

## Event Rules

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These guidelines and rules are written for you. We are passionate about fairness and equity and the Event Rules have been written to be as fair as possible to everyone.

The health and safety of competitors, support teams and Tour volunteer crews and contractors are our and your first consideration at all times during the event.

### 1. Waiver

A Tour of New Zealand waiver will be issued to every competitor and must be read and signed, acknowledging their understanding of it. They will then be issued a non removable plastic bracelet and any rider presenting at the start line without this will not be allowed to start.

The waiver needs only be signed once by each rider, and may be signed at Race Pack pick-up/initial registration (in Queenstown), or at the daily registration (for riders who are unable to attend the former). When they register, whether at initial or daily registration, Administration Staff will complete this process with you, as well as recording your name, cell phone number and name/number of your emergency contact person.

In the event of loss of a bracelet, riders must report to Administration Staff at daily registration to sign a new waiver.

Swapping team members during a stage: In this situation, all riders of the stage must attend the daily Race Briefing, complete the sign in process, and wear the bracelet.

### 2. Race numbers

All bikes must carry the White label given to them attached to the bike tube for easy identification. In addition, each competitor must wear their Race Number, pinned on their back and sticky label on their bike helmet.

The Race Number worn on THE BACK OF your shirt will carry your entry number (team or individual), and the name and cell phone number of the Event Safety Manager.

In the event of an accident/crash you must:

- a) Stay at the accident site with the person(s) needing help until assistance arrives, making the injured person(s) and scene as safe as possible.
- b) Make contact with the Race Safety Manager immediately or dial 111 in the event of an extreme event. Describe your location and roughly how many hours/minutes (or kms) you have been riding as at the time of the accident.
- c) If cell phone coverage is unavailable, send a cyclist to the nearest farmhouse or other habitation and request to use a landline.
- d) Record your time delay as accurately as possible in order that this can be used to adjust your finishing time.

Should you withdraw from a day stage for any reason, you or one of your team must advise a race official of your race number and the time of your withdrawal.

### **Impact of withdrawal on team result**

Finishing times for teams are timed by the third member of a team crossing the finish line. In the event that less than three members of a team complete a stage due to withdrawal of one or more members of your team from the stage, the team captain should notify this to the Race Director, together with reasons for withdrawal, immediately upon crossing the finish line. This information will be taken into consideration in determining the team's time for the stage. Such decisions are at the discretion of the Race Director.

### **3. Mixed Teams**

Mixed teams must include both sexes at the finish line within their teams, for example, a team of three men and one woman must include the woman in the first three across the finish line unless there are justifiable reasons not to. The team captain must advise Race Director of this immediately upon crossing the finish line. This information will be taken into consideration in determining the team's time for the stage, and such decisions will be at the discretion of the Race Director.

### **4. Swapping team members during a stage**

If a team intends to substitute a rider part way through a stage, this must be pre-arranged with the Administration Staff. Such arrangements must be advised at Rack Pack pick-up/initial registration. Unintended substitutions during a stage must also be advised to the Race Director as soon as practicable. In all cases, the new rider must wear a Race Number on his or her shirt, and must have signed the waiver/be wearing the bracelet signifying this.

### **5. Equipment**

Your bike and helmet can only be used in the Tour if it has been safety checked by your bike shop and your helmet certified as compliant to NZ safety standards. The onus is on you to do this and presenting at the start assumes this has been done.

While bike support will be available at the start and finish areas and during the day stage, punctures and minor repairs are the responsibility of riders (carry your own kit for this). Other assistance may be available but you may have to wait for this.

### **6. Support vehicles**

All support vehicles must display a support vehicle sticker (which will be provided at registration) on the windscreen. Support vehicles must leave the start area prior to the start times. Support vehicles must not shadow competitors and may not provide assistance to competitors during the stage, unless in an emergency.

Team officials will be available on the course at specified locations (to be advised at the start of the stage), carrying additional drink bottles and so on. However, this cannot be depended upon and all competitors should carry:

- a) Adequate supplies of food and drink;
- b) Spare warm clothing, rain top, etc. (after reference to the weather forecasts). Better to carry it and not need it than to need it and not carry it; and
- c) A cell phone and essential personal first aid supplies.

## **7. Placings**

Times on each day stage are what matters to the end result. The results of the day stage will be published on the website by 8.00pm each day. An aggregate of your placings will be accumulated for each Island. Some stage times can be used for weighting for the purposes of achieving an overall Race result. In the event of a weather or accident incident.

## **8. Spot prizes**

Minor spot prizes will be awarded at the end of each day stage as competitors cross the finish line. Major spot prizes will be awarded at the Prize giving at the Grand Hall NZ Parliament Wellington following the conclusion of the Criterium along with recognition of podium finishers.

## **9. Honda Lead Car**

The Honda Lead car will be won by an individual, regardless of whether they are in a team, by a prize draw of all riders that have raised a minimum of \$250. With one entry for every \$250 raised.

## **10. Common sense**

Common sense, cooperation and courtesy with Team management, marshals, fellow competitors and members of the public underwrite all our race ethics. Please help us and help each other.

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