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OTAGO & SOUTHLAND SCHOOL MTB CHAMPS



EVENT MANUAL

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WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Mountain Biking Otago (MBO), the Otago Secondary Schools sports Association, the Dunedin City Council and our sponsors for their support.

This event also exists because of you, so thank you to everyone for getting involved.

Mountain biking Otago has been involved in the development for both the South Island and National School MTB Champs for many years. We love seeing the growth of the upcoming generation and see the opportunity to create the Otago and Southland MTB Champs as a further opportunity to support our local riders. This event is an opportunity for riders to test themselves against riders beyond your class room and your home region. It is also any opportunity to prepare for upcoming South Island and National events.

All three disciplines of Cross Country, Downhill and Enduro will be offer with age group placing and overall school trophies for each discipline and a combined overall school Champ.

But most importantly this event is also a chance to have a whole lot of fun. I wish you all the best for the coming competition and hope that you achieve all the goals that you've set for yourself.

Enjoy the races!

Kristy Booth
MBO President

KEY CONTACTS

EVENT MANAGER: Kristy Booth
EVENT CO-ORDINATOR: Kristy Booth
RESULTS AND TIMING: Hamish Seaton

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GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

Venue: Dunedin (Race locations will be at MBO venues Signal Hill, Wakari Creek, Bethunes Gully)

Saturday 20 February 2021- Signal Hill

8.00am – 8.45am: Registration for Downhill

9.00am: Compulsory Downhill practice briefing

9.20am: Shuttles available for Downhill Practice

12.00pm: Compulsory Downhill race briefing

12.00pm – 3.00pm: Timed Downhill runs

Prize-giving

Sunday 21 February 2021- Venue Signal Hill

8.00am Registration for Cross Country

9.00am: Race Start 1 (U13 – U15)

10.30am: Race Start 2 (U16 – U20)

1.00pm: Prize-giving – Cross Country and Overall awards (or sooner)

1pm Registration for Enduro

2.00pm-5.00pm Enduro racing

Prize-giving

START LIST

A start list will be posted when entries close.

ENTRY FEES

Online entry, students can enter directly or via their sports coordinator.

Cross country \$40

Enduro \$50

Downhill \$60 (shuttle included) **Capped at 120 this may be reviewed pending on additional van availability**

Online Entries via www.mountainbikingotago.co.nz

Entries close 10am Wednesday 10th February 2020

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PARKING

All parking will be in the designated areas in the **Event Area**.

- Please follow the directions of the **arrows / marshals**. Do not park in any areas that are marked "No Parking". The speed limit through the event area 10 km. Please respect this limit.

SCHOOL TENTS

Schools may put up their own tents in the designated area at the event area, these must be secured in the event of wind.

BIKE REPAIRS

A bike mechanic will not available on site Bike shops in town will be open.

RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers must be displayed 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. *Downhill riders will not be allowed on the downhill transport unless they have a number attached to their bicycle.*

PRE EVENT PRACTICE

Competitors will have a chance to pre-ride or walk the courses from Friday Morning. Please note there is no first aid or road closures, so team managers need to make sure students are supervised.

MECHANICALS

A competitor **MUST** start and finish on the same bike. Wheel changes are allowed. If a rider has a mechanical they **MUST** run the whole course in the direction of the race to not be disqualified. All repairs during an event must be performed by the competitor **ONLY**. No outside assistance is allowed from any other persons (including mums and dads).

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 act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake on their right, without deliberately obstructing them. Poor sportsmanship may result in disqualification.

COURSE

See below for course maps. 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.

RULES

- Hard shell helmets must be worn at all times when riding a bike (not only when racing this includes in the carpark and event village)
- Footwear must be fully enclosed
- Bicycles must be in good working order with functional front and rear brakes. Mountain bikes

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- only are permitted.
- Handlebar ends must be plugged and not have any sharp edges. This also applies to all forms of bar ends.
 - See specific event information below for compulsory equipment for each discipline.

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

We would like to use these 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.

PRIZE-GIVING

Will occur after each event.

AWARDS

First, second and third place getters in each race will receive a medal. Overall champions in each age group will receive a certificate and medal.

The overall champion in each age group will be the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the **XC, DH** and **Enduro** races. (They must enter **ALL** races to be eligible.) Points for Overall Champion will be awarded as follows:

1st	60	7th	38
2nd	54	8th	36
3rd	49	9th	35
4th	45	10th	34
5th	42	11th	33
6th	40	12th	32

Etc. Until 43rd and below who all receive 1 point. DNF = 0

In the event of a tie for a placing (i.e. same number of points for the two races), then the fastest time in each ages group in the SUPER D race will decide the rankings.

RESULTS

Provisional results will be printed and posted on the notice board on the MBO Caravan when available.

CANCELLATIONS

The organiser's reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website. ***Please note that there will be no refunds if any event is cancelled.***

SAFETY COMMITMENT

Mountain Biking Otago is committed to providing and maintaining upmost 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 report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Event Manager or Coordinator at the Event Information Desk.

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SMOKE, DRUG AND ALOCHOL FREE

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

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The event recognizes 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

If you require any special medication (e.g. asthma inhaler) please make sure you have it with you. The Red Cross will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course.

In an Emergency call 111

REFUNDS

Rider refunds will only be given prior with evidence of medical certificate; Refunds will be less \$20 administration fee per event.

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DOWNHILL INFORMATION

20 February 2021

- Venue:** Bottom of Signal Hill, Logan Park, Dunedin
- Briefings:** A compulsory practice briefing will be held at 9.00am and a compulsory race briefing will be held at 12.00pm.
- Practice:** Shuttles for practice runs will be available after the race briefing from approx. 9:00am. Riders must be registered and have their race number on their bike to show that they are entered. The intention is for each rider to have two practice runs prior to timed run in the afternoon, more if time permits.
- Shuttles:** Riders must line up in an orderly fashion at the shuttle zone, where an official will organise bike transport. No private vehicles to be used for shuttling on race day.
- Start order:** Riders will leave at 30 second intervals in the following order - Girls; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. Boys; U13, U14, U15, 16, U17, U20. This will be run in school groups – teams need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest). This order needs to be sent to event organisers prior to the event or given to Event HQ at registration on Friday or Saturday at the latest. Nationally ranked DH riders (both female and male) will race last. They will go in age groups in reverse order of their national ranking.
- Equipment:** Compulsory - approved full face hard shell bicycle helmet. Elbow protectors, and knee protectors are also compulsory (although inexpensive skateboard style knee and elbow protectors will be ok).
Recommended – Neck brace, gloves and eye protection.
- Course:** The course will use a mix of Signal Hill DH tracks (there will be by-passes around large jumps).

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ENDURO INFORMATION

21 February 2021

- Venue:** Signal Hill, Dunedin
- Time:** 2:00pm
- Briefings:** A compulsory race briefing will be held prior to the start.
- Start Order:** Riders will leave at 30 second intervals in the in pre advertised waves. This will be run in school groups – teams need to rank their riders on ability (fastest to slowest). This order needs to be sent to event organisers prior to the event.
- Equipment:** Compulsory - approved hard shell bicycle helmet and knee protectors.
Recommended – Elbow protectors, gloves, Enduro style/ full face helmet, and eye protection.
Garman or similar devices will interfere with the timing equipment, please wear on the opposite wrist to the timing chip.
- Course:** The course will use a mix of tracks, advertised prior.

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CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

21 February 2021

- Venue:** Signal Hill
- Briefings:** A compulsory race briefing will be held prior to the start.
- Start:**
8.00am: Race Start 1 (U13 – U14)
9.30am: Race Start 2 (U15 – U16)
11:00am: Race Start 3 (U17-U20)
1.00pm: Prize-giving – Cross Country and overall awards (or as soon as possible after completion of event) There will be a mass start for each age category (with male and female riders starting together in separate waves – depending on entry numbers). Nationally ranked riders will be called forward to the front rows by the starter (evidence of rankings needs to be supplied at time of registration). They will be followed by experienced riders, then less experienced riders whom team managers will need to identify.
- Equipment:** Compulsory - approved hard shell bicycle helmet and gloves must be worn. Recommended – eye protection, at least 500 ml of water, a tyre inflation device, puncture repair kit, spare tube, folding tool set and a chain breaker.
- Course:** Circuit and course details will be advertised prior. A rider's race **ceases** when they complete their final lap (Officials can close the course if most of the field has finished, any riders still to finish will keep their placings as of lap finished). The race will follow a multi-lap format with each lap taking approximately 20 minutes to complete for the average rider. The same course will be used by all competitors and so is designed to cater for beginners through to experienced riders (dependent on weather).
- Laps:** Laps TBC
U20 boys and girls – 5 laps (approx.)
U17/U16 boys and girls – 4 laps (approx.)
U15/U14/U13 boys and girls – 3 laps (approx.)
- Feed Zone:** Competitors may receive food, drink and clean eyewear from assistants within the designated feed zone. Food, drink and glasses must be passed hand to hand. The person feeding may not touch the competitor or the competitor's bicycle. Only one feeder per competitor is permitted in the feed zone.