

MTBNZ DH Round 4

Cardrona

EVENT MANUAL

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WELCOME

Cardrona Bike Park is stoked to host round 4 of the MTBNZ DH series on Sunday 18th February, with unofficial training on Saturday 17th February 2024.

Cardrona Alpine Resort is home to New Zealand's highest mountain bike park, and the country's only mountain carting adventure. There are activities for every member of the family at Cardrona this summer! Take a short drive from Queenstown or Wānaka and be welcomed with genuine Kiwi hospitality to NZ's ultimate alpine summer playground.

The Cardrona Bike Park has developed significantly since 2018. Cardrona Bike Park has built a radical XL size Air DH course and extended/improved our National Downhill track and recreational trail network. The DH track improvements were funded by Rod Dury and completed throughout the season by Remmy Morton and the Flux Trail crew.

Cardrona Bike Park would like to thank the local Mountain Bike clubs, Bike Wanaka and Queenstown Mountain Bike Club for their ongoing support.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

Venue: Cardrona Bike Park

Date: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2024

Saturday 17th Feb

9am -11am Early registration/race plate collection opens Bottom of course Lil Meg

Any Division queries, or changes must be addressed on the 18th

9.45am Shuttles start from the bottom of Valley view

10am – 2pm Training for all athletes

please be advised that there will more than likely be a wait for shuttles

1.45pm Last shuttles depart from Valley View

3.30pm Commissaires track walk

4pm Rider's track walk

Sunday 18th February

8.00am Registration opens for race plate collection

8.45am Registration closes

9.00am Compulsory Downhill practice briefing bottom of course / Lil Meg

9.10am Shuttles available for Downhill Practice bottom of course/ Lil Meg

Shuttle is for competitors only and competitors must have their race plate attached to their bike to access shuttle

9.30am Whitestar chairlift open/ course opens for training

12.00pm Lunch Course closed

12.30pm Compulsory Downhill race briefing Bottom of course/ Lil Meg

12.45pm Start of timed Downhill runs Top of course

Seeding, followed by race runs

4.30pm Prize-giving at the bottom of the course bottom of course/ Lil Meg
Valley View Race Village

***Schedule is subject to change and will be confirmed on the day of the race at the riders briefing**

START LIST

A start list will be posted online on MTBNZ website when entries close and will be posted at the top of course

SPECTATORS

Spectators are encouraged to watch from designated spectator areas along the course and at the finish line.

PARKING

Competitors able to park at the race pit area at the Valley view parking lot (9km up the Cardrona access road)

Spectators can park either in the top parking lot at the Cardrona base, or at the race pit area at the Valley view parking lot however spectators will not be able to access the competitor shuttles.

Please do not park in areas marked 'no parking' and obey speed limit, both in the parking lots and while traveling up the access road.

Registration, race pits, briefings and shuttle departures are from the bottom of Valley view/Lil Meg café. Event signage will be present and will direct patrons where to go.

As there is no chairlift access from the Valley view parking lot, competitors will be able to catch the shuttle to a drop off point to access the chair lift. Please note Spectators will not have access to the competitor shuttles that will be running.

Shuttle will drop competitors at tow hut corner, **NOT** the Cardrona resort base.

PIT TENTS

There will be 2 – 3 race pit tents at the bottom of the course at the

BIKE REPAIRS

Competitors are responsible for the repair of their bike. There will be a commercial Bike Mechanic working at the Cardrona main Base, but not in the race pit at the

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 be able to ride the top half of the course or self-shuttle for the week leading up to the event, at an additional cost to event entry. The entire course will be available for practice the day prior (Saturday 17th) and there will be shuttles running for competitors, Cardrona will offer competitors a special day rate lift pass for this day which includes shuttles.

Only competitors with race plates attached to their bike will be able to access shuttles.

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.

COURSE

Course maps will be released as soon as possible. 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. The Course map can be found at the bottom of this document.

Due to bike park daily operations competitors can only ride the taped course and must not enter and exit the course from public/recreational trails due to the risk of collision.

RULES

All riders must follow the relevant rules and guidelines as set out by the following:

- MTBNZ Technical Regulations (2019)

This document can be found here:

<https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/file-share/f04e9399-d2a8-4047-bda9-d7a78f6a8ca2>

PRIZE-GIVING

Prize giving will be held at the bottom of the course at the bottom of the Valley View chair lift approximately an hour after the race finishes.

RESULTS

Provisional results will be posted on the Cardrona Bike Park website – www.mtbnz.org

RESPECT FOR THE VENUE

We would like to use this 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to get involved in the event through social media. The key links are provided below:

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/cardronabikeparknz https://www.facebook.com/MTBNewZealand
Instagram	@cardrona_bike @mtbnz_official
Website	https://www.cardrona.com/summer/ https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/mtbnz-national-events-series
Event Hashtag	#MTBNZXC #MTBNZDH #CARDRONABIKEPARK

CANCELLATIONS

The organiser's reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather conditions. In the issue of cancellation due to weather conditions riders will receive a refund, less \$20 for administration fees.

WITHDRAWALS / REFUNDS

Please see MTBNZ website for the latest withdrawal policy.

SAFETY COMMITMENT

MTBNZ and Cardrona Bike Park are 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.

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 recognises 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 officials 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. First aid will be based at the event village and have personnel on each course.

In an Emergency call 111

EVENT DETAILS

Sunday 18th February 2024

Venue: Cardrona Bike Park

Cost:

- Affiliated Club member and Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$130
- Affiliated Club member but not a Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$140
- Not an affiliated Club member nor a Cycling NZ Annual License Holder \$150

Competitors can also buy a competitor lift pass for Saturday 17th to train which includes shuttles for \$60

Briefings: A compulsory practice briefing will be held at the start of practice at the top of the course and a compulsory race briefing will be held at the top of the course at the start of timed runs

Practice: Shuttles for practice runs will be available after the race briefing from approx. 9am. 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 a minimum of two practice runs prior to timed run in the afternoon.

Shuttles: Riders must line up in an orderly fashion at the bottom of valley view chair lift in the designated area (area will be clearly marked) where an official will organise bike transport. No private vehicles to be used for shuttling on race day.

Start order: TBC

Equipment: as per MTBNZ protection policy

Course: LONG BLACK DH TRAIL

- *Full running length 2.46km
- *Vertical drop 537M Start 1794m | Finish 1273m
- *Max Slope 37.7% | Average slope 9.2%
- *Course access via chairlift and vehicle shuttle

Uplift from bottom of the course (Valley View Car Park) to the top of the course is access via vehicle shuttle and Whitestar Chair lift, entire uplift time is approximately 20 minutes, riders are to ensure they allow enough time to get themselves to the top of the course.

CARDRONA DH COURSE MAP

