will also adopt the policy, as a best practice approach for dealing with this important part of our sport.

Click: <http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/MTBNZ-Armour-Policy-V3-July-2011.pdf> to download the Policy.

TIMETABLE FOR EVENTS

All DH Cup Events

Practice Day

Registration 9:00 to 3:00

Slow Runs 9:00 to 12.30

Race Pace Runs 1:30 – 5:00

Race Day (no on the day entry)

Practice 8:30 – 10:00

Elite Practice 10:00 – 10:15

Briefing 10:30

Timed Seeding Run 11:00 start

Race Run 1:00 start

Prizegiving (all categories) 4:00

All XC Cup Events

Race Day

U15, U17, Senior and all Masters

Registration 9:00 – 10:00

Briefing 10:15

Race Start 10:30

Prizegiving (U15, U17, Senior and all Masters) 1

U19 and Elite/U23

Registration 12:30 – 1.30

Briefing 1:45

Race Start 2:00

Prizegiving (U19 and Elite) 4:45

NZ MTB CUP TITLES

To be eligible for a NZ MTB Cup (Downhill) title, a rider's best five results (any five) will be collated.

To be eligible for a NZ MTB Cup (Cross Country) title, a rider's best three results (any three) will be collated.

ISLAND CUP TITLES

Island Cup titles only apply to Downhill again in 2012. Riders have the opportunity to contest the North Island and South Island Downhill Cups, which comprise all three races in each island. Points will be allocated for each of the three races in each island, with all three events counting towards an overall placing.

CUP SERIES POINTS

All entrants will be able to gain Cup points for 2012, either through holding a National License or through compulsory Day License at each individual event.

For all NZ MTB Cup events, points will be allocated as follows:

Downhill points will be allocated with half points being awarded on the seeding run, and full points on the race run.

Cross Country points will be allocated on race only.

There are also four UCI categorised events as part of the 2012 NZ MTB Cross Country Cup. Rounds 2 and 3 are UCI Category 2 events and Rounds 1 and 4 are UCI Category 1 events. This means these events have UCI ranking points available for the Elite fields to contest, as well as a specific prize money scale MTBNZ pays out on.

TEAMS REGISTRATION

Teams registration is important for the NZ MTB Cup. The idea behind having Teams Registration is to encourage more of an atmosphere at events by giving local industry, Schools and MTB Clubs a chance to support riders and have a space within the Event Village. It is also a great way of promoting a product by having a team supporting a specific brand.

It's a straight forward process to register - download a registration form here:

<http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Team-Registration-Form-2012-MTBNZ.pdf>.

ENTRY FEES

NZ MTB Cup Downhill Events

On-Line Pre-entry, Postal or On-the-Day entry \$75 for National License holders

On-Line Pre-entry, Postal or On-the-Day entry \$90 for unlicensed riders

NZ MTB Cup Cross Country Events

On-Line Pre-entry, Postal or On-the-Day entry \$40 for National License holders

On-Line Pre-entry, Postal or On-the-Day entry \$60 for unlicensed riders

Please note we accept Cash and cheques for on the day entries but we do not have Eftpos facilities.

REFUND POLICY

For those riders who have pre-entered, a 50% refund of the race entry fee will be given providing that you notify MTBNZ in writing, by fax or by email at least five days before the date of the event in question.

HOW TO ENTER

You can pre enter online by linking through from the event home page:

http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/?page_id=46

or download the postal entry form:

<http://www.mtbnz.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Entry-Form-2012-Download-MTBNZ.pdf>.

You can also enter On The Day during practice day for Downhill or on race day for Cross Country. Please note, for downhill all entries must be received on the practice day by 3pm. No race day entries for downhill will be accepted.