

ROUND THE LAKE START SAFETY MESSAGE

TO BE READ TO ALL ROUND THE LAKE START RIDERS

Welcome to the 45th running of the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge. A huge congratulations to all of you for making it to the start line. We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable ride out on course today. Before we start you, please pay attention to the safety briefing even if you ride with us often:

- ALL ROADS ARE OPEN AT ALL TIMES AND NORMAL ROAD RULES APPLY. PLEASE STAY ALERT AND BE PREPARED TO GIVE WAY OR STOP.
- EXPECT ONCOMING AND OVERTAKING VEHICLES ON ALL ROADS.
- ANY RIDER SEEN CROSSING THE CENTRE LINE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND YOUR TIME WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN THE RESULTS. WE WILL HAVE MOTORBIKE MARSHALS ON THE COURSE MONITORING RIDER BEHAVIOUR
- FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHER RIDERS AND ROAD USERS KEEP AS FAR LEFT AS POSSIBLE AT ALL TIMES
- DO NOT RIDE MORE THAN 2 ABREAST AT ANY TIME AND STAY SINGLE FILE ON NARROW ROADS AND BRIDGES
- A SECTION OF SH41 IS CURRENTLY DOWN TO ONE LANE DUE TO A SLIP AND IS CURRENTLY CONTROLLED BY TRAFFIC LIGHTS.
FROM 7.30AM ON EVENT DAY (SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER), THE LIGHTS WILL BE TURNED OFF AND THE SITE WILL BE CONTROLLED BY OUR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TEAM. CYCLISTS AND SOUTH-BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY, WITH NORTH-BOUND TRAFFIC LIKELY TO BE DELAYED.
WE WILL DO OUR ABSOLUTE BEST TO NOT STOP OUR RIDERS, ESPECIALLY THE LARGE PELOTONS. HOWEVER, IN SOME INSTANCES, WE MAY HAVE TO STOP RIDERS IF NORTH-BOUND TRAFFIC IS RELEASED.
PLEASE NOTE THAT ENDURO RIDERS WILL NEED TO ABIDE BY THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THEIR FIRST LAP, AND FOR ALL RIDERS, THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM MAY BE RE-INTRODUCED LATER IN THE DAY. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE DO NOT WANT CYCLISTS ENTERING THE ONE LANE SYSTEM WITH VEHICLES COMING THE OTHER WAY!
AS PER OUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS, ANY PARTICIPANT WHO IS SEEN TO BE BREAKING THE NZ ROAD RULES AT ANY TIME MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT.
- OBEY THE MARSHALS AND EVENT ORGANISERS AT ALL TIMES

- THE USE OF EARPHONES OR ITEMS THAT MAY DISTRACT YOUR ATTENTION FROM THE ROAD IS PROHIBITED
- IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE ASSIST THOSE IN NEED. PLEASE CONTACT THE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR BIB OR IF THERE IS NO COVERAGE THEN RIDE TO THE NEXT MARSHALL AND NOTIFY THEM.
- YOU MUST INFORM ORGANISERS IF YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE EVENT AT ANY TIME
- LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER. RESPECT EACH OTHER AND OTHER ROAD USERS AND HAVE A GREAT RIDE