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WORLD CUP**
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND

COMPETITION GUIDE

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WELCOME



Nau mai, haere mai (Welcome to you all)

On behalf of the event partners, our stakeholders and the community of Rotorua we look forward to welcoming you to the first stop of the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup to be held in Rotorua, New Zealand from 10 -11 February 2024.

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

Cycling New Zealand, BMX New Zealand and Rotorua BMX Club have joined forces to bring this incredible event to New Zealand. They will work in partnership to bring the event to life and to ensure the legacy of this event will be felt through Rotorua and the wider New Zealand BMX communities for years to come.

Rotorua BMX Club created a vision 10 years ago when they planned and built the track. Along with providing an amazing environment for the community to learn to love bikes, the vision was to attract a world level event to Rotorua.

They are now seeing the realisation of this vision and we are excited for you to experience this great track.

It has been over 10 years since New Zealand last welcomed the BMX Racing elite world to our shores and we are very much looking forward to hosting you in 2024. It is our hope that this event will provide inspiration to a new generation of BMX riders not only in New Zealand but around the world as you showcase the sport of BMX Racing to a local and global audience.

We know you will enjoy the warm hospitality we have to offer and schedule your arrival to ensure you can enjoy some of the amazing adventure and cultural activities we have here in Rotorua and around New Zealand in our summer period.

The event organising team includes many volunteers who are generously giving their time to ensure you have a special experience. We extend our thanks to all those volunteering their time and ask that you please make time while you are here to acknowledge their commitment.

We are aware that this event may be your first visit to New Zealand and in particular Rotorua. We are aiming to provide as much information as possible to enable you to plan and prepare for the journey. This competition guide will be regularly updated as we continue to confirm details.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you are looking for something that we haven't provided. We are here to help you create great memories to take forward to the rest of your 2024 season.

For those making the journey to our shores, we thank you and can't wait to see you.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī, Ka kite (That's all for now, see you!)

**Janette Douglas
Event Manager
janette@eventscollective.co.nz**



A Mihi (Welcome) from Mana Whenua (People of the Land)

**Tuia te rangi i runga nei
tuia te papa i raro iho na
tuia te taura here tāngata e paihere nei tātau i a tātau
E ngā manuhiri tūārangi
koinei te mihi maioha a mātau a Ngāti Hurungaterangi, Ngāti Taeotū, Ngāti Te Kahu me
Tūhourangi ki a koutou katoa
ko te manako ia ka eke panuku koutou kia tae atu ki te ara tiketike o ngā taumata o papatū
kati rā i konei, tēnā koutou katoa**

**Bind the heavens above us
Bind the earth below
Bind the strands of humanity that unifies us all
Esteemed guests who have travelled from near and afar
We the home people of Ngāti Hurungaterangi, Ngāti Taeotū, Ngāti Te Kahu and Tūhourangi
offer a warm welcome to you all
May your journey be fulfilling during your quest to achieve the highest of heights
and so in closing, we acknowledge you all**

E te motu

E te ao

Nau mai ki Rotorua

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome from Tania Tapsell, Mayor of Rotorua

Welcome to Rotorua! We are absolutely thrilled to be hosting the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup.

It is an honour to welcome some of the world's best BMX Racing riders to Rotorua ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, as well as dedicated support crews and fans.

Rotorua is a world class tourism destination, well known for its unique natural environment and adventurous spirit. We have a hugely passionate cycling community here in Rotorua who I have no doubt will show you the manaakitanga (hospitality and kindness) that we are so well known for.

While you're here, we hope you have the chance to discover all that Rotorua has to offer. From our breathtaking lakes and forests to our rich Māori culture and geothermal wonders, there is something for everyone.

To the nation

To the world

Welcome to Rotorua

We greet you all

To all the competitors, we wish you all the best in your events. Your dedication and preparation for this UCI BMX Racing World Cup is admirable. To the support crews and spectators, thank you for being here and we hope you have a wonderful time in Rotorua.

We have no doubt that the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup will be a phenomenal success and extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in bringing this prestigious event to Rotorua.

**Hei whakakōpani i ngā kupu āku
Tukuna te mahi kia rere ki ōna taumata
Tēnā koutou katoa**

**To complete these words, I share with you
May excellence be your companion as you take to the track
We greet you all**

**Ngā mihi
Tania Tapsell
Mayor of Rotorua**

OUR PARTNERS



We extend our thanks to our partners

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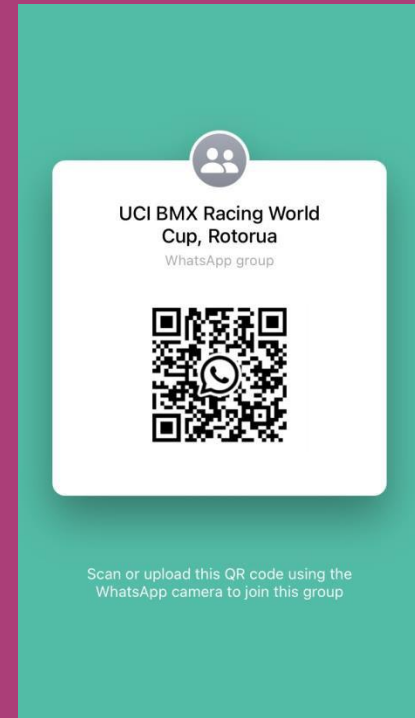
KEY CONTACTS & COMMUNICATIONS



All rider communications will take place electronically. We encourage all those wanting to keep up to date with general event information or those wanting more information on travelling to and staying in Rotorua to connect via the WhatsApp group below.

UCI will issue all formal racing information via a WhatsApp group set up post the Team Managers Meeting.

- **The official email for the event is info@bmxworldcup.nz**
- **The official website for the event is www.bmxworldcup.nz**
- **The official Instagram for the event is [here](#).**
- **The official Facebook for the event is [here](#).**
- **The official Instagram for the UCI is [here](#).**
- **The official Facebook for UCI is [here](#).**
- **For any Technical questions contact Norm McCann, UCI BMX Consultant on norm.mccann@uci.ch**



TRACK AND VENUE



Track

The event is being held at the Rotorua BMX Racing Track. Located at 17 Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua, New Zealand. See google map link [here](#).

The host BMX track is home to the [Rotorua BMX Club](#) and is in the heart of the New Zealand's MTB mecca and is just metres away from the world-famous trails of the Whakarewarewa Forest.

The facility in Rotorua is only one of two 8m BMX tracks in New Zealand.

Building work was finished in late 2019 and it officially opened that December. The Championship category track is 440 meters long and meets the UCI regulations regarding track specifications.

There is an 8m International Standard start ramp with a Pro Gate Straight 8 gate. The ramp is plywood with grip texture coating.

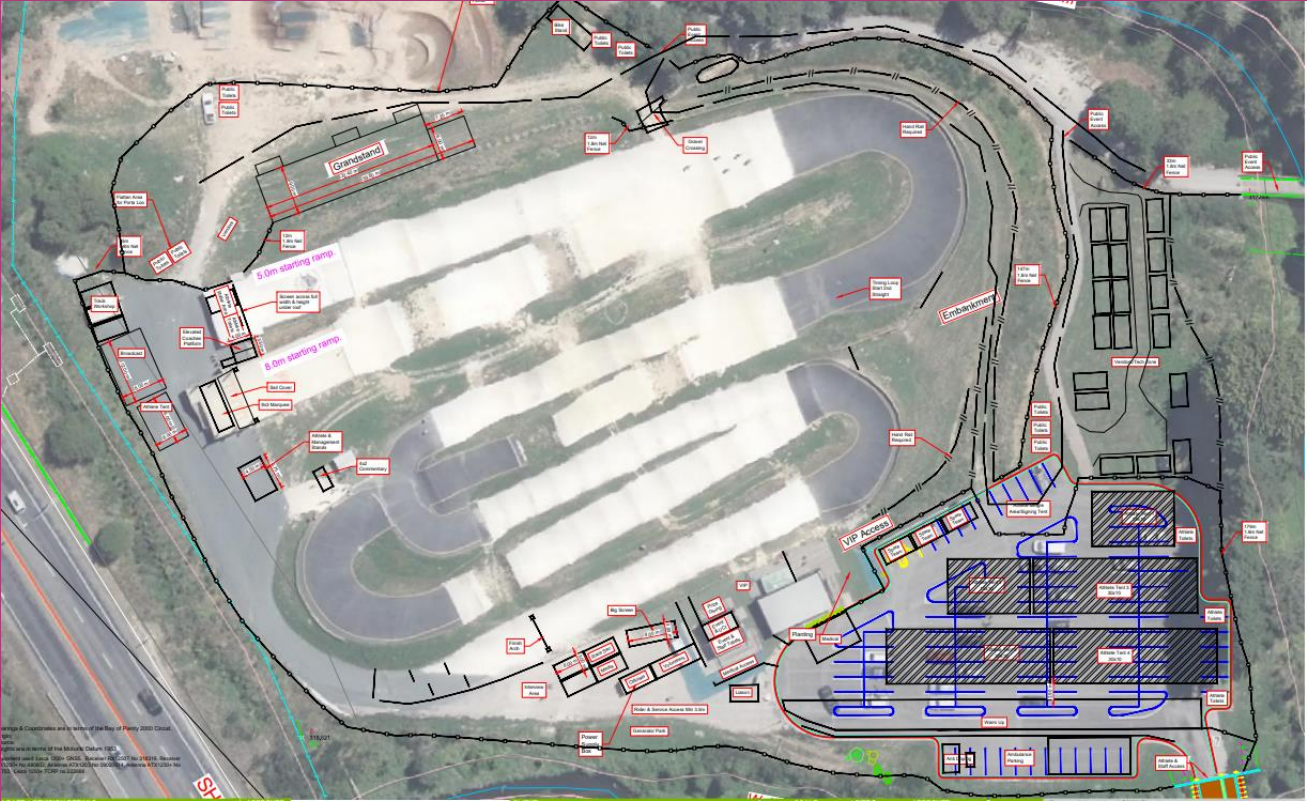
The track surface is lime (specifically GAP 6 Burnt Oxide with 3% hardener) and the corners are tar sealed for superior grip leading to consistent cornering ability, adding to the safety of racing. As well as meeting the UCI requirements, it has been built to withstand local weather conditions including considering prevailing winds and the surrounding landscaping negates sunstrike for riders early in the morning or late afternoon. The track is exceptionally maintained for a smooth ride and thoroughly drained for great moisture management.

The men have a separated second and third Championship straights including a berm jump over the women's/challenge second turn. All other straights will challenge both Championship Women and Challenge category riders with all straights offering several opportunities for passing.

Key Stats

ProGate Straight 8 starting gate, 8m Start Hill, 440m Length, 3 x Pro Sections, Berm Jump for Championship Men, Limestone Surface, Men's Track Record: 37.504 (Bodi Turner - 2023), Women's Track: 38.028 (Saya Sakakibara - 2023)

Venue Site Plan



Venue Amenities

Other users – please take note that the BMX track is located within one of the country’s most popular mountain bike parks. Given the event is held on a weekend in summer, it is highly likely that there will be a large number of non-event users in and around the area.

Toilets – portaloos will be provided in the team area and in staging.

Showers – showers are not available at the venue however nearby (walking distance) [Mountain Bike Park](#) provides this facility (coin operated).

Parking –parking passes will be available at the riders Confirmation meeting. Parking will be clearly marked and will be situated in the field adjacent to the venue, just a few minutes’ walk.

Wi-Fi – limited Wi-Fi will be available for teams. The code will be provided at the Team Managers meeting.

Security – security will be on site from Friday 6pm until Sunday 8pm. We do not take any responsibility for your belongings and recommend you remove any items of value each night.

Waste and Recycling – general waste and recycling bins will be provided in the team area and in other public areas. *Please see more in the Sustainability section.*

REGISTRATION



Registration

All riders must enter through their National Federation or by the UCI BMX Racing Team registered with the UCI of which they are a member; no individual entries will be accepted. Please contact your National Federation for further information.

The 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup offers entry into the combined Under 23 category for Junior and Under 23 riders, or the Elite category for riders aged 19 or over.

Rotorua is hosting Round 1 and Round 2.

Entry deadline for both rounds are published on the UCI website (www.uci.org) under BMX Racing – UCI World Cup official documents.)

Registration is via the UCI Reg-Online system using the Federation or UCI BMX Racing team log in details.

The name and address of the hotel where the riders will stay must be given during the online registration.

The name and contact details (email and WhatsApp number) for each Team Manager must be provided during the online registration.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup is €150 for the Under 23 category and €250 for the Elite category when using the online registration system.

After the registration deadline the National Federation will receive an invoice by e-mail, sent by Cycling New Zealand

Where possible we ask that invoices are paid prior to arrival in Rotorua by Bank wire transfer. We recommend that Team Managers bring confirmation of the transfer to the riders confirmation.

Any unpaid invoices (or where proof of bank transfer can not be established) will be required to be paid by credit card on site (no cash accepted) noting that credit card processing fees will apply.

The entry fee must be paid for all entries not withdrawn before the online registration deadline, whether the rider(s) concerned are confirmed or not.

Where currency is exchanged, the rate used is set out in the UCI financial obligations for BMX Racing, which is located on the UCI website.

For more information regarding prepayment and any invoice queries please contact info@bmxworldcup.nz .

Late Registration

Late registrations are entries handled after the online registration deadline and before the riders confirmation deadline. Late registration is only possible through the National Federation or UCI BMX Racing Team and until the end of riders confirmation on site which is on Thursday 8th February.

The late entry fee for the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup is €300 for Under 23 and €500 for elite.

Late Fees must be paid immediately on site by credit card (credit card processing fees apply).

RULES AND OFFICIATING



Officials

The 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup is governed by the 2024 UCI regulations which you can find [here](#).

The Commissaries Panel is:

President: Ria Goodman (GBR)

Asst President: Kevin Braybon (AUS)

Commissaire: Laura Pringle (USA)

Secretary: Ronizam Ismail (MAS)

Technical Delegate: Tian Isidore (GBR)

The UCI Commissaires are supported by the following national officials:

TBC

Race Licences

Only riders holding a Championship licence issued by their national federation can participate at the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup.

Helmets

Please note that New Zealand Law requires you to always wear a helmet while moving on a bike.

Insurance

International riders are required to have the appropriate insurance as required by the UCI to race internationally.

TEAM AND RIDER INFORMATION



Team Managers Meeting

The Team Managers meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th February. All Team Managers must attend the meeting. Venue TBC

Rider Confirmation

Riders confirmation is on Thursday, 8th February following the Team Managers meeting Venue TBC.

All Team Managers must attend the riders confirmation, presenting the riders licences and picking up their race numbers. Riders not being confirmed before the end of the Riders confirmation session, will have not completed the registration procedure and will not be able to compete at the event.

Team Staff Accreditation

As the first event of the year, all rainbow passes are delivered to the teams at Rider confirmation. If additional sporting passes are necessary, the request should be sent before the event to Norm McCann, UCI BMX Racing Coordinator (norm.mccann@uci.ch). For the request, please indicate the reason, the name and the contact details of the person for whom the sporting passes are requested.

Rider Access

All riders are provided with a wristband so they can access the venue during the event. The wristband gives the riders access to restricted areas such as the team area, staging and racing area, team seating and the public area. These bands will be issued to teams at Rider confirmation.

Rider & Team Manager Seating

There will be rider and team seating available. This location will be confirmed at the Team Managers meeting.

Pre event Track Training

Pre event training information can be found [here](#).

Awards & Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first three riders of each category at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of each round.

Schedule



Provisional Schedule as at 1/1/24 - subject to change.

Thursday - 08 February 2024 (Day 0)			
Start	Finish	Duration	Activity
10:00	12:00	2:00	Official Opening Ceremony at Venue (Riders and Teams to attend)
12:00	13:00	1:00	Press Conference (6 athletes)
12:15	12:45	0:30	Team Managers Meeting (At venue)
13:00	15:00	2:00	Riders' Confirmation (At venue)
13:00	15:00	2:00	Equipment Drop-off to Team Area (Vehicles permitted)
Friday - 09 February 2024 (Day 1)			
Start	Finish	Duration	Activity
8:00	9:00	1:00	Equipment Drop-off to Team Area (Vehicles permitted)
10:00	11:25	1:25	Men U23 Practice
11:30	12:55	1:25	Women Practice
13:00	14:25	1:25	Men Elite Practice

Saturday - 10 February 2024 (Day 2)			
Start	Finish	Duration	Activity
9:10	9:35	0:25	Men U23 Practice
9:40	10:05	0:25	Women Practice
10:10	10:35	0:25	Men Elite Practice
10:35	10:45	0:10	Break
10:45			Round 1
			Men U23, Men Elite, Women U23, Women Elite
11:55			Last Chance
			Men U23, Men Elite, Women U23, Women Elite
12:40			Sixteenth Final
			Men U23, Men Elite
13:25			Eighth Final
			Men U23, Men Elite
14:00			End of Phase / Break
14:30		0:10	Men Warm Up**
14:40		0:10	Women Warm Up**
			**These Warm Up sessions are available if time allows.
15:00			Quarter Finals
			Men U23, Women U23, Men Elite, Women Elite
15:40			Semi Finals
			Men U23, Women U23, Men Elite, Women Elite
16:15			Finals
			Men U23, Women U23, Men Elite, Women Elite
17:00			Podium
Sunday - 11 February 2024 (Day 3)			
Start	Finish	Duration	Activity
9:10	9:35	0:25	Men U23 Practice
9:40	10:05	0:25	Women Practice
10:10	10:35	0:25	Men Elite Practice
10:35	10:45	0:10	Break
10:45			Round 1
			Men U23, Men Elite, Women U23, Women Elite
11:55			Last Chance
			Men U23, Men Elite, Women U23, Women Elite
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			Women U23, Men U23, Women Elite, Men Elite
16:15			Finals
			Women Elite, Men U23, Women Elite, Men Elite
17:00			Podium

Prize Money

Prize money will be paid via bank-account wire transfer, no payments will be made at the event.

Prize money winners are required to submit their details prior to 16 February 2024.

Payments will be made by the National Federation, Cycling New Zealand.

Payments will be made in NZ Dollars (NZD) based on the UCI FX rate published 1 January 2024.

All riders will be subject to a NZ Government tax of 20%. This applies to all amounts over NZD \$500 per round.

Riders holding a New Zealand IRD Number will also be required to complete a IR300 form.

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/media/project/ir/home/documents/forms-and-guides/ir300---ir399/ir330c/ir330c-2019.pdf>

An online form will be sent to all Team Managers post event to capture the following details of riders who receive prize money.

1. Riders Name
2. Name on Riders Account
3. Home Address
4. Bank Name
5. Bank Address
6. Account Number
7. NZ IRD Number (if applicable)
8. IBAN (if applicable)
9. SWIFT/BIC (if applicable)

Team Bibs

Team Bibs will be provided for National Teams and UCI BMX Racing Teams during the rider confirmation. Teams will be asked to pay a €100 deposit per bib. The Team Bib gives access to allocated places explained during the Team Managers meeting. The bibs need to be returned to the UCI Race Secretary at latest by the end of racing on Sunday 11 February. Upon return of the bib the deposit will be refunded

Parking

Designated (free) parking for teams and riders will be provided near the venue. This parking is clearly indicated on the site map, and the car must have a parking card in the front window to gain access. Parking cards will be distributed at the rider confirmation.

Number Plates

Each rider will be provided with a front number plate by the UCI at the riders confirmation. These plates must be used by all riders.

Team Tents

To book and pay for a team site please click [here](#)

Limited team tents are available to be booked. Each tent size is 5 x 5 metre tent. A table, chairs and power point are included.

It is possible to request to rent more than one tent (tents will be connected to create one large space) however these additional spaces will only be confirmed on 8th January – this is to ensure that all teams have access to book a minimum of one tent space.

Bookings made by 8th January - \$1310 NZD (approx. €720)+ booking fee and credit card processing fee.

Bookings made by 22nd January - \$1500 NZD (approx.. €822) + booking fee and credit card processing fee * subject to availability.

Bookings made after 22nd January - \$1650 NZD (approx. €905) + booking fee and credit card processing fee * subject to availability.

Team Areas will be fully accessible from Friday 9th February 09:00 to Sunday 11th February 19:00.

The drop-off and the unloading of team equipment can only be on Thursday from 18:00 to 20:00 and Friday morning from 08:00 to 9:00. Equipment removal can be done on Sunday from 30 minutes after the end of the podium ceremony. Every tent must be cleared out by teams before 20:00.

PLEASE NOTE:

The early price has been set to purely cover the costs to supply the required tent and associated items. The additional charges for later booking have been applied to cover any further administration and late costs applied from the suppliers. We encourage all teams to book early to assist with their budget and with the events organisation administration.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to National Teams, UCI BMX Racing Teams, The World Cycling Centre

Please note that bookings cannot be cancelled.

No vehicles are permitted in the team area (excluding authorised pack -in and pack-out times)

Due to limited space no personal tents are permitted. Any non-authorized tents will be removed. There are no other areas in the venue permitted for team tents.

The event will provide roving security overnight from Friday 9th February across the full site however the organiser does not accept any responsibility for team equipment. It is recommended that teams remove any items of value each night.

To book and pay for a team site please click [here](#).

Water

It is generally accepted that it is safe to drink tap water in New Zealand. If in doubt, we recommend purchasing widely available bottled water.

A tap water supply will be provided in the team area.

Food

There will be food available in the public village area. We are working with local companies to provide pre-ordered food packs and will confirm details shortly.

Medical Cover

A medical response team will be present throughout official practice and racing.

The medical base will be located next to the team area.

Sustainability

At its core, sustainability is a concept focussed on ensuring we provide for our present generation while also safeguarding the needs of future generations. The event is committed where possible to sustainability practices. Riders and teams can assist this by making sustainable choices such as hiring e-vehicles, cycling (and/or carpooling) from accommodation to the venue, avoiding single use plastic bottles and other packaging and minimising waste generated (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).

Video Analysis

An area for video analysis will be provided. This location will be confirmed at the Team Managers meeting.

ACCOMMODATION

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Rotorua is one of New Zealand's top tourist locations so has many top-quality Accommodation options for all needs and budgets. This time of year, is busy in Rotorua so we do recommend you book early. Click [here](#) for more or contact the Rotorua tourism agency at Rotorua New Zealand on [email](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ANY ACCOMMODATION

We recommend confirming with any accommodation provider that they no longer provide [Emergency Social Housing](#) at their facility prior to confirming. Please contact the event if you have any questions on this.

Official Hotel

The official hotel for the event is Jet Park Rotorua.

Jet Park Rotorua are offering a Promo code (JETSETGO) which will offer an instant 20% discount off their best flexible rate. Click [here](#) to book now.

Other Options

Other reasonable priced longer term options

Rotorua Boys High School offer out of term hostel accommodation options. Costs start at \$37.50 per person per night twin share. In house catering options also available. For more information, please contact Sam on scameron@rbhs.school.nz

St Peters Cambridge is located just over one hours' drive from Rotorua, St Peters Cambridge offers out of term hostel accommodation options. Staying at St Peter's means guests benefit from the venue's central location and diverse [accommodation](#) options. For more information about booking accommodation packages at St Peter's, Cambridge, contact Jody Bloor at hire@stpeters.school.nz. Cambridge also has a BMX Track – click [here](#) for more.

Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park is located in the heart of Rotorua's scenic attractions, walking distance to geysers and closet park to one of the best mountain biking trails in the world. Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park offers native protected trees to New Zealand, dotted around the property offering you the opportunity to embrace nature. With dorm and motel unit options. Click [here](#) for more.

GENERAL INFORMATION



**NEW ZEALAND
IMMIGRATION**



Travel Visas

All nationalities (excluding New Zealand and Australian Passport holders) will require a Visa to enter into New Zealand. We recommend you prioritize the research into entry visa for New Zealand well in advance of your intended travel as this may take some time.

There is a Travel Advisory Document created specifically for riders, staff and spectators planning on attending the event which you can view [here](#). This MUST be read by all to ensure they meet visa requirements for New Zealand.

If you require assistance with a letter from the event, please contact us at info@bmxworldcup.nz for assistance. Conditions apply.

Bio Security

New Zealand has strict biosecurity requirements to keep harmful pests and diseases out of the country. Bringing prohibited items into New Zealand can significantly threaten our way of life and you can be subject to large fines or prosecution if you are found to be in breach. We recommend you review prohibited items and fully understand your responsibilities prior to leaving your base. Find out more [here](#).

Spectators

The event is ticketed for spectators. Any team member who does not receive accreditation will be required to purchase a ticket. This ticket will NOT provide access to restricted areas such as the team area but will enable access to the public facilities.

More information on public ticketing is available here

<https://www.bmxworldcup.nz/tickets>

Event Village

The event will include a small village area with trade stands, food and refreshments. This area will be in the public area which is also available for those with official accreditation.

Van and Truck Rental

Hireace and Bargain Rental Cars have kindly created a discount code; **BMX2024** that will give you 10% off your Car, Van, Truck, Trailer hire.

Check them out below

<https://www.hireace.co.nz/>

<https://www.bargainrentalcars.co.nz/>

Alternate Options

<https://www.radcarhire.co.nz/our-vehicles> or

<https://truck.budget.co.nz/en/fleet> and

<https://www.ritepricerentals.co.nz/vehicles.php>

and

<https://www.crosscountryrentals.co.nz/book-online/vehicles.php>

Emergency Contacts While in NZ

The emergency number in New Zealand is 111. You can contact Police, Ambulance and Fire through this number.

The location of the Rotorua Police station is [1190-1214 Fenton St, Rotorua](#).

Currency

The official currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar (NZD).

There are 100 cents in every dollar.

Cash transactions in New Zealand have reduced considerably over the past few years with many retailers now only accepting electronic transactions (instead of cash).

Electronic transactions are often called "eftpos".

Credit cards are also accepted as an electronic transaction however these often incur additional fees.

LOCAL SERVICES

Note: Tuesday the 6th February is Waitangi Day in New Zealand which is a public holiday. Shops are not required to close and most larger shops will still be open, but most café's etc will charge a surcharge. You should check in advance if you are needing a particular service. You can read more about Waitangi Day [here](#).



Eating out in Rotorua

Rotorua has many diverse eating out options to cater for all your needs. Check out more [here](#).

Laundromats

There are a number of public laundromats available in Rotorua.

<https://liquidlaundromats.com/region/rotorua/>

<https://choicelaundromats.co.nz/>

Bike Shops

Rotorua has many well serviced bike shops.

Power

The voltage in New Zealand is 230/240 volts (50Hz). If you're bringing appliances or chargers from countries where the voltage is lower, such as the USA, Canada or Japan, check that your appliance states clearly that it is safe for use up to 240 volts. If not, you will also need a voltage converter/transformer.

Click [here](#) for more. Adaptors are widely available at stores such as [Bunnings](#) and [The Warehouse](#).

Gyms

The following gyms have provided discounted fees for riders and teams to train while in Rotorua.

[Rotorua |Flex Fitness Bay of Plenty](#)
(flexfitnessgym.co.nz)

- **International Teams \$150 per week for unlimited access. Key tag to be given to manager to allow 24/7 access.**
- **Individual Athletes - \$5 per visit on a causal basis during staffed hours.**

Team sessions will need to be booked in. Individuals can come in during staffed hours whenever they would like. Contact

chris.charlton@flexfitnessgym.co.nz

[Golds Gym Rotorua](#)

50% of all membership packages including casual rates.

Contact: reception@golds.co.nz

[Anytime Fitness](#)

Casual Visit \$20

6-week unlimited use: \$120

Additional cost \$40.00 Bond (Cash Only) 24 Hour Key Tag - \$40.00 Cash Bond will be returned when key is returned

Contact: rotorua@anytimefitness.co.nz

[QE Health](#)

Limited to 25 riders.

Special discount for a weekly pass \$45 (normally \$90)

24-hour access

Contact: Pete.Nash@qehealth.co.nz

Supermarkets / Grocery Shops

These are all open 7 days a week, generally from 7am – 9pm.

[Pak N Save](#)

[Countdown \(Woolworths\)](#)

[New World](#)

Stores such as [Bunnings](#) and [The Warehouse](#) stock items such as Chilly Bins, umbrellas, tables, plastic chairs, and hardware.

Banks

Many physical branches are not open every day so please ensure you check prior to planning to visit. Most branches do have ATM (automated teller machine that dispenses cash) that are available 24 hours a day.

[Kiwibank](#)

[ASB](#)

[BNZ](#)

[ANZ](#)

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Internet / WIFI

While New Zealand has a modern internet service, free wi-fi is limited in New Zealand. You can view free Wi-Fi spots in Rotorua [here](#). It is likely your accommodation provider will also provide Wi-Fi services. The event will offer limited free Wi-Fi to teams from Friday.

Mobile Phone Providers

If you are wanting to purchase a local New Zealand sim card, we have three main providers. These sims cards are widely available at airports, supermarkets and retail stores.

[One NZ](#)

[Spark](#)

[2 Degrees](#)

e-sims also work in New Zealand (such as Nomad or Airalo)

Non – event Medical Services

There are a number of non-urgent medical centres available including [Rotorua Medical](#).

The closest 24-hour non-event medical centre is [Lakes Prime Care](#).

The closest hospital is [Rotorua Hospital](#)

Be advised; when visiting the hospital, you will need to bring; Copy of ID/Passport, address, postal code and place of residence. Copy of insurance policy.

The on-call event medical director will be confirmed at a later date.

WEATHER

Weather in New Zealand can be unpredictable. Locals like to joke that you can experience four seasons in one day!

February is New Zealand's last month of summer, and is generally hot. Temperatures may soar to over 25°C, with lows on cooler days reaching 10°C.

The sun is particularly harsh and we highly recommend the application of a high SPF sunscreen at all times while outdoors.

HEALTH & SAFETY



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Health & Safety

Health and safety is everyone's responsibility. The event will play its part by remaining committed to providing and maintaining upmost health and safety standards. We will do this by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the event are adequately identified and managed to prevent harm from occurring to the event staff, participants and all other personnel involved in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Please report any hazards or accidents/incidents to the Event Manager at the Event Office.

Contingency Planning

The event recognises that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format being adjusted in the interest of rider, officials, spectators, volunteers and staff safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the UCI.

The event is smoke, vape, and drug free. Drone use is only permitted by written approval from the Event Manager and alcohol is only permitted in Ngā Pou Taunaki (VIP) zone. Please ensure all your team and supporters are aware of this.

MEDIA



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Media

All media planning to attend the event must be accredited to gain access to the venue. To apply for a press accreditation for the event please contact ian@sportsmedianz.com

GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY



The 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup is committed to providing and supporting teams and riders from around the world to experience what New Zealand and Rotorua has to offer 'off the BMX Track' while you are here. We believe your experience here will only be enhanced if you connect with experiences off the bike, with more regions around the country and with more of our BMX community.

Opportunities to do this include:

Autograph Session

The weekend prior to the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup the Rotorua BMX Club is hosting a Challenge event. This is designed to raise the awareness of the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup and enables those attending the challenge event to be able to watch and be inspired by you competing at the elite level. We have scheduled an open training session for those participating in the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup from 3pm – 5pm. From 2pm – 3pm, we invite you to attend the track and take part in an autograph / meet and greet session. By attending this event you will not only be able to interact with New Zealand BMX Racing fans but also this will provide you with a free training session. Please contact us on info@bmxworldcup.nz if you are interested in attending the autograph session to receive your code for the free training session.

Official Welcome

The official welcome will be held on Thursday 8th February. This welcome will be led by Ngā Hapū e Toru o Ngāti Whakaue and Tūhourangi as mana whenua (the indigenous people who have historic and territorial rights over the land). This is a formal opportunity to be welcomed to the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup by the mana whenua and is an important part of your visit to the event, Rotorua and New Zealand. This welcome will include a Pōhiri (customary welcome), a cultural performance from local schools, speeches from key persons and refreshments. More details will be provided.

International Athlete Hosting Programme

This initiative was designed to encourage clubs around New Zealand to engage with the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup and to offer our international riders the opportunity to experience the hospitality of other clubs and regions in New Zealand as they prepare for the Rotorua round of the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup. Clubs from around the country have created special invitations which we encourage all riders and teams to consider these as part of their programme while in New Zealand. Click [here](#) to read more.

Local Events

Lakeside Concert

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February at the Village Green at the lakefront.

The Lakeside Concert has teamed up with the Multicultural Rotorua to present Rotorua with an unforgettable weekend of cultural experiences during the weekend leading up to Waitangi Day. (Tuesday 6th February)

Alongside the music, the Rotorua Night Markets will be operating with a wide range of food available.

Check out the event [website](#) or follow the event's Facebook page [here](#) to stay up to date with the latest information

Waitangi – For the Love of the People

Tuesday 6th February at Wai Ariki Spa at the lakefront.

Waitangi Day is the national day of New Zealand. This event celebrates with a massive line-up of live music and entertainment, food stands, stalls, activities and demonstrations for the whole family to enjoy.

Check out the event [website](#) or follow them on Facebook [here](#) to stay up to date with the latest information.

Local Events



There are lots of other local events on over the summer months. Check out the local summer events guide [here](#) to stay up to date.

ABOUT ROTORUA AND NEW ZEALAND



Credit: Paul Michael

Getting here....

Rotorua is in the enviable position of being centrally located in the North Island of New Zealand. For riders, teams and supporters arriving from overseas, Rotorua is a three-hour drive south of Auckland International Airport, or a 45-minute flight to Rotorua Airport. Click [here](#) for more.

For airport transfers from any airport to Rotorua, we recommend local Rotorua company [Ready to Roll](#).

Please visit <https://www.rotoruanz.com/> for all the information on Rotorua.

Please visit <https://www.newzealand.com/> for all the information on New Zealand.



Attractions in Rotorua

You will never run out of things to do while you are not training in Rotorua! An incredible range of things to see and experience awaits you. Whether you're looking for [adventure](#), an [eco-tour](#), a relaxing day at a [spa](#), or want to explore

our [lakes](#), [forests](#) and [geothermal](#) areas , we have options for you to enjoy. All of this and so much more is ready and waiting for you in Rotorua. Check out [RotoruaNZ.com](#) for more information.

Attractions close to Rotorua

There are some great places close to Rotorua that are worth a visit. These include great beaches such as [Mt Maunganui](#), or many of the film locations for the [Hobbit / Lord of Rings movies](#) are within easy drive. You can check out more on what to see and do around the region [here](#).

Customs and Culture

Māori culture is an integral part of life in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Rotorua is the best place in New Zealand to experience the traditional customs, practices and beliefs of our indigenous Māori people and to gain a deeper understanding of Māori culture and history. It was also the birthplace of Maori tourism.

For millennia, Māori have been the tangata whenua, the indigenous people of Aotearoa. Arriving here from the Polynesian homeland of Hawaiki over 1,000 years ago, the great explorer Kupe, was the first Māori to reach these lands.

Manaakitanga (meaning the process of showing respect, generosity and care for visitors) is all about welcoming guests and providing great hospitality, something which all New Zealander's pride themselves on.

The New Zealand culture is open-minded and welcoming to people of all countries and cultures. As a country, we value kindness, tolerance and friendship. We are open-minded and welcoming toward all religions and uphold the right to freedom of religion, worship and belief for all. New Zealanders – or Kiwis as they're often known , expect everyone to be treated fairly and they enjoy feeling safe in their homes and in public places.

New Zealanders are generally relaxed, positive people who love to work hard, spend time with friends and family and enjoy the beautiful country they live in. Kiwis,– balance time at work with time to relax and unwind. They love exploring the outdoors, playing or watching sports, engaging in art and culture, and generally making the most of life.

Official Languages

New Zealand has three official languages: English, Te reo Māori (the Māori language) and New Zealand Sign Language.

When speaking English, New Zealanders have a strong accent and speak very quickly, often using slang or words in te reo Māori (the Māori language) that can be confusing if you're new here. Check out our [guide](#) to speaking New Zealand English and find out some of our common words and phrases.

Te reo Māori is a very important part of New Zealand culture. Find out more [here](#) with a list of te reo Māori online resources, that are easily accessible and cater to a range of ages, abilities and perspectives.

Driving in New Zealand

- Drive on the left side of the road in New Zealand
- Many of the roads are hilly, narrow and winding so some distances may take longer to drive than you expect
- Some of the [road rules may be different](#) from what you are used to, so take the time to understand them
- Speed signs are in kilometres per hour, not miles
- Seatbelts are compulsory (front and back seats), as are child restraints
- It's illegal to drive while using a hand-held mobile phone
- Speeding and drink driving can result in strict penalties from the New Zealand Police
- Open Roads are generally 100kph maximum
- Residential/urban roads are generally 50kph

Thank you for reading!

If you have any further questions, we are here to help your trip to the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup , Rotorua and to New Zealand memorable. So please get in touch!



VERSION CONTROL

V1 – 24th October

V2 – 21st November (Prize Money Details, Welcome & Travel Advisory Documents)

V3 – 15th December (New Sponsor Cover Page & Partners Page, Updated Travel Advisory Document, Rental Car Discount, Commissaires, Local Events – Summer Guide)

V4 – 1st January (Updated Schedule)