

# Motu Special PGG Wrightson/Ballance Event

## General Briefing - 2018

### Introduction:

Mountain biking can be dangerous, we the Motu Special event organisers want this to be a competitive yet fun and safe day.

Please take note of the following which is in no particular order

- \* All participants must have their race number clearly placed on the front of their bike centre of the handle bars and cable tied.
- \* Significant parts of each race are held on private farms, we are privileged to have this access. Please do not drop any litter on the course e.g. either the roads or farms.
- \* All roads must be treated as "OPEN" we have promoted this event as much as possible yet cannot guarantee no one may come through, either behind you or from the opposite direction while on the road sections.
- \* The majority of locals are aware of the racing taking place today.
- \* We have marshals wearing Green/Orange vests that will be stopping all cars at the bottom of the course (near the bridge) plus at the top of the Motu hill to inform any motorist that this event is on.
- \* In general organisers do not anticipate many vehicles outside our event. Our event vehicles are virtually all ATVs.
- \* The course is well marked out with consistent Red flags on white fibre glass poles. For the majority of the course you will be riding between these flags set out in pairs. Follow them and you will keep to the course.
- \* There are also some larger Stage signage out on course, these form part of our overall H&S plan.
- \* Remember that the 50km Weka race you will complete two full laps of the overall course hence you will come back and ride on through the Start Finish line as you continue through and off around the block for your second lap.
- \* The Fantail is one lap of the complete circuit [25km].
- \* The start and finish lines are the same for all races from in front of the "Motu Community House."
- \* Out on the course we have marshals who are within Radio contact back to the Race Director located at the Start /Finish line.
- \* In the event of a more serious accident/incident if there is no marshals close by please stay with the injured athlete until another competitor or marshal comes along that can help. We have systems and vehicles strategically placed around the course in case of such an incident.
- \* All our team have event bibs and as explained Radio contact back to St John based at the Start / Finish line.
- \* We also have an ATV [All-terrain vehicle] floating, plus a tail end Charlie on the 50km course.
- \* Previously we have had social riders riding out and onto the event course. This is an absolute NO the private land is for competitors only, anyone else thinking that they can go onto the course will be removed Motu style.
- \* For the Tomtit kids race we are happy for a parent/ caregiver to ride with their child but parents please don't "you" cross the finish line kids only!
- \* Please convey to your supporter's that due to the safety of all participants that we request that no one drives out and onto the course e.g. or up the Motu Road.
- \* In the event of any race ruling/debate/racing incident or protest the Race Directors decision will be final with no debate being entered into.
- \* Prize Giving: At the conclusion of all racing [final competitor is in] as soon as possible we will have the prize giving participants must be in attendance at the prize giving to be eligible for all prizes.
- \* Scottie our professional Auckland based photographer will again be out taking photos so keep smiling!

**Good luck to all please read again**