

ACXF FAQs

Cyclocross has some funny rules. Most of them are covered off in our Aotearoa Crossfest Technical Guide which you can find at cxnationals.co.nz and huttcross.co.nz. However, if the answer you are looking for is not in there then it might be below.

How high are the hurdles?

Max height is 40cm. Our club ones are lower than that (around 35cm). At ACXF they will be 3m wide, a set of double barriers (or hurdles or planks...all one and the same), and FIXED to the ground. Being fixed means if you are trying to bunnyhop them then you will be able to tap the top with your wheel and they'll still stay upright.

Can I wear fancy dress?

Yes! Saturday is the day for fancy dress. Spectators and riders alike. Sunday you can wear whatever club kit etc you like. Skinsuits or jerseys and bibs. Although if you're a defending National CX Champion that's the only day of the year you can't wear the fern cos it's up for grabs again that day.

Can I race if I'm not a Kiwi citizen?

For everything other than Junior, U23, Elite - hell yes. For those specific events, please contact us on huttcross@gmail.com and we can help you ghost ride (no you won't win a medal or a title but can still probably ride).

Are we doing the stairs at the Speedway?

No. Descending stairs is a big no no for UCI events. We will have our own flyover. The course doesn't use the Speedway stairs.

How strict will they be re tyre width?

For Saturday's ACXF we will be relaxed. For Sunday, the commissaires will be measuring tyres as you roll to the start. Check your tyre width manually rather than relying on what is written on the side wall. The actual width can vary quite a lot depending on the rim-tyre combo. We will have custom gauges available very soon.

Can I race an ebike at ACXF's Run What You Brung on Sat?

No. But you can use any other bike....CX, MTB, retro, fat bike, tandem, anything goes.

Will the courses be the same both days?

Yes and no. The course layout will be identical. But we have a couple of non-UCI regulation VERY fun features/obstacles for Saturday's racing. Cos we can.

Can I do multiple races?

Yes. Absolutely.

Will there be racing for kids?

Yes, absolutely. MightyCX will make its debut at ACXF weekend. We will run 2x separate MightyCX races with loads of categories and medals up for grabs. U4, U6, U8 will all race 1 lap together (of the FULL course). U10 and U12 will all Race 2 laps together (of the FULL course) at a later time. KindyCross will get a small "race" and the mini CX course will be available all weekend. MightyCXers can be accompanied and we will also have grown-ups available to help them at the barriers.

Do I have to stop in the pits?

No. But if you enter the pits you must dismount then remount your bike (not just use the pit lane as an alternate racing lane). But you don't have to completely stop if you're grabbing another bike.

Do I need to bring a supporter for the pits?

You are very welcome to but we will have neutral pit support available courtesy of the mechanics from Johnsonville Cycles and Get Lost Cycling.

Will there be prizes?

Yes. We have LOADS of amazing spot prize swag. We will have podium medals for all races both days and jerseys for UCI National CX Champion grades. We will have merch to buy. We will not have prizemoney. As a club committee, we elected to spend our dollars on stuff that benefits every rider's racing experience instead of cash monies for racing snakes. Of course, NZSSCX and Tracklocross Male and Female Grand Champions are racing for custom engraved belt buckles.

Do I need a licence?

Maybe. You don't need one for any of Saturday's events. You do need a licence for Sunday. For UCI events (Elite, U23, Junior) you need a domestic CNZ licence. For Age Grade you can buy a day licence (\$10) with your entry online and you're good to go.

Will there be a Junior Women's National CX Champion jersey?

Hell yes!! It's a weird anomaly that this was only a formally recognized UCI category recently...but it is now...and we're grabbing that opportunity with both hands and look forward to awarding NZ's first ever Junior Women's National CX Champion jersey on 15th August.

Will I be able to practice the course ahead of the race?

No. It's on private land. But if you want some pro tips ahead of ACXF join our FREE CX Skills Sesh on 31st July. There will also be a CX Skills session at ACXF...9am Sat with exclusive use of the course (limited spaces) more details to follow.

Do you need extra help?

We're all set for course setup crew etc. But we do have spaces for marshals and runners. If you're keen to be involved email huttcross@gmail.com. Volunteers get either a free entry for ACXF or free Huttcross Club Membership for 2022.

Will it matter if I'm last?

No. Just like at Huttcross, nobody will care...and it's cyclocross so they won't even know!!!

Will there be a separate women's race?

Saturday will be mixed racing as usual for Huttcross. On Sunday, there will be a separate women's race - we already have 26 women signed up!! Let's push that up to 50!!!

Will the 80% Rule be applied?

That's a decision of the Chief Commissaire. But no 80% rules were enforced in Christchurch in 2019 because the Chief Comm is keen to see strong participation...and we have the same guy. If the women were going to be 80%'d then it would have to be on the basis of the leader in their own grade not the overall leader.

Will there be power washers?

Yes. Two in the pits for race use. One outside the pits for general use.

Can I stay on site at the Speedway in my campervan?

Yes, as long as you are self-contained. You must contact huttcross@gmail.com to arrange it. And you will not be able to drive in/out once we leave the site in the evening because the gate will be locked. You are only a short Uber ride away from Brewtown (Wellington's only craft beer village with loads of kai and entertainment options).

Can I put a gazebo up?

Yes. But you need to contact us at huttcross@gmail.com so we can allocate you a space.

Are bullhorn bars allowed in the SSCX? Yes.

Are freewheels allowed in Tracklocross? No.

Will I have a good time? Absolutely. Go to cxnationals.co.nz and huttcross.co.nz for more intel and join the Huttcross Facebook Group to stay in the loop with the community.