



2021 Racers Guide

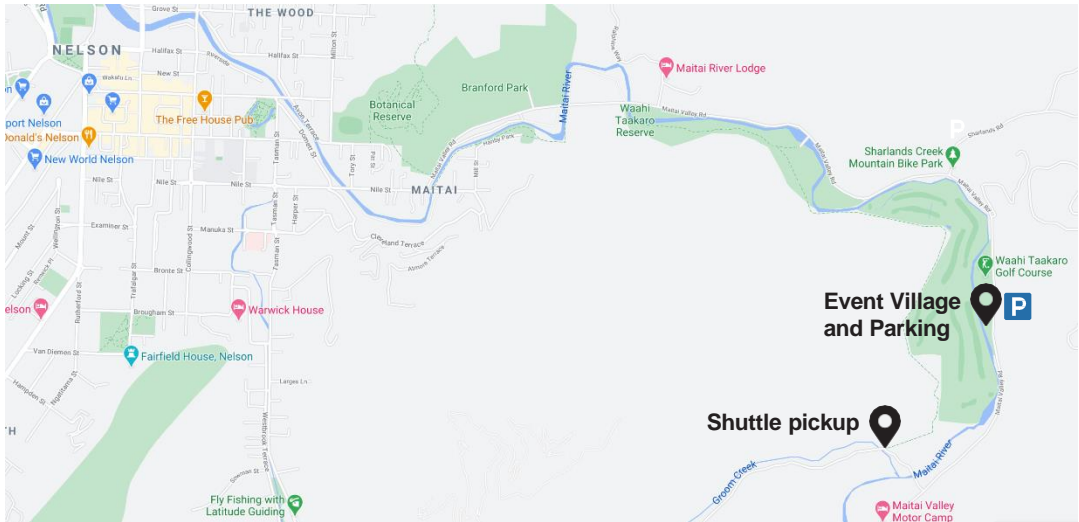
2-4 April 2021



Welcome to the Aorere Enduro 2021!

Getting there: The event village is located at the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course on Maitai Valley Rd, ten minutes east of Nelson City.

Parking: Waahi Taakaro Golf Course driving range.



Before you start your day on the bike please take a moment to read some important information.

First things first. There is absolutely **no smoking** at this event. Nelson Mountain Bike Club prides itself on being smoke free so please do not light up. All of the stages across the three days of racing and practice are in forests, either native or plantation. Regardless of the conditions on the day, smoking poses a fire risk. We cannot stress enough that there is to be **NO** open flames anywhere and that **ALL** rubbish must be removed and taken from the course with you.

When on course, please abide by the following rules:

- Respect the marshals and follow what they say at all times.
- Look after yourself and don't place yourself or others in danger.
- Take all rubbish off the course with you.
- No smoking or open flames.

Basic rules: The basic rules for this event are largely covered in the Enduro World Series Rule book which can be found here: <https://admin.enduroworldseries.com/uploads/documents/Rulebook%202021.pdf>

We have highlighted some important points on the following page

Safety and other equipment: Helmets must be worn at **all times** while riding, this includes forest roads. Full face helmets, gloves and knee pads must be worn while on the special stages during practice and race. You are required to be self-sufficient for large portions of the course. There will be a Camelbak Water Station in the Event Village. The only additional equipment or outside assistance permitted is at the Event Village (designated Outside Assistance Zone). Any other assistance will result in a time penalty or disqualification.

Personal responsibility and self-sufficiency are a large part of the spirit of enduro racing and riders are encouraged to carry adequate equipment for operating in mountainous environments. Each rider should remember that they are solely responsible for themselves but are urged to help other competitors on course.

Only the provided transport is permitted to be used during the event. No transport outside of this is permitted to be used during practice or race days. Competitors caught using outside transport will be disqualified.

Rider Briefing: To be held at 8:30am, Saturday 3 April at the Event Village. Changes to the rules, course, time-table and details of course marking, technical assistance zones and feed stations, will be communicated at the Rider Briefing. Non-attendance at the Rider Briefing will not be accepted as an excuse for any rule violation by any rider.

The course: The course is available to be walked from 9:00am on the 27th of March until 5:00pm on the 1st of April. After this the tracks are closed to all competitors until practice.

The event is split across three days with one and a half days practice followed by one and a half days racing. Day One (Friday, 2 April) consists of practicing stages 4 to 7, Day Two (Saturday 3 April) is practicing a stages 1-3 in the morning followed by racing the same stages in the afternoon. Day Three (Sunday 4 April) is racing the same four stages from day one.

Registration: Official Registration will be held on Thursday 1 April, from 6pm at the Vic Public House, 281 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Late registration is available on 2 April at the Event Village from 8am. Timing chips will be allocated to you prior to racing on midday on 3 April and from 8am on 4 April, with your times for this designated on your Start Time Card.

Uplifts: You will be issued an uplift time for both race days, which will be on your Start Time Card. You are expected to be available to get on the shuttle vehicle at this time. If you are late you will likely miss your start time and will be subsequently penalised. Riders will be loaded onto shuttle vehicles relative to their start time. If you miss your uplift time, **under no circumstance are you to pedal** up the shuttle road. We will arrange for an alternative shuttle for you.

Each category will have stage open and closure times for all seven stages. Late racers will be given the following penalties:

- Up to five minutes late = one-minute penalty
- Five+ minutes late = five-minute penalty

If you arrive at the start of a race stage later than 30 minutes after your specified closure time you will be assigned a DSQ for the race and you should not complete any other stages.

All late riders must start under instructions from the official starter, within each one-minute gap. There is no fixed start interval between late starters as the goal is to keep late riders racing without affecting other riders on course. If you are delayed reaching the start as a result of assisting an injured rider or due to some other exceptional circumstance beyond your control (which you can provide evidence for), the time penalty may be waived and / or you may be permitted to repeat the stage. Any racer affected by a 'significant incident' during a transition or special stage should immediately report to the finish or start official of the effected stage (as applicable).

The Race Director has the final right to change start times during the race in case of any unforeseen circumstance.

We hope you enjoy the Aorere Enduro!



Practice:

Friday 2 April

On Day One, you will practice Stages Four, Five, Six and Seven. Practice will start with a shuttle. Your allocated uplift time is on your Start Time Card.

All riders on course during practice must have plates on their bikes and are required to practice on the bike they are racing on. Any rider training without a plate, or are outside the official schedule will be disqualified. Each competitor is allowed to practice each stage only once. Pushing or riding back up a section of track is strictly prohibited and will result in a time penalty. Long portions of the stages are in dense vegetation and there simply isn't enough room to be able to get off the track and allow other riders past. Please ensure that if you are stopping, there is enough room to allow others to pass safely.

Given the structure of the course and the number of competitors, each stage will be open for a designated time on practice day. Stages 4 & 5 will be open from 8.30am to 12pm. Stages 6 & 7 will be open from 12.30pm to 4pm. You need to be at the top and ready to ride at the correct time, to be allowed on the course. When a stage is closed, no riders will be permitted to practice and the stage will be swept. We recommend that you ride the stages in order.

Race Days:

Saturday 3 April

On Day Two, you will practice Stages One, Two and Three in the morning. Stage One will be open for practice from 9am until 12.00pm. Stages Two and Three will be open from 9am until 12:30pm. Practice will start with a shuttle, your allocated uplift time is on your Start Time Card.

The stages will be closed for approximately one hour to allow time for the course to be swept. You will need to come back to the Event Village after practice and before your scheduled shuttle, where you will be issued your timing chip.

Sunday 4 April

Stages Four, Five, Six and Seven. Registration will be at the Event Village from 8am. Check your Start Time Card for your registration time and your shuttle time. Once you are registered and have your timing chip, you can pedal to the shuttle pickup location which is marked on page 2 in this Race Guide.

After Stage Five, you will need to check in at the Event Village before heading onto Stage Six. **Failing to check-in will result in five minute time penalty.**

After Stage Seven you will need to check-in your timing chip at the Event Village as soon as possible, but no later than 15 minutes after completing the Stage. **Failing to check-in on time will result in five minute time penalty.**

Race order

1. MEN	Master 35+
2. WOMEN	Under 21
3. WOMEN	Master 35+
4. WOMEN	Open
5. MEN	Under 21
6. MEN	Open