

Race Guide – 2023 Auckland Schools Downhill Championships.

Dome Valley

Saturday, 9th September 2023

HOSTED By

Auckland Downhill Club (AKDH)

IN Conjunction With

Auckland Schools Mountain Biking





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The purpose of this guideline is to provide on the day event guidelines for the delivery of the Auckland Schools Downhill Championship at Dome Valley a success, safe and enjoyable environment for all riders, spectators, volunteers and organisers.

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Welcome from Us.

AKDH

Welcome to AKDH, we hope you enjoy the day & be pleasant to the volunteers that are required to deliver these DH events.

Have a great day on the hill.

Miles Purchase
President, AKDH



Key Contact Team.

OUR Event Team

The EVENT MANAGER is the main point of contact for MTBNZ on all event related matters before, during and after the event ensure the event is delivered to the required standard set out in this document and the MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

The DH COURSE MANAGER oversees matters relating to the daily running of the event processes and any general enquiries on the day. Should the DH Course Manager not be available, matters can be raised to the Event Manager.



MILES PURCHASE

Event Manager

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Safety and Race Rules.

SAFETY Commitment

AKDH are committed to providing and maintaining maximum 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 following the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Should you at any time over the weekend of this event note any hazards that could affect the event and attendees or experience an accident/incident please report this to the Event Manager or any race officials.

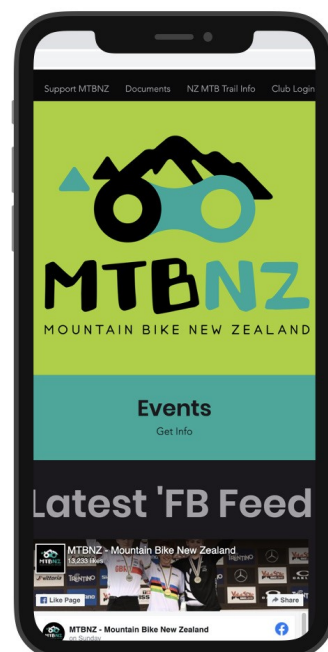
RACING Rules and Equipment

As an affiliated member of MTBNZ, the event will be run under the MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

For the full MTB Protection Policy, refer to Section 6.2 in the MTBNZ Technical Regulations.

Please ensure you have read this and have the appropriate protection, as riders not following these regulations will not be allowed to race on the event day.

→ Link - [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#)





General Safety.

GENERAL Event Safety

AKDH are committed to providing and maintaining high health and safety standards by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the Event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm.

The safety of the riders, officials, volunteers, and spectators have been included in the event planning. The event planning includes (but is not limited to) course inspections, course marking, directional signage, hazard warning signage, communications and first aid provisions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Health and Safety, please report to the Event Manager.

NOTE:

- The event course is designed for downhill mountain biking, and a certain amount of skill is required. By participating in this event, you acknowledge that you have a sufficient level of experience and skill to ensure your safety.
- It is your responsibility to manage your safety during the Event, to be aware of other forest users and competitors at all times and to make responsible decisions.
- The event is held in an outside environment, and weather conditions can be very changeable at times. Therefore, ensure that you are prepared for inclement, adverse or extreme (hot or cold) conditions.
- If you withdraw from the race, you must report to the timing tent at the finish line and advise an official.
- In the case of an evacuation, all riders are required to exit the course and report to the Base Club Hut to confirm their whereabouts.

FIRST Aid

AKDH will provide paramedics and a medic vehicle at the base event village who will provide first aid support for this event.



Race Admin.

SMOKE, Drug and Vape Free

The entire event is smoke, drug, vape free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this. Expect to be asked to leave the venue if you ignore this rule.

The Rayonier Matariki Forest is a high fire risk area, absolutely NO open flames of any kind, for the safety of everyone.

CONTINGENCY Plan

The event recognises the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and distance of track being adjusted in the participant's interest and officials' safety. Therefore, if inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the contingency plan implementation will be made by the race organisers at the earliest possible time.



Rego and Track.

RACE Registration

Race registration will be held at the base village from 7.30 am – 8.45 am.

No entries will be taken on the day.

PRE-PRACTICE Track Walk

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The track is available to be walked by **RIDERS ONLY**. There is **NO** uplift for track walking, but riders may be dropped off at the Start Area road intersection on their way **IN** to the event & walk down the track. All gear & bikes must remain in cars or shuttle to be dropped at the base village.

NO BIKES, Spectators or Supporters allowed in the 'racetrack' event defined space during the walk.

Walk available time 6.30am to 8.15am

Riders must still register at the appropriate time 7.30am to 8.45am

TIMING and Race Plates

All riders will be issued with an event number plate and transponder. These must be attached to the front of your bike prior to and for the practice session. No plate, no track access.

Transponders must be attached to the non-brake side of the fork and be attached prior to the practice session.

Riders **MUST** complete a minimum of two practice runs to be able to partake in their Seeding and Race Runs.

Transponders **MUST** be returned after the race run. Unreturned transponders will be charged to the riders at \$100 per transponder



Event Location.

LOCATION of Event

The AKDH track is situated in the Rayonier Matariki Forest off Kraack Road, Dome Valley, 0981, north of Warkworth. The turn off the main Highway is opposite the Dome Valley Café & the event will be sign posted from Kraack Road.

VENUE Parking

The site will generally cater for all attendees at the event base, which is at the bottom of the track. Please drive down slowly and follow all marshal instructions at each track crossing.

Arrivals after shuttles have started, will remain parked at the top of the track, once the road is closed.

Please keep ALL access and roads clear for emergency access.

VENUE Exit

To exit the event site & forest, ALL vehicles MUST use the northern exit road as sign posted. DO NOT exit via Kraack Road to the Highway.

RACE Village

The race village contains all the race structures, finish, spectating, rider pick up, food and water options and toilets. Please take care around shuttle vehicles. Parking can be before the village or after the village. Please keep all road clear for emergency access..

FOOD and Water

A coffee cart be available

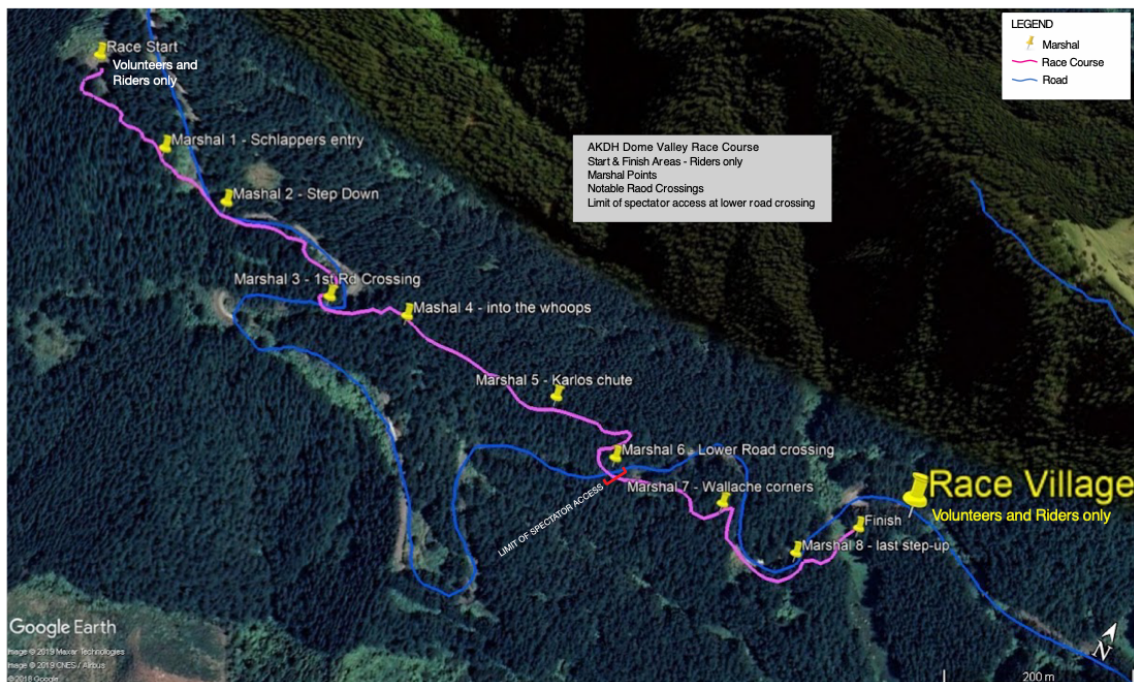
It is recommended that all riders, spectators and supporters bring their own food and water for the entire day. Other options may be available & will be advised if confirmed..



Course to Race.

DOM National DH

DOM National DH – A fast and technical DH track with optional big jumps and drops.



TRACK Access Before Event

Watch the AKDH FB page for any track day prior to the event.



Event Programme.



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TIME	EVENT ACTIVITY
6:30 AM	Event Site Open (please see Event Guide for full access detail) - Volunteers & Riders in own vehicles access to base village - Spectators and Supporters access to track side only
7:30 AM	Race Registration Opens
8:00 AM	Shuttle Road and Vehicle access to Base Village CLOSED - All parking now at the top of the hill - Shuttles for volunteers, riders & gear to the base village available
8:15 AM	Marshal Briefing
8:45 AM	Registration Closes and Marshal Shuttles
9:00 AM	Practice Commences for all riders **Minimum of two runs**
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Shuttle & Marshal Lunch Break
12:45 PM	Race Briefing for all Riders
1:00 PM	Uplift start for Seeding Runs – Load in Seeding Order
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Seeding Runs
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Race Runs
4:30 PM	Prize Giving
5:00 PM	Road open for exit. Shuttles available to take rider & gear back to top carpark



Entry and Race Categories.

RACE Entry

- All entries must be via the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking page.
- All entrants must belong to an Auckland School from years 9-13
- All entrants must wear a School Branded jersey.

RACE Categories

The following event categories are available for both males and females.

- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- Year 13

PRIZE Giving

The following event prize giving will be held approximately 20 mins after the last ride completes their race run.

Please note as a school's event, riders are representing their school and so are required to wear a school branded top on the podium.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is important at any level of Mountain biking. We highly encourage you to watch out for your fellow riders, whether they be your team mates or not. Remember if someone yells 'rider on your right' please allow them to pass at the next possible spot that you deem is safe for yourself, and the fellow rider to pass. Do not deliberately hold up a rider who wants to pass.



Results.

RACE Results

Interim results will be announced on the day.

Official results will be posted on AKDH & ASMB Facebook as soon as possible after the Event.

Any protests are to be submitted as per section 8.1 of the MTBNZ Technical Regulations and reviewed by the Chief Commissaire (PCP).



Link - [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#)