



21-22 September 2024

INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to the 2024 Vegas Vindaloo!

Please read this information pack – it includes details that all competitors must be familiar with before arriving at the events.

The OBOP team are looking forward to seeing you in Rotorua, and hope you have a great weekend of MTBO racing around the Whakarewarewa forest.

CONTACT

- Organiser - Erin Swanson 021 386 977.
- Organiser and Controller – Peter Swanson 027 302 4863.
- In the event of disruption caused by weather or other events outside our control, we will publish a notice on the OBOP facebook page.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

The majority of riding will be in areas open to the public during this event. Other mountain bikers, runners, walkers, vehicles and horse riders share the areas we are using.

CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS POTENTIAL RISK OF COLLISION!

As such, please ride with care, and follow these rules:

- Some of the single track is one way directional – these must only be ridden in the direction of the arrows shown on the map.
- Beware of traffic on public roads. Forest roads also often have vehicles on them. Follow the usual traffic rules and keep to the left.
- Be respectful to other forest users, remembering that:
 - Downhill riders give way to uphill riders.
 - Signal which side you are passing someone.
 - If stopped, pull to the side to allow people past.
 - Pay attention and avoid collisions.
 - Be polite and don't be a dick.
- In the event of accident and injury, offer assistance and seek help if needed. Alert the organizer Erin Swanson 021 386 977, or Peter Swanson 027 302 4863. Phone numbers are also on maps.
- If it is a medical emergency call the First Response Unit 0800 942521.

COMPETITION RULES

All three events will race under the IOF rules for MTBO.

These are different to the usual NZ and local MTBO rules and will be new to many people - so please ensure you understand them as follows:


- In general there is NO off track travel allowed, except for;
 - Open land marked Orange on the map, and/or
 - Forest that is marked white with black dots on the map.
- Riders may only travel on allowable tracks and roads.
- Any other coloured terrain (such as Green or white forest, yellow or brown open land) is strictly out of bounds and cannot be crossed (even if it is a small gap between tracks).
- One way tracks must only be ridden in the direction of the arrows shown on the map.
- Minor accidental overshoots of junctions can be reversed on one way tracks if these are less than 20 metres – in this case dismount and carefully push your bike back to the missed junction. Otherwise NO travelling in reverse is allowed at all on one way tracks.
- Breaches of these rules could result in disqualification.
- Note the map legend and example with this information below:

Legend		
Riding permitted only on tracks and open land and rides marked orange		
Track guide	Vehicle Width	Single Track
Fast Riding ✓	—————	—————
Medium Riding ✓	- - - - -	- - - - -
Slower Riding ✓	- - - - -	- - - - -
Difficult Riding ✓
Compulsory one way travel → - - - - - → - - - - - → - - - - - →		
✓	Open area/scattered trees - permitted	
✓	Rides (slow/fast) - riding permitted	
✓	Forest - riding permitted	
✓	Crossing - riding permitted	
Riding NOT PERMITTED off track or in these areas		
	Walking/Illegal track - NO RIDING	
	Forest or open areas - NO RIDING	
	OOB Trails - NO RIDING	
	OOB Roads - NO RIDING	
	OOB area - NO ENTRY	
	NO going backwards - one way tracks	

Example

Orange and dotted white areas can be ridden through

Green, plain white, yellow/brown (not on this example) can NOT be ridden through



RACE TIMING SYSTEM

SPORTident timing will be used for all races. Competitors must carry an E Card on their finger, which is used to register a visit to each control site.

All races will use SPORTident AIR+ which is contactless, noting that:

- The competitor must wave the E Card within close proximity of the control box (approx. 50cm range) to register a visit to that control.
- The visit will be signaled by an audible beep and a flashing light in the SPORTident E Card.
- The onus will be on the competitor to ensure their E Card records them visiting a checkpoint.
- Competitors using their own non-AIR E Card will need to manually insert the E Card in the control box to register.
- Ensure you clear, check and test your E Card before each race, as this erases any previous race data and also turns on the Air+ mode. Failure to do this may result in an invalid or no race result due to corrupted race data being stored on the E Card.

If a control does not beep or flash

In the event of a control not registering the E Card with a beep or flash, competitors must use the clipper attached to the side of the control to prove they have visited that location. They should clip the edge of their map with the clipper, and show this to the officials at the end with an explanation of what happened and which control.

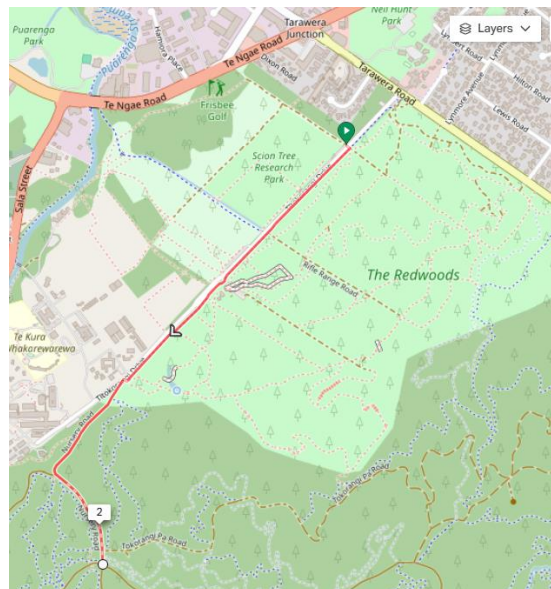
Competitors who have hired an E Card should pick up their allocated card from registration at their first event.

RACE INFORMATION

SHORT DISTANCE EVENT – SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - MORNING

EVENT LOCATION

- Event centre and registration will be at the Northern end of Titokorangi Drive (formerly known as Longmile Road). Signposted from Tarawera Road.
- Parking available along Titokorangi Drive.
- Start is 2 kms from registration for courses 1 and 2 along Titokorangi Drive and up Nursery Rd hill. Course 3 start is 200 metres from registration.



TIMING

- Registration open from 9.00am.
- Start times from 9.30am to 10.45am.
- Course close at 12.00pm.

MAP

- The event will be on the Puarenga map, previously used in the 2022 and 2019 NZ Champs.

SETTER/CONTROLLER

- Course Setter/Controller – Neil Kerrison/Pete Swanson.

COURSE INFORMATION

- Courses 1 and 2 start in the Whaka Mtb park, in a complex track network. The courses descend, ending up in a mix of buildings and open parkland.

Course	Grades	Distance	Ascent	Controls	Scale	Contour	Size
1	M/W21, M/W50	7.5km	80m	12	1:7500	2.5m	A3
2	M/W65, M/W16, Team, Rec	5.5km	40m	10	1:7500	2.5m	A3
3	M/W12	2.5km	10m	6	1:5000	2.5m	A4

SAFETY AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- The area used is popular with riders, dog walkers and runners – please take care
- The area, whilst predominantly flat, contains obstacles and hazards including holes, stumps, drainage ditches, and earth banks. Please take particular care when riding in allowable off track areas.

START PROCEDURE

- Competitors will start at 1 minute intervals. Follow the instructions of the Start Official. First come first served.
- Remember to clear and check your E Card before you start (Clear and check will be near the start)
- 1 minute before your start time you will be called up and will move into the start box and given your map. You have this minute to look at your map before starting.
- Punch the start control at your allocated start time and go.

COMPLETING YOUR COURSE

- You must visit the controls for your course in the order they are numbered.
- At each control will be an orange and white flag, electronic control box, and a number tag. The number tag correlates to the number shown on your map.
- Note the course closes at 12.00pm. If you are still out on the course at this time you should return to the finish and download your E-Card.

FINISH PROCEDURE

- Punch the finish control to finish your course
- Immediately proceed to the registration tent to download your E Card and get your results.

LONG DISTANCE EVENT – SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - AFTERNOON

EVENT LOCATION

- Planet Bike, Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua. Signposted from SH5, 10 minutes from Rotorua.
- Start for all courses will be signposted, approx. 1.5 km from registration – allow 10-15 mins riding time.

TIMING

- Registration from 1.00pm.
- Start times from 1.30pm to 2.00pm.
- Course close at 4.30pm.

MAP

- Whakarewarewa

SETTER/CONTROLLER

- Course Setter/Controller – Peter Swanson

COURSE INFORMATION

- Mix of hilly and undulating terrain, using forestry roads and purpose built mountain bike single tracks. Single tracks vary from hard packed fast trails, through to slower riding on twisty and moderately technical trails requiring care and concentration.

Course	Grades	Distance	Ascent	Controls	Scale	Contour	Size
1	M/W21,	27.4km	360m	17	1:15,000	5m	A3
2	M/W50*, M/W65, M/W16, Team, Rec	18.7km	220m	13	1:10,000	5m	A3
3	M/W12	8.3km	90m	12	1:10,000	5m	A4

*Note – M/W50 was changed to Course 2 in the Long distance event on 18/09/24 (previously Course 1).

SAFETY AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- This is one of NZ's most popular mountain biking locations, and other riders may be present on trails, demanding care and the usual courtesies when riding. Please be alert to other forest users, and give way as appropriate.
- Some tracks are directional, and these are indicated by arrows on the map. **IT IS CRITICAL TO ONLY RIDE THE TRACKS IN THE DIRECTION THEY ARE MEANT TO BE RIDDEN!!!** Anyone riding the wrong way down tracks will be disqualified.

- **Foot tracks, which are prohibited for mountain bike use**, are marked in red on the map. These are out of bounds and must not be ridden.
- Jumps and obstacles – some of the tracks have jumps and other mountain biking obstacles on them. These are avoidable and able to be ridden around. **DO NOT ATTEMPT THESE**, and please pay attention.
- Hikers and runners may also be present in parts of the forest.
- Forest shuttles and other vehicles may be present.
- Under no circumstances can anyone ride along the main forest road (shown as out of bounds). Crossing points are marked on the map.

START PROCEDURE

- Competitors will start at 2 minute intervals. Follow the instructions of the Start Official. First come first served.
- Remember to clear and check your E Card before you start (Clear and check will be at registration and also near the start)
- 1 minute before your start time you will be called up and will move into the start box and given your map. You have this minute to look at your map before starting.
- Punch the start control at your allocated start time and go.

COMPLETING YOUR COURSE

- You must visit the controls for your course in the order they are numbered.
- At each control will be an orange and white flag, electronic control box, and a number tag. The number tag correlates to the number shown on your map.
- Note the course closes at 4.30pm. If you are still out on the course at this time you should return to the finish and download your E-Card.

FINISH PROCEDURE

- Punch the finish control to finish your course
- Immediately proceed to the registration tent to download your E Card and get your results.

ROGAINE EVENT – SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - MORNING

EVENT HEADQUARTERS

- Planet Bike, Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua. Signposted from SH5, 10 minutes from Rotorua.

TIMING

- Registration from 9.00am.
- Maps and briefing 9.30am
- Mass start 10.00am
- Finish 12.00pm. There will be a brief prize giving shortly afterwards.

MAP

- Whakarewarewa
- Scale 1:15,000, 5metre contour, A3 size map.

SETTER/CONTROLLER

- Course Setter/Controller – Anna Goodman/Peter Swanson

COURSE INFORMATION

- At 9.30am there will be a short briefing and you will receive the map. You will have approximately 25 minutes to study the map and plan your course.
- The objective is to visit as many different controls as you can within 120 minutes and earn as many points as possible.
- There are 30 controls on the course including the final curry control. You can visit the controls in any order.
- At each control will be an orange and white flag, electronic control box, and a number tag. The number tag correlates to the number shown on your map.
- Note that the controls are worth different points from 30 to 100. The points correlate to the control number on the map – eg control 34 is worth 30 points etc:

POINTS

31-39 = 30pts

40-49 = 40pts

50-59 = 50pts

100 - "Curry Control" = 100pts

Late Penalty of 20 points per minute

- Note you can earn a bonus 100 points by completing the Vegas Vindaloo Chilli Challenge! Eat a cup of the spicy Vegas Vindaloo curry on offer before the finish time to earn the bonus points. Be sure to get an official to witness it and register the points with your E Card. This is available at the finish area.
- You will receive a penalty of 20 points for every minute (or part thereof) after the two hours you are late. Any competitors who return after 30 minutes will have all their points forfeited.
- You are welcome to finish early but please make sure you download your E Card at the finish area.

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START PROCEDURE

- There will be a mass start at 10.00am for all riders.
- You **DO NOT** need to punch a start control to start.

FINISH PROCEDURE

- Finish is at 12.00pm
- You **MUST** punch the finish control to finish your course and record your finish time.
- Immediately proceed to the registration tent to download your E Card and get your results.

PRIZE GIVING

- A brief prizegiving will take place at approximately 12.30pm.

VEGAS VINDALOO KING AND QUEEN

Individuals will accumulate points depending on their performance in the different races. The winners will be the male and female who accumulate the most points for their grade across all 3 events over the weekend.

HOW IT WORKS

- Equal weightings will apply to all 3 events, with winners being male and female in each grade with most points.
- **Long and Sprint Courses**
 - Your score will be calculated by taking winners time / your time * 100.
 - Weightings are applied to the Long course as follows:
 - Course 1 - weighted 100%.
 - Course 2 - weighted 70%.
 - Course 3 - is not eligible to earn points.
 - For example for the Long:
 - Winner course 1 is timed at say 98 minutes, and gets 100 points (98/98 x 100)
 - Person A on course 1 gets time of 137 minutes, and gets 71 points (98/137 x 100)
 - Winner course 2 is timed at 68 minutes, and gets 70 points (68/68 x 70)
 - Person B on course 2 gets time of 92 minutes, and gets 52 points (68/92 x 70)
- **Rogaine** – Scores will be calculated by taking your score / winners score * 100.
 - For example winner gets score of 1620pts, and person D gets score of 1480pts, therefore $1480/1620 \times 100 = 91$ points.