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# COMPETITION GUIDE

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**This supplementary guide should be read in conjunction with the main competition guide.**

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# Cycling outside venue

**Travelling to the venue by bike** – If you are travelling to the venue by bike you must wear a helmet. Please use the Hemo Gorge Bike Trial (enter at Te Puia) and avoid State Highway 5.

**Warming up outside of the venue** – If you do warm up outside of the venue you must ensure you wear a helmet. Do not use the yellow highlighted by-pass road as this road is used by the Red Stag Mill and is frequented by Logging Trucks 7 days a week.





# Official Welcome....

We invite you to join us for the pōhiri ceremony, a cultural tapestry woven with karakia (ancient chants), waiata (songs), haka (powerful dances), and the gentle manaakitanga (hospitality) that defines our people. This is not a mere spectacle, but a profound gesture of respect for the land we stand on, the ancestors who came before us, and the whakapapa (genealogy) that binds us all. By participating in the pōhiri, you acknowledge our tūrangawaewae (place of standing), and we, in turn, embrace you as whānau – family. This is a chance to break down barriers, build bridges, and forge friendships that transcend the sport of BMX. We understand that some of you may come from cultures with different customs and beliefs. We welcome your curiosity and encourage you to approach the pōhiri with an open heart and mind. Ask questions, learn from our kaumātua (elders), and let the mana of this place wash over you.

The pōhiri is not just a prelude to the competition; it is the foundation upon which it is built. It reminds us that we are all connected, that respect and humility pave the way for excellence, and that the true spirit of competition lies in celebrating each other's achievements.

The event acknowledges and appreciates the support of Ngā Hapū e Toru o Ngāti Whakaeue and Tūhourangi as mana whenua (the indigenous people who have historic and territorial rights over the land).

We hope you can take time out of your pre event schedule to attend to show your aroha (love) and whakaute (respect) to our mana whenua (home people).

**When:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 10am – 11.00am, followed by kai (food), Please gather outside the track entrance (blue bridge) at 9.45am, where a short briefing will be provided prior to the start at 10am.

**Where:** Te Papa o Te Kauri BMX facility, 17 Waipa State Mill Road, Whakarewarewa (BMX Track)

## What is a Pōhiri?

The pōhiri is a custom associated with the welcoming and hosting of manuhiri, onto whenua belonging to the hau kāinga (also known as tangata whenua).

The entire pōhiri process is spoken in te reo Māori:

- The manuhiri assemble outside the waharoa, marae entrance or designated area.
- A wero may be issued by the hau kāinga and accepted by the manuhiri. It must be noted that the wero is normally provided at formal gatherings involving special or ceremonial events or welcoming dignitaries. However, this may not always be the case.
- The women from the hau kāinga will give the first karanga, to call the visitors to enter the marae or designated area.
- The women from the visiting group will then reply, by way of karanga and will lead the visiting group onto the marae or designated area.
- Once the manuhiri are seated, the whaikōrero process takes place. Whaikōrero is performed by the men and the hau kāinga will start this process. This is followed by a response from a representative of the visiting group.
- Hau kāinga will then close the speech-making. It must be noted that an appropriate waiata is performed at the end of each speech.
- At the conclusion of the whaikōrero, the tangata whenua and manuhiri come together, to hongiri. The act of hongiri depicts the breath of life, of two people, into a bond of friendship and unity. It also indicates a sign of peace and a sign of life and well-being.
- With the formalities completed, everyone is invited to partake in refreshments.

## Translations:

hau kāinga (or tangata whenua) – home people

hongi – pressing of noses in greeting

kai – food

karanga – call

manuhiri – visitors

marae – courtyard

pōhiri – formal welcome

rūrū – shake hands

te reo – the language

waharoa – entranceway

waiata – song

wero – physical challenge

whaikōrero – formal speech-making

wharenuī – meeting house

whenua – land

# Local Tourism Activity Discounts....

The following activities have provided a discount to all teams and riders:

## Secret Spot Hot Tubs:

10% discount on hot tubs. They can use promo code: SecretBMX when booking on [www.secretspot.nz](http://www.secretspot.nz) but will require I.D at the reception. This promotion will run from the 5th Feb to 12 Feb 2024. The code is active now.

## Skyline Rotorua:

10% off Gondola and 3 Luge.

## Polynesian Spa:

20% discount across Family, Pavilion and Deluxe

## Whakarewarewa Māori Village:

50% discount whanau/supporters

# MY LAPS Timing

MyLaps timing is now activated for open and private pre-event training sessions.

Cost is included in Private Sessions and \$5 per person for open sessions. Payable at the track.

Please provide the following information to the track administrator on arrival:

Transponder Number

Full Name

Plate number



# Autograph Session

We are holding an autograph session at the track from 2pm – 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to coincide with a domestic BMX meeting hosted by our club.

We encourage all those in Rotorua to attend to find new fans and get more involved in the Rotorua BMX Community.

Those who attend can attend the following 3pm – 5pm Open Training Session for free.

Contact us at [info@bmxworldcup.nz](mailto:info@bmxworldcup.nz) if you would like to attend.



# Anti-Doping Messaging

***Drug Free Sport are undertaking testing on behalf of ITA.***

*To support your role in keeping our sport clean, we ask that all riders complete the Level 1 e-learning course from Drug Free Sport New Zealand before the event. International athletes who have completed anti-doping education in their home country are exempt from this requirement.*

*You'll learn valuable information about your anti-doping rights and responsibilities and come away knowing what to expect from the doping control process. Get started today at [drugfreesport.org.nz/e-learning](https://drugfreesport.org.nz/e-learning)*

