



**Aoraki Secondary School
MTB Championships
Saturday 19th October
Mt Hutt Bike Park**

Entries close on Friday 8th October 2024

Brought to you by
Bike Methven
on behalf of Aoraki Secondary Schools Inc.

About the event:

Venue: Mt Hutt Bike Park

Entries: Entries limited to 100 total – *Aoraki schools take preference along with Year 9-13 students*
No Late entries will be accepted.

Entry Fee: Downhill: \$50.00 Cross country: \$30

Entries Close: 08th October – via the online link emailed to the School Sports Coordinator.

Please note if the event is cancelled due to weather or other situations outside of our control a 50% refund will be offered.

Access: Mt Hutt Bike Park is located on the lower aspect of the Mt Hutt Access Road. Parking will be at the <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PDuourDEuiRL4N9AA>

Age Categories

Age as at 31 December 2024. Males and females race together in the respective age category.

Year 7 & 8, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17, Under 20

NOTE several age levels may be grouped if the number of entries is low.

Wet Weather: In the event of bad weather, the event may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the race organisers.

Race Organisers:

Glen Currie (Bike Methven) currie.gb@gmail.com

Amanda Everett (Sport Canterbury) amanda.everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz Ph: 027 280 4000

The organizers reserve the right to make modifications on the day. (E.g., course changes due to conditions).

Eligibility

This is a Secondary School event and will include both Year 7 & 8 riders.

NZSSSC eligibility rules apply unless stipulated in this document (<http://www.nzsssc.org.nz>).

Entry form to be signed by the school principal for Code of Conduct and Responsibility Waiver

Timetable

8:00AM - 9.00am	Registration access opens at race HQ for riders. All riders must check in and collect rider number.
9:15AM	<u>Compulsory</u> rider briefing for riders and school team managers.
9:30AM	XC Seniors First Under 16, 17 and 20 Downhill Under 13, 14 and 15 Compulsory Practice Runs
10.30 am 11.30 am	Seeding Runs Downhill Junior Grades Junior Race runs
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.00pm	XC Juniors Under 13, 14, 15 Downhill Under 16, 17, 20 Compulsory Practice Runs
1.30pm	Seeding Runs Downhill Senior Grades
2.30pm	Competition Downhill Runs Seniors

*please note all times are an estimate and subject to change.

Cross Country (XC) Race Start Time

The XC race is laps of a 3.5km circuit. The fastest riders will take around 15 minutes to complete each lap.

The course is mainly purpose-built mountain bike tracks with some wider gravel road sections. Expect to encounter a variety of mountain biking obstacles including narrow single-track, loose surfaces, tree roots, rocks, drops and jumps (avoidable) etc.

Under 20 and Under 17: **5 laps**

Under 15 and 16: **3 laps**

Under 13 and 14: **2 laps**

Equipment:

- A safety approved helmet is **compulsory**.
- Bikes need to be well prepared and up to racing standard, with fully operational brakes and steering mechanisms.



Downhill Course

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Students can only race in the Downhill if their parents have given express written permission. (Permission forms will be sent out by Sports Coordinators and will be held by the manager/teacher in charge and must be sighted by the Event Manager).

Equipment:

- **MANDATORY:** Full face helmet. A helmet with chin-bar and meeting approved Safety Certification (see below) is permitted. 'Enduro Style' 2-piece helmets with removable Chinbar are permitted if they meet the approved Safety Certification below. Other 2-piece helmets are **not** permitted. Note: Your helmet must be **WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING IN THE PARK**, including practice runs. Approved Safety Certification standards are: ASTM F1952 (ASTM for DH), UN/EC
- Bikes need to be well prepared and up to racing standard, with fully operational brakes and steering mechanisms.
- **MANDATORY:** Knee/Shin Protection. Regardless of the length of pants.

EQUIPMENT (as per MTBNZ regulations)	Equipment	Under 17	U19, U20, Elite, Open
	Full Face Helmet	Compulsory	Compulsory
	Long Sleeve Shirt	Compulsory	Compulsory
	Elbow/Forearm Protection	Compulsory	Highly Recommended
	Pants	Compulsory	Compulsory
	Neck Brace	Compulsory	Highly Recommended
	Spinal Protection	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
	Shoulder Protection	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
	Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
	Full Finger Glove	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended



The course has all features that are consistent with a downhill course including but not limited to tabletops, gap jumps, steep drops, single track, rocks, roots, berms, trees. The course can best be described as a technical enduro track which will be achievable by an intermediate level downhill rider.

Traffic Hazards

Emergency vehicles may be encountered on the gravel road. The course (but **NOT** the whole Reserve) will be closed to other users, be aware walkers may still be encountered.

Food and Water

Competitors are strongly encouraged to have a good breakfast & bring your own lunch, snacks, and drinks. There will be no food or drink available for purchase at the event.

First Aid

A First Aider/Medic will be onsite during the event and will be in contact with race officials. All participants should bring a personal first aid kit or if they are part of a school group, schools must bring their own first aid kit.

Tents

There is no shelter available on the course. There is some limited space available for schools to put up gazebos/pop-up tents at the race HQ – please check with the race organiser on arrival.

Protests

These must be lodged within fifteen minutes of completion of either race. This must be in writing with a \$20.00 fee and lodged with the Event Manager or RSC. This will be reimbursed if the protest is upheld.

Presentations

There will be a prize giving if time allows, Pins and medals will be presented but no certificates, these will be presented at schools.

Please note there are no certificates for Year 7 & 8 participants. Their times will be recorded and acknowledged only.

Code of conduct and responsibility waiver

- All teams must be in the charge of a manager.
- Strictly no littering or fires on or near the course
- Any concerns regarding the course or event are to be made by the team manager to Amanda Everett or Glen Currie.
- All students must be attending the school they represent.
- All participants and spectators are to show respect for fellow entrants and officials.
- Competitors are to abide by the rules and instructions of the event.
- Any competitor who behaves dangerously or breaches event rules may be immediately disqualified.
- Neither the organisers or sponsors or any parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, which might arise whether by negligence for any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by athlete/athletes, or any party directly or indirectly associated with them, from their intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
- In the event of any “Act of God” conditions causing cancellation of the event there may not be a refund of entry fees owing to set up costs.

Photos/Videos: Please note any images/video taken at this event may be used for social media website or print purposes.

Many Thanks
Amanda Everett
Regional Sport
Director