



Event Manual

Auckland Schools Mountain Biking

Sunday 24 May 2026 - XC Race 2 – Slater Road (South Head)

This event is hosted on a private farm at Slater Road, South Head, previously used by Auckland Schools Mountain Biking and Auckland Mountain Bike Club for events. This venue offers a varied riding experience through pine forest, open paddocks, gravel roads and includes flowing descents and narrow singletrack - similar to Woodhill Bikepark but with more terrain variation.

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Important Course Information

- This is a private farm
- No pre-riding of the course available in the weekends before the race
- The **course will only be open to ride for unofficial practice, on Saturday 23 May, from 10.30am** as we set up. Note that no medic will be available on 23 May. If you wish to practice on similar terrain, we suggest Woodhill Bikepark.

Race Categories, Distances and Start Times

Race 1 – Start 0930

- **Under 13, 14 and 15** (Male and Female) will do a short course of about **5km lap**. (two laps).

Race 2 – Start 1130

- **Under 16, 17 and 20** (Male and Female) will do a longer **7km lap**.
- Under 16 and 17s – 2 long laps.
- Under 20s Male – 3 long laps.
- Under 20s Female 1 long lap and 2 short laps.

Series Information

All the information regarding the Race Series is on the web page

<https://www.collegesport.co.nz/sports-1/mountain-biking-1>

Event Registration

No late registrations will be accepted after midnight **Tuesday, 21 May 2026**.

Entries for Secondary Schools will be through your sports administrator or can be accessed here ... (a delay may occur between updates with final names released the Thursday before).

XC series entry link: <https://my.raceresult.com/398772/info>

Intermediate Schools enter through the XC series link above.

Volunteers

Schools that have nominated Slater Road as their volunteer site will be contacted prior to race day with timing and role details.

Please note the site can be muddy if wet—**suitable footwear is essential**.

School Team Managers / Parents & Health and Safety

School Team Managers are responsible for ensuring the following documents are completed and understood prior to race day:

- [Roles document](#)
- [Team/EOTC Sheet](#)
- [Slater Rd Risk Assessment](#)

Managers must discuss marshal locations and course hazards with all riders on or before race day.

Key Safety Information

This event is delivered with safety as the priority for riders, volunteers, spectators and landowners.

All riders participate at their own risk and must be in a suitable physical and mental condition, with appropriate skills, to complete the course safely.

If you observe a hazard or an incident occurs, report it immediately to the Safety Officer / Event Lead, the nearest marshal, or the registration tent.

First Aid & Medical

A medic will be on site for the races, based at the event hub with access to the course via CanAm.

For serious injury call 111 first (if you have reception), then notify the nearest marshal and/or the Event Hub.

Nearest urgent medical centre: North West Medical Centre, 1 Putaki Drive, Kumeū , ph (09)4122924

Schools should ensure they have a basic first aid kit for minor injuries.

Emergency, Evacuation & Lost Riders

In the event of an evacuation (e.g., fire, severe weather), all riders must exit the course as directed by marshals and return to the Event Hub.

If you withdraw from the race (injury, mechanical, or any other reason), you must report to the Event Hub as soon as practicable and advise an official.

If timing transponders are used, ensure they are returned as directed at the end of the race. (No transponder returned may mean no time recorded / replacement costs may apply.)

If a rider is unaccounted for, notify the Event Hub immediately so the rider check / search procedure can be initiated.

Course Safety, Rules & Rider Conduct

- The course will be marked with tape, arrows and marshals. Riders must follow marshal instructions at all times.
- No shortcuts: If you leave the marked course, you must re-enter at the same point you exited. Failure to follow the official course may result in disqualification.
- Do not ride the course in reverse direction at any time during competition.
- Do not alter the course (including moving tape, signs, rocks, logs or other obstacles).
- Passing etiquette: If you are overtaking, call out “rider” or “rider on your right” and pass only when safe. Riders being overtaken should allow a pass at the next safe opportunity.
- If you come across an injured rider who requires medical assistance you have an obligation to stop and assist, then alert a marshal / Event Hub as soon as possible.

Equipment & Bike Requirements

- Helmets must be worn and properly fastened at all times when on a bike (practice and racing). Helmets must meet current NZ (or equivalent international) standards.
- Bikes must be fit for purpose (mountain bike suitable for off-road riding) and have two working brakes (front and rear).
- Closed-toe footwear must be worn at all times.
- Headphones/earbuds or similar devices are not permitted during competition.
- Recommended (carried by rider): spare tube, pump/CO2, multi-tool, water, and a fully charged mobile phone (if available).

Venue Policies: Fire / Smoke / Alcohol / Drugs

The venue is a private farm. Please respect the property and follow all marshal instructions.

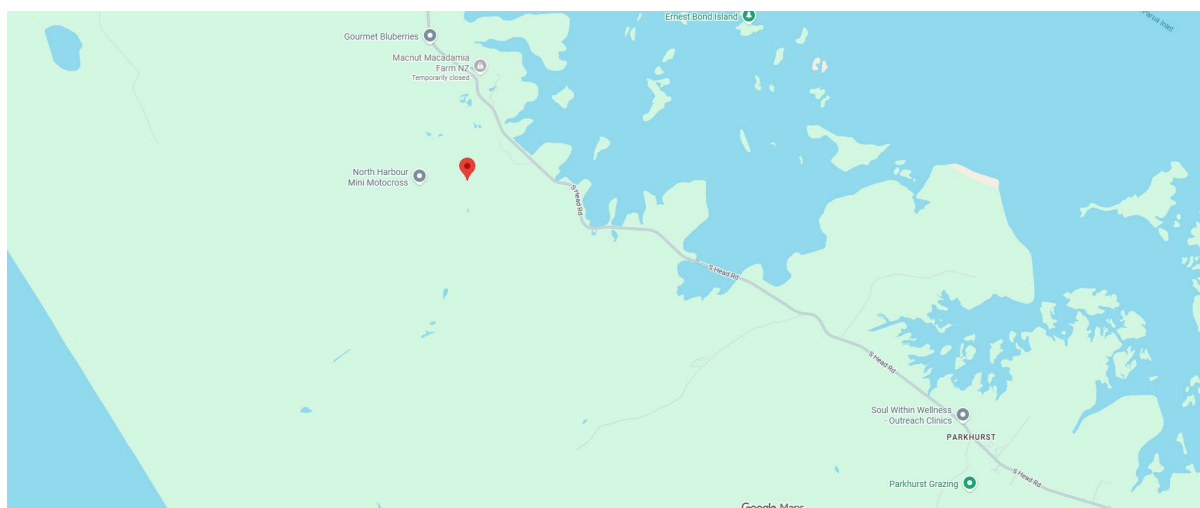
The event is smoke, vape, drug and alcohol free. Anyone ignoring this may be asked to leave the venue immediately.

Cancellation / Course Changes

Organisers reserve the right to alter the course, start times, race format, or cancel/postpone the event in the interest of safety (e.g., severe weather, unsafe ground conditions, fire risk).

If changes occur, they will be communicated via email/social media and/or at the race briefing.

Directions to (45 Slater Road, South Head)



Access/Parking

On site parking is on farm paddock. Due to the nature of the site and access (especially in wet weather) we recommend car-pooling where possible.

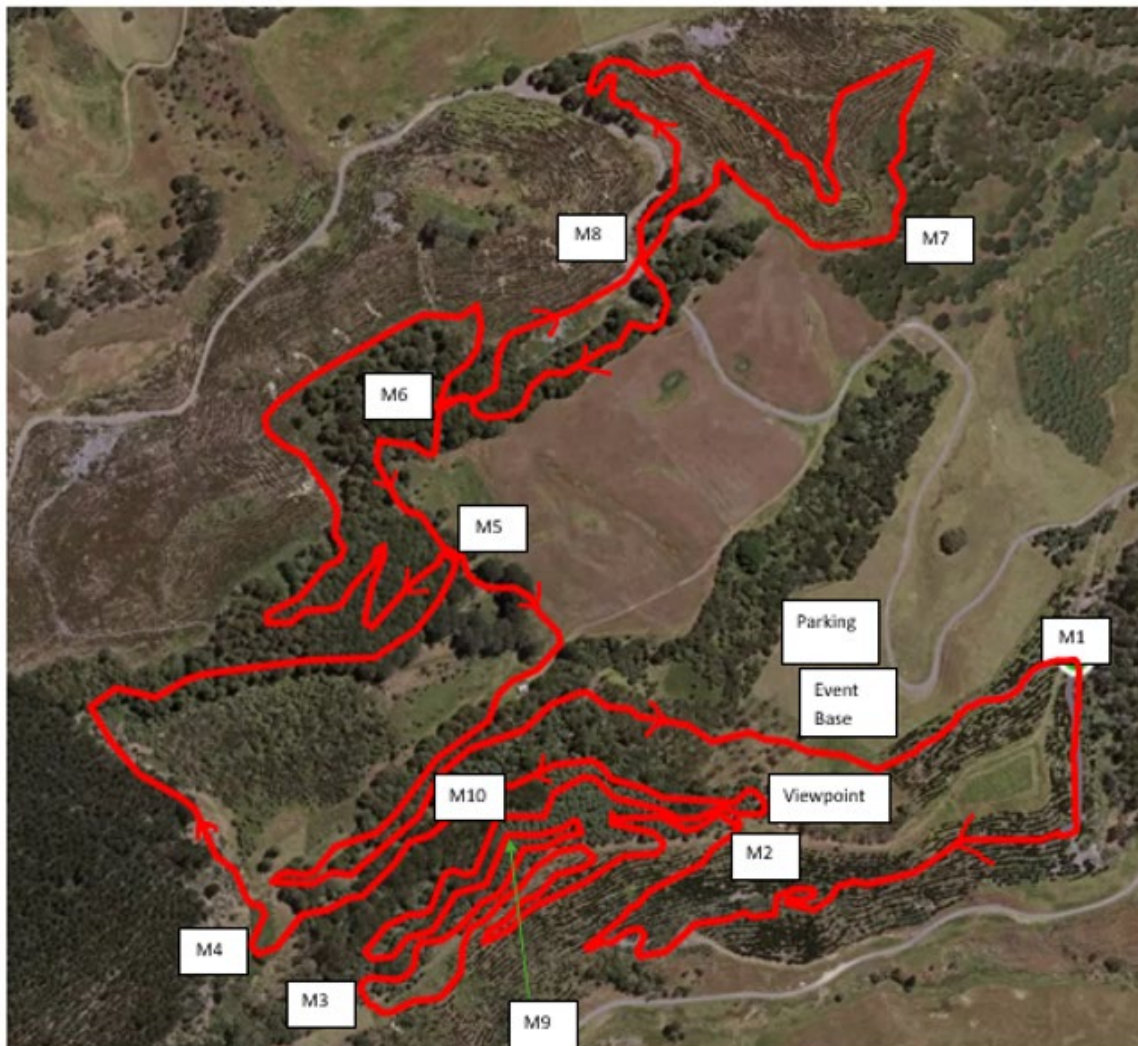
Follow the MTB event signage from the driveway at 45 Slater Road. Drive past the house, and barn and continue until reaching the large paddock. Marshals will be guiding you from the driveway to the parking location.

Park anywhere to the RIGHT of the event hub / village.

Race Course

The course will be clearly marked with marshals, tape, and arrows. Riders must follow marshal instructions at all times.

ASMB 2026 XC Race 2 Course



U13, 14, and 15 males and females, short course, turning back at Marshal 6

U16, 17 and 20 males and females will do longer 7km course through Marshals 6, 7, 8

Rider Registration

Team managers only will need to collect their riders packs with their transponders and their race plate from the registration tent.

ALL RIDERS must be checked in by the **school manger**

Attach the race number to the front of the bike. Do not bend or tear the number plate sticker on the back as this is the timing chip.

What to Bring

- Bike in safe working order
- Pump, tube and any tools for bike maintenance
- Race number plate (if already issued)
- Race nutrition and water for riders
- Suitable footwear as it can be muddy
- Warm layers/sun protection
- Cash for BBQ and coffee
- Rubbish bags to take home any rubbish

School Gazebos

There will be plenty of space for school gazebos. Please erect gazebos only in designated areas as outlined on the day.

Spectators – Parent Briefing

Spectators may watch the races from multiple locations around the course. Do not cross the track once racing has started. Always follow the marshal instructions. Causing an accident will spoil everyone's day.

Providing food and drink to riders **MUST** be done in the **designated feed zone only**.

Abusive language or behaviour towards volunteers will not be tolerated and may result in a riders removal from the event and notification to their school. We appreciate your support in ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all riders, volunteers and supporters.

Food and Drink

A coffee van will be onsite – we recommend small change AND bring your own cup to save on waste.

An Auckland School will be running a BBQ, so again, small denomination cash is recommended.

Venue Care

Any damage to the venue may be on-charged to cover repair costs. Please respect the property and facilities at all times as it is a privilege to be able to use this private property.

Rubbish

All rubbish must be taken home when leaving the event site.

Leaving after the Race

If leaving before Race 2, or prize giving:

- Travel slowly and carefully along the access road keeping an eye out for riders who are warming up
- Watch out for oncoming vehicles
- Keep to the left at all times.be careful on leaving via the access road you came in on.

Timetable (subject to change)

7.00am	Event Crew on site
7.30am	Gates open for event parking/Schools set up gazebos
8.00am	Registration opens
08.45am	Marshall Briefing and move to positions
09.15am	Race 1 Briefing
09.30 am	Race 1 start [U15, U14, U13 males AND females, approx. 2-minute gap start]
10.45am	Race 1 – no new laps started
11.45am	Race 1 Prize giving
11.00am	Marshal Briefing Race 2 and move to positions
11.15am	Race 2 Briefing
11.30am	Race 2 start [U20, U17, U16, males AND females approx. 2 minute gaps]
1.00pm	Race 2 no new laps.
1.30pm	All Race 2 riders expected to have finished
1.45pm	(approx.) Race Results Presentations & lunch.
2.00pm	(approx.) Spot prizes (must be present to win a spot prize]
2.15pm	(approx.) Pack up

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