

# Bay of Plenty High School & WBOP Intermediate MTB Championships V2

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## Table of Changes

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| March 1 <sup>st</sup> | Manual Version 1  | N/A  | N/A  |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Manual Version 2* | Amended Enduro Course,<br>Amended Cross Country Course,<br>Additional Enduro Details,<br>Technical Skill Testing Details,<br>School Tent info, plate & entry<br>info, onsite food & drink, event<br>partners, transponder and plate<br>pickup, course updates, practice<br>info, Enduro updates. | Smooth Operator<br>Stage (Trail not<br>ready). |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 2026 Rules V2     | Stages completed in order  | Nil  |

\*All information in this manual and Rules V2 will supersede any past published content for the 2026 Event.

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 BOP Highschool Champs hosted by DirtCraft. We would like to extend a warm welcome to participants, spectators, teachers, managers and volunteers.

## Event Contacts

|                |                 |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
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## Event Hybrid

As many of you will be aware, to keep the event affordable and accessible we've moved to run the event as a hybrid Western BOP Champs for Intermediate (Year 7 & 8) in addition to the BOP Highschool Champs (U15, U16, U17, U20). XCO, XCR, and Technical Testing will see both events occur at the same time. Enduro will see the High School event in the morning and the Intermediate event in the afternoon. See the schedule below for more information.



**Big Shoutout to our Bike Shop partner Vanquish Cycles who are providing prizes & bike mechanic services throughout the event.**



## Schedule

| Overall Schedule |         |  |
|------------------|---------|--|
|                  | Time    | Event  |
| Friday           |         | XCO, Technical Testing & XCR Day               |
| Friday           | 7.45am  | Carpark opens                                  |
| Friday           | 8.00am  | Registration opens                             |
| Friday           | 8.45am  | Registration shuts                             |
| Friday           | 8.50am  | Technical Testing Briefing all categories      |
| Friday           | 9.00am  | Technical Testing Starts                       |
| Friday           | 10.30am | Technical Testing Ends                         |
| Friday           | 10.45am | TST Results Published                          |
| Friday           | 11.00am | XCO Briefing all categories                    |
| Friday           | 11.15am | XCO Start waves commence all categories        |
| Friday           | 11.20am | XCO Start waves completed all categories       |
| Friday           | 12.30pm | XCO Race Completed                             |
| Friday           | 1.00pm  | XCR Y7 to Y13 Race (50 min)                    |
| Friday           | 2.30pm  | Prize giving                                   |
| Friday           | 3.30pm  | Carpark shuts                                  |
| Saturday         |         | Enduro Day                                     |
| Saturday         | 7.45am  | Carpark opens                                  |
| Saturday         | 8.00am  | Registration opens                             |
| Saturday         | 8.40am  | Registration shuts                             |
| Saturday         | 8.50am  | Enduro Y9 to Y13 race briefing                 |
| Saturday         | 9.00am  | Enduro Y9 to Y13 race start                    |
| Saturday         | 11.00am | Enduro Y9 to Y13 race end                      |
| Saturday         | 12.00pm | Y9 to Y13 Prize Giving (or sooner if possible) |
| Saturday         | 12.20pm | Registration opens                             |
| Saturday         | 12.40pm | Registration shuts                             |
| Saturday         | 12.50pm | Enduro Y7 & Y8 race briefing                   |
| Saturday         | 1.00pm  | Enduro Y7 & Y8 race start                      |
| Saturday         | 3.00pm  | Enduro Y7 & Y8 race end                        |
| Saturday         | 4.00pm  | Y7 & Y8 Prize Giving (or sooner if possible)   |
| Saturday         | 5.00pm  | Carpark shuts                                  |

## Cross Country Events

### **Cross Country**

The Provisional plan for the XCO course is attached below. We are still waiting to confirm a few things with the landowner, but are hoping to run this course for the WBOP Intermediate & BOP Highschool Champs this year.

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/aims-games-2026-xco-course/>

Year 7 & 8 riders will complete 2 laps. U15, U16, U17 & U20 categories will complete as many laps as they can in 50 minutes from the start of the first wave. At which point the course will close and no new laps are commenced. Riders can complete the lap that they are on which will count towards their result.

Start procedure will include gridding up all 5 waves. The gap between each wave will be around 1 minute.

Wave 1: U20, U17, U16 Boys

Wave 2: U15 Boys

Wave 3: Year 8 Boys

Wave 4: Year 7 Boys

Wave 5: All Girls

There will be a feed zone located near the finish line. This will have signage and be mentioned at briefing. All rider assistance is to occur in this zone.

### **Cross Country Relay**

The XCR course will remain as provisionally planned. A link to the course can be found below: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/xcc-course/>

Riders will complete as many laps as they can in 35 minutes. At which point the course will close and no new laps are commenced. Riders can complete the lap that they are on which will count towards their result. Rotating through their 3 riders. Rider A, Rider B, Rider C before returning to Rider A.

There are 3 categories. Intermediate, U16 & U20. Gender does not factor into categories.

## Enduro Event

### **Enduro Course**

The Provisional plan for the EDR course is attached below. Due to recent weather events, we are going to be running three stages for this event.

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/bop-champs-2026-enduro/>

### **Enduro Stage order**

BOP High School:

U15 Boys: Beeftub -> Corona Variant -> GT Track.

U16 & U17 Boys: Corona Variant -> GT Track -> Beeftub.

Highschool Girls & U20 Boys: GT Track -> Beeftub -> Corona Variant.

WBOP Intermediate:

Year 7 Boys: Beeftub -> Corona Variant -> GT Track.

Year 8 Boys: Corona Variant -> GT Track -> Beeftub.

Intermediate Girls: GT Track -> Beeftub -> Corona Variant.

### **Key Enduro Notes**

- Riders are expected to follow these liaison routes or may incur a penalty. This is outlined on the map and will be marked with ribbons on the day.

Beeftub Finish: Iso Hill, Mutley Lane.

Corona Variant Finish: Exit to Creek, GT Climb, Gravel Road, Grass Paddock.

GT Finish: GT Climb, Gravel Road, Grass Paddock, Mutley Lane.

- Any Rider Caught Riding up and down Reid Road on Friday or Saturday will be disqualified.
- Riders may receive outside assistance anywhere throughout a liaison stage for this event as we cannot police it.
- Riders will need to complete the stages in the specified order.
- Riders will only get one run per stage.
- Riders will need a transponder for the Enduro. This will be collected from Registration by the team manager.

## Technical Skill Testing

For the 2026 Event, Technical Skill Testing will run as a **single timed skill execution stage**. This will be explained and demonstrated during TST Briefing.

Throughout the stage riders will be tested on their momentum transfer, balance, agility, bike handling and awareness. Feel free to practice the skills and the course prior to 8.50am.

Estimated start times are outlined below. We will do our best to stick to schedule.

TST Briefing: All Riders 8.50am to 9.00am.

High School Boys: between 9.00am and 9.40am.

Intermediate Boys: between 9.40am and 10.15am.

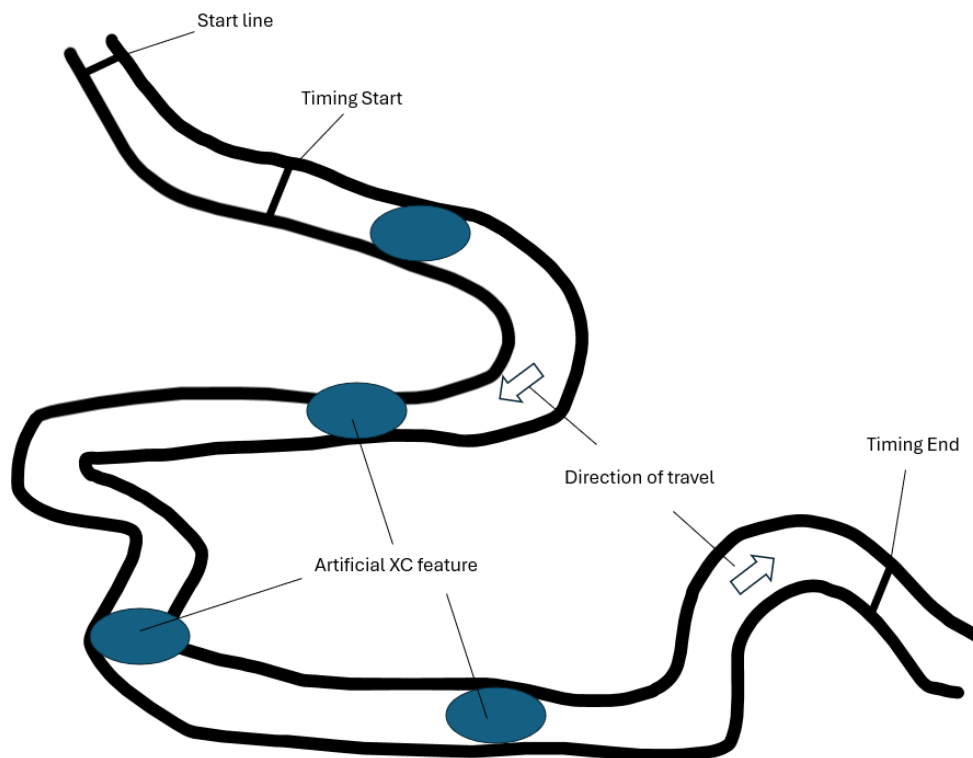
All Girls: between 10:15am and 10.30am.

## Timed Technical - Artificial Tech & Task Completion

Objective: Ride through the section of manmade features in the shortest time possible while completing necessary tasks without incurring penalties.

Station Specific Rules:

- Riders can practice this station.
- Riders get one race run.
- Riders must start stationary, with one foot on the ground.
- Riders are penalised 5s for every time their foot touches the ground.
- Riders cannot leave a station boundary or will incur a 5s penalty.
- Riders may track stand or hop.
- Riders cannot ride backwards (but may hop in reverse).
- Riders may ride the features or walk the features. However, riders deemed to be walking a feature will incur a 30 second penalty. If a feature is not attempted the rider will be disqualified.
- One rider at a time per station, unless specified otherwise by the station judge.
- It is the rider's responsibility to know the location of the start and finish.
- It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the start of any station at the correct time.
- Any rider who does leave the boundary of the course needs to rejoin at the same location as where they left.
- The stage may be broken into zones for each judge to monitor.
- If a rider does not complete the Timed Station in under 3 minutes, they will receive a DNF
- It is the riders responsibility to determine the station is prepared and ready before they commence.



## Practice

We are aiming to have the XCO, XCR & EDR courses marked by late afternoon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The same goes for the setup of the Technical Testing Stations.

There is no official practice for this event. Riders wishing to practice prior to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May will require a MTB Tauranga Club membership or 3-day pass to access the trails. Riders may practice on Friday or Saturday providing the course in which they are riding is not being used for another event. Courses will only be marshalled during races.

## Rules

See the '2026 DirtCraft Event Rules' document. This includes race rules, equipment requirements and more. This has been updated as of May 7<sup>th</sup> to include Enduro Stage order.

## School Tent Sites

Feel free to bring a school tent. There will be area to set this up on the raised grass platform at the northern end of the carpark. There is no registration process for this, please just setup in this area, keep your space tidy, take any rubbish or ask event staff if you have any questions.

## Onsite Food & Drink

We are fortunate to have the Vitality Organics coffee cart onsite throughout the event. They will be serving coffee, sweet healthy treats to various dietary needs.

MTB Tauranga will fire up their BBQ/Canteen providing cooked goods along with some drinks.

Summerhill has no drinking water. We will have some water containers present at the event for you to fill up with, but we strongly encourage that you bring plenty of your own water.

## Parking, Dogs & Toilets

Parking will occur at both the main Summerhill Carpark 319 Reid Road and the Summerhill Airstrip carpark (as overflow) 345 Reid Road. There will be an option for drop off at the main Summerhill Carpark at 319 Reid Road. Both carparks will be unmonitored, so please drive safely. There is a short walk from the Airstrip back to the event village. **Cars parked on the side or Reid Road are at risk of being towed, please do not park here.**

**As Summerhill is a working farm, no dogs are permitted at the venue.**

Summerhill does have 4x toilets available for event use.



## Volunteers

We ask that each school provides at least one volunteer for every 4 riders they have competing for each day. DirtCraft will be in touch with the volunteers which schools have put forward. If you have been designated by your school or you're just happy to lend a hand, please complete the following form to register as a volunteer:

<https://forms.gle/CV38qNeJAjDphV1C6>

## Registration - Transponder & Plate Pickup

Team Managers will need to pickup Race Plates for their schools during the registration period each day. All events will require a race plate. 1 Plate per rider, regardless of the number of events they are participating in. Only Enduro will be timed with transponders. Transponders will be available for collection on Saturday morning at Registration. Plates will be available for pickup by team manager both days.

## Other Registration Details

We will have an information board present. This will include schedule, entry list and more. We are accepting late registrations & changes until lunchtime Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Riders per category**

|             | Boys   |        |     |     |     |     | Girls  |        |     |     |     |     |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|             | Year 7 | Year 8 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U20 | Year 7 | Year 8 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U20 |
| TST         | 12     | 10     | 13  | 5   | 3   | 0   | 1      | 1      | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   |
| XCO         | 19     | 17     | 22  | 6   | 8   | 4   | 8      | 5      | 6   | 4   | 1   | 1   |
| EDR         | 18     | 30     | 54  | 28  | 16  | 8   | 4      | 2      | 5   | 3   | 1   | 5   |
| XCR (Teams) | 11     |        |     |     |     |     |        |        |     |     |     |     |

