

## **DIRTY K presented by NZ Cycling Journal**

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### **SAFETY NOTES AND RULES**

Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Flight Centre K2 and the inaugural running of the Dirty K

#### **RULES**

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

#### **SAFETY NOTES, HAZARDS AND GENERAL POINTS**

- We wish you a safe race and draw your attention to the following safety notes.
  - The main point is that you must obey all of the road rules and make sure you keep to the left 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 should you cross lanes onto the right-hand side of the road.
- **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 a number of steep and windy downhill sections. Please take extreme caution as you descend these downhill sections and under all circumstances keep to your side of the road.
  - Gravel – Around half of the course is on gravel. This can be very loose and slippery in parts. Take extreme care on the gravel, particularly the steep downhill sections.
  - While the roads in the Northern Coromandel Peninsula can be deceptively quiet of traffic, please note that there will be traffic on the roads during the event and you should be especially diligent at all times.
  - The highest volume of traffic on the event course is between Kennedy Bay and Coromandel Town. You will need to be particularly careful as you descend the Kennedy Bay Hill into Coromandel Town due to the gradient of the road, and also the traffic that will be using that road.
  - Please note that none of the descents on the course are on timed sections and therefore there is no need to race down them – they can be ridden at a pace that ensures your safety.
  - The last section of the race through Coromandel town will be very busy on event day. Again, it is not a timed section, so you should proceed cautiously through the town to the finish line.

## **NO Support Vehicles**

- Support / spectator vehicles are not allowed on any part of the course. This rule is for safety and traffic management reasons and must be complied with by all participants and their supporters.
- Any competitor that is seen being supported by a vehicle will be disqualified.

#### **Respect and Responsibility**

- This is a long race so pace yourself carefully.
- Drink plenty of fluids (you can fill your bottles at the one aid station on the course – see below)
- Show consideration to your fellow riders and other road users.
- Do not ride more than 2 a breast.
- Under no circumstances should you accept a tow from a vehicle.
- No littering – any competitor seen blatantly littering will be disqualified.
- You must wear your race number on your helmet and on your back. The race number signifies that you have registered and read the safety notes and race rules.
- Under no circumstances cross the centre line onto the right side of the road.

#### **Aid Station**

There will be one water station on the event course at Waikawau Bay, after the timed section, which will be marked 500 metres prior to the stop:

- Waikawau Bay which is at approximately the 42km mark

Water and Leppin electrolyte will be available along with Bananas and Jelly beans. You will need to stop to take advantage of the station. It is not on one of the four timed segments.

## Timed Sections

It should be emphasised that we will not be timing participants overall time for the event.

However, there are four timed sections during the event.

Event timing is optional for these and will be carried out via Strava. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure they have the Strava App, along with an account, and follow Strava's rules and guidelines. The organisers accept no responsibility for timing errors caused by either the rider, or by any faults with Strava.

The timed sections on the course are as follows:

- Section 1 – Waitete Bay Rd to the top the top of the Colville Hill- approximately – 2.0km climb (130metres)
- Section 2 – Port Charles/Port Jackson junction to the top of the Waikawau Hill – 1.7km climb (113m)
- Section 3 – Port Charles/Waikawau Beach Junction to Waikawau Bridge, before DOC Campground – 5.5km Flat
- Section 4 – Kennedy Bay to Top of the Kennedy Bay Hill – 4.0km Climb (364m)

## Transponders

You will each be issued with electronic transponders, part of a numbered plate, which should be attached to the front of your handlebars. This enables us to check you in at the start of the ride and when you finish at the end of the ride. This is for safety reasons to ensure that all participants have completed the event. We will not be providing participants with their full course event timing. The only timing that will be provided is the Strava timing for the four timed sections noted above.

## 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.

## Event Registration, Briefing and Start –

- Event Registration is at the Coromandel School Hall.
- The event starts in Woollams Ave, close to the Coromandel School hall
- The Event Briefing will be at 8.50am at the start line.
- The Event will start at 9.00am.
- There will be a controlled start for the first 400 metres.
- A blessing will be performed prior to the start of the race. Please be respectful during that blessing.

## Event Finish

- The event finishes in the Coromandel School Field
- You will cycle through the main town and turn left at the bank corner. After 100m you will be directed into the Coromandel School Field
- There will be food stalls and entertainment at the finish arena.

## Prize Giving and Results

- Prize Giving will commence at 5.00pm on the Coromandel School Field
- The main spot prizes will be a fantastic Cervelo Road Bike and a \$1,000 travel voucher from Flight Centre.
- Results of the four timed sections will be published on our web site at [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz)
- To qualify for the major spot prizes - you must attend the prize giving at 5.00pm.
- The Elite Mens prize giving will take place at 2pm as well as the prize giving for the Nicholas Browne Challenge.

## Other matters

- Each participant grants Pedal Press Limited the rights to use any photographs/videos/electronic representations of the participant captured at the event and grants Pedal Press Limited permission to use such content in any and all media, including but not limited to print media, online use, and social media use. The participant waives any right to any compensation they may have for appearing in any photographs/videos/electronic representations captured at Pedal Press Limited's event.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their bike is in safe, working order.
- Each rider agrees that they are capable of riding the full course.
- The organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel the event should the course be deemed too dangerous due to severe adverse weather conditions or adverse roading conditions.

Please have a safe and enjoyable event

All the best  
The ARC Team and the NZ Cycling Journal