

Nicholas Browne Challenge

Saturday 27th October 2018

SAFETY NOTES, HAZARDS AND GENERAL NOTES

Welcome to the 17th edition of the Flight Centre K2 and the 11th running of the Nicholas Browne Challenge. This ride is in memory of a remarkable person who completed the 2007 event.

RULES

A full set of the race rules are provided below. Please take the time to read them.

Safety

- We would like to wish you a safe race and draw your attention to the following safety notes
- The main rule is that you must obey the road rules and make sure you keep to your side of the road at all times!!!!
- **The roads are not closed to traffic or other road users**
- The roads can be particularly narrow and very windy – under no circumstances, cross lanes onto the right hand side.
- **There are some hazards that we would like to bring to your attention:**
 - There are many one lane bridges on the course. You have the right of way on some and not on others. Be particularly careful of oncoming traffic. Give way to oncoming traffic!!!
 - Downhill Sections – there are many steep and windy downhill sections. Please take extreme caution as you descend these hills and under all circumstances keep to your side of the road.
 - There are a series of steep and deceptive corners on the descent of the Kuaotunu Hill just after Whitianga.
 - There is a very steep 15km corner at the bottom of the Whangapoua Hill, less than 1km from the finish line.

No Support Vehicles

You are not allowed to have a support vehicle on the course

- Support / Spectator vehicles are not allowed on the course. If your vehicle is being taken to the finish line in Coromandel your driver must leave before the start of the race and drive straight to Coromandel without stopping on the way.
- Any competitor that is seen being supported by a vehicle will be disqualified.

Respect and Responsibility

- You must stick your race number to the front of your helmet and on your back so they can be seen clearly.
- Pace yourselves carefully
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat plenty
- Show consideration to your fellow riders and other road users.
- Do not ride more than 2 abreast
- Under no circumstances should you accept a tow from a vehicle
- No Littering - any competitor seen blatantly littering will be disqualified
- Under no circumstances cross the centre line onto the right side of the road

Transponders

- You will each be issued with electronic transponders which should be placed on your seat post.

DNF

- If you decide not to finish the race could you text the following message "DNF followed by race number" to 027-378-5386. This number will be on the back of your race number on the day. This aids us to keep a track of everyone and will avoid a potential search and rescue operation.

Buses

- Buses will leave from the car park, next to the Coromandel Sports Hall at 7.30am. They will arrive in Whitianga at around 8.30am.
- Bikes are not allowed on bus and will need to be left at the Whitianga registration either on the evening before or first thing in the morning.
- It is possible to have gear taken back to the finish line if you leave it at registration in a clearly marked and secure bag.

Race Briefing and Start – Nicholas Browne Challenge – Bruce Street, Whitianga

- Race Registration is at the Crossroads Encounter Fellowship Hall, opposite New World in Whitianga
- The Race will start in Bruce Street
- Race Briefing will be at 9.15am in Bruce Street.
- Line up at around 9:10am
- Race start – 9.30am sharp.
- There will be three starting groups
 1. Electric Bikes will start at 9.30am
 2. Group 1 will start at 9.35am
 3. Group 2 will start at 9.40am
- There will be a controlled start out on to Buffalo Beach Road for the first 400 metres.

Race Finish

- The race finishes on the Tiki Road, just before the Coromandel School Field.
- After crossing the finish line, you will be directed into the School Field where you will pass under the marquee.
- There will be food stalls and entertainment at the finish arena.

Prize Giving and Results

- Prize Giving for the NBC will commence at 2.00pm with the Elite Men on the Coromandel School Field
- The main prize giving is at 5.00pm
- The main spot prizes will be a fantastic Cervelo Road Bike and a \$1,000 travel voucher from Flight Centre.
- Results will be published on our web site at www.arcevents.co.nz
- To qualify for the major spot prizes - you must attend the prize giving at 5.00pm.

Please have a safe and enjoyable race
All the best

The ARC Team