



NZ National Club Road Cycling Championships

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RaboPlus National Club Road Cycling Champs Hastings 29th April – 2nd May 2010

Communiqué No.1

Welcome to the 2010 RaboPlus National Club Road Cycling Champs. On behalf of all officials and riders, I would like to thank Ramblers Cycling Club for the many months of hard work they have put in to enable this event to be held.

The Panel of Commissaries' is appointed by the BikeNZ Road & Track Technical Panel. Our role is to ensure that UCI and CNZ Federation racing rules are respected and that every competitor has a fair and equal chance to deliver their best performance on the day. We look forward to working with team managers, supporters, event management and athletes to make these championships successful.

Some general rules and procedures that team managers and competitors need to be aware of before arriving at the event are listed below:

1. Managers Meeting

Your club team Manager (or representative thereof) must attend this meeting. All announcements regarding the racing will be given, along with any amendments to the programme or procedures.

This Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **28th April at 7pm** and will be held at the **Portmans Motor Lodge, 401 Railway Road, Hastings**

There will only be **ONE** managers meeting and all other information will be distributed by communiqué

2. Entries

2.1 All riders must have a 2010 National or International Licence at the time of entry. Team Managers and other club officials must also be appropriately licenced. Entries are to be done on-line through the BikeNZ website, by your club secretary.

2.2 The Club Championships are closed to NZ Registered Trade Teams. However, any rider licenced through a Trade Team may enter via a Club, subject to any reasonable requirements the club may place on them. The rider must be a financial member of the club at the time of entry. Note that the rider is NOT required to take out another licence or pay any additional licence fee to BikeNZ

3. Licences

3.1 Licences will NOT be collected at the Managers meeting. However, riders, team managers and other club officials MUST be licenced at the time of entry. This will be verified by BikeNZ

3.2. Note that riders, managers and other club officials must have their licence with them at the Champs and it must be available to be presented if requested by the Commissaries', as per UCI Regulation 1.1.003

3.3 Any medical certificates are to be presented at the first Managers Meeting.

3.4 If any rider is scratched after the closing dates for entries, the team manager is to supply a written explanation and/or medical certificate to the Commissaries' Panel.

3.5 For clubs that may not be represented at the first or subsequent meetings please contact Race Management for communiqués and associated information

4. Rules

Racing will be conducted under the appropriate BikeNZ Road & Track and UCI Regulations.

As all events take place on open roads, it is a condition of racing that New Zealand traffic rules are adhered to. It is also of the highest importance that helmets are worn at any time a rider is on their bike. Riders must keep left and where marked, must ride to the left of the centre line at all times.



5. Equipment

- 5.1 Bicycles with fixed wheel are not permitted to be ridden in any events
- 5.2 Helmets must be compliant with appropriate NZ Standards for use on open roads, including those used in the Individual Time Trial.
- 5.3 Junior Grades will be subject to the appropriate gear restrictions, defined by rollout distance:
U/15 – 6.00m, U/17 – 6.610m, U/19 – 7.93m
- 5.4 Wheels for Junior U/15 and U/17 must have a minimum of 16 spokes and must not be made from composite materials. Both the Mavic Ksyrium ES and SL wheels have carbon fibre front hubs and therefore because these wheels contain some composite materials, they are not accepted in U/15 and U/17 BikeNZ Road & Track events.
- 5.5 Junior U/15 - Handlebars must be of a standard or classic style. Handlebar extensions are not permitted in Junior Under 15 racing
- 5.6 Junior U/17 - Handlebars must be of a standard or classic style, but bolt on handlebar extensions are permitted for Time Trial Events
- 5.7 All riders will be required to attach timing transponders to their bikes, to enable the electronic timing to operate. These will be provided
- 5.8 UCI Equipment Regulations 1.3.001 to 1.3.025 have been in force since 2000. **The rules remain unchanged.** The UCI has, however, highlighted that there is an increasing frequency of these regulations being breached and has reminded its member federations of the over-riding principle of “asserting primacy of man over machine” and the regulations that support that. As always, the ultimate responsibility rests with the athlete to be familiar with the regulations and to ensure that their equipment complies with all aspects of those regulations. The “1:3 ratio” is only one of a number of provisions pertaining to bicycle frames and equipment dimensions, so the rules do need to be considered in their entirety. Technical checks will be conducted for all riders in the Time Trial, and at random for the road races.

6. Riders Apparel

- 6.1 Riders must only wear their approved Club jerseys and shorts. Shorts may only carry that sponsorship that is detailed on the riders racing licence. **A start will be refused for any incorrectly attired rider. Do not expect to be able to start at a later time.** Managers and coaches please do not put your rider in this position
- 6.2 If you have any queries regarding attire, these must be addressed prior to your arrival at Hastings. Please contact the Chief Commissaire directly (details at the end of this communiqué).

7. Time Trial

- 7.1 Race Numbers – Only one is required for this event, as low as possible on the back pocket area and to the left of centre, so that it can be viewed by finishing judges and commissaires.
- 7.2 Start Times – Please ensure that your riders are presented to the start at least 5 minutes prior to their start time so that bike checks can be carried out. Once checked the bikes will be confined to the immediate start area.
- 7.3 Riders will be held in the start box. Riders will not be restrained while the starter is completing the countdown. Accordingly, riders who break the start will be awarded a time penalty.
- 7.4 Support – There is no rider support allowed in this event. A Sag-wagon will pick up riders who are forced to abandon the event. The roads are very narrow and it is essential that managers and supporters do not follow riders. Penalties will apply if club or supporters vehicles are seen on the course.
- 7.5 Only cyclists who are in competition are to be on the time trial course. Warm ups are not permitted on the course. The course will be closed 30 minutes prior to start time. Offending riders will be penalised.

8. Road Races

- 8.1 Race Numbers – Two numbers must be worn, one on the lower back pocket area, the other on the left flank to be visible to judges.
To ensure correct judging and timekeeping it is imperative that the numbers are correctly worn/ positioned as per our instructions, not how you think they should be worn. This is the responsibility of the Rider and Team Manager. There will be a number positioning guide in with race numbers & champs info, along with a numbered jersey on display. If numbers are not worn/ positioned correctly riders will be asked to change them.

- 8.2 Support – Neutral Support will be provided. Please identify your wheels with the riders number on cardboard and give these to the wheel vans well before the race. Officials will endeavour to get the correct wheel to a rider, but no guarantee can be given. Priority for service will be to those riders in medal contention. All service will be on the left side of the road only, riders must be stationary.
- 8.3 Club managers and supporters are not to follow riders or interfere with the official race convoy.
- 8.4 Feeding – A feeding zone will be provided for those races over 100km. You may only feed your riders in the designated zone and from the left side of the road. The opening and closing windows for feeding will be advised prior to the respective races.
- Note that the term “feeding” includes the supply of additional drink bottles.
- 8.5 Riders must keep left and if marked, to the left of the centre line at all times.
- 8.6 Only cyclists who are in competition are to be on the race circuit. There are no warm-ups on circuits during racing

9 Sign On

All riders must sign on 15 minutes prior to the start of their events. The sign on sheet will be in the vicinity of the Start area

10 Withdrawals

Any rider withdrawing from a race must remove their race numbers and hand them to a commissaire as soon as possible. It is important that you advise finish line officials if you do withdraw.

11 Protests

Any protests are to be made to the President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) as soon as possible after the event. Only a team manager is permitted to protest and must do so in a courteous and professional manner. Any decision of the Commissaires Panel is final, there are no appeals.

12 Medal Allocation

- 12.1 Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for National Championship events.
- 12.2 Medals are awarded based on the following guidelines: If there are 3 riders in a race category only a gold medal is awarded, 4 riders gold and silver, and 5 riders or above, gold, silver and bronze are awarded.
- 12.3 There is a formula for Medal presentations for Paracycling athletes.
- 12.4 Where categories are combined into one race due to entry numbers, medals will still be awarded for each category within that combined race on the basis described above. The numbers of medals being raced for in any particular event will be clarified at the managers meeting prior to the days racing once starters have been confirmed.

13 Medal Ceremony Protocol

- 13.1 Medal Ceremonies will be held in the area adjacent to the start area immediately after the race finish
- 13.2 All riders shall, in accordance with their placing, participate in official ceremonies.
- 13.3 Riders must wear their official racing attire.
- 13.4 No sunglasses or caps etc to be worn on the podium.
- 13.5 Medal winners are required to wear their medals around their necks until they have left the presentation area

14 General

Spectators please be considerate at all times and take care around the start/finish line area.
Parts of the circuits are on very narrow roads, so it is essential that vehicle traffic is kept to an absolute minimum.
If you do head to a viewing position on the circuit, ensure that you head out before racing commences and make sure your vehicles are parked well clear of the carriageway.

Please note that there will be no riders permitted on the race circuit once racing has commenced. This includes warm-ups

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



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I hope you enjoy your time in the Hawkes Bay Region. If you are a visitor to the region, hopefully you will find time to enjoy the many delights this area has to offer.

I along with my fellow commissaires, look forward to enjoying some great racing with you.

(Signature on original)

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