



New Zealand MTBO Championships 2009

Whakarewarewa Forest, 14 and 15 November 2009

Terrain: Forest on rolling to steep hills with height difference 350 – 750 metres, well established track network (New Zealand’s best!), varying from gravel roads to single track. Mapping notes will be provided with final information.

Day 1: Middle distance commencing from 9:00am

Sprint distance commencing from 3:00pm

Day 2: Long distance commencing from 10:00am

Map Scales: Long distance to be 1:20,000 with 10m contours. Sprint and Middle distances to be 1:10,000 with 5m or 10m contours but this is subject to change based on final mapping details.

Visitor Services: The forest is easily accessible from downtown Rotorua and there are a number of accommodation options in Rotorua.

Rotorua has six bike shops in the CBD with varying hours of operation during the weekend and one bike shop located at the Outdoorsman on Tarawera Road.

Entry Details

Courses and Classes: For all three events three courses will be offered with the following classes as follows:

Course	Men	Women
1	Open Men	
2	Men 40 Junior Men Recreation Men	Open Women
3	Men 50	Women 40 Women 50 Junior Women Recreational Women

Ages will be as at 31 December 2009. To be part of the Men 40 category you will need to be 40 as at that date. Junior grades are under 18 years. For the recreational classes, although a course is specified above, you can enter any course length if you want but subject to final veto of your riding ability by the event organiser!

Eligibility: To be eligible for titles you must be a NZ citizen or have "NZ Residency".

Entry Fees:

	<i>Race 1</i>	<i>Race 2</i>	<i>Race 3</i>	<i>All Races</i>
All Competitors	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$60
Late fee	Plus \$10	Plus \$10	Plus \$10	Plus \$10

Late Entries: Entries close **Wednesday, 11 November**, and must be received by this date. The late entry fee will apply from Wednesday, 4 November 2009. For entries received after 11 November, although we will have a fixed number of spare maps and start times you are not guaranteed a start and your entry will be refunded if there are not enough spare maps (and you will be advised accordingly).

Entries:

Entries can be completed online or you can download the official entry form, both from the CD Orienteering website: www.cdorienteering.co.nz.

Please note the weekend is using electronic punching and you will require an e-card. You must advise us of your SPORTident number if you own an e-card; alternatively e-cards can be hired at a cost of \$5 per event or \$10 for all three events. E-cards are available for purchase from MapSport Services: www.mapsport.co.nz.

Previous Orienteering Maps:

Whakarewarewa Forest has been used for a number of years for both foot orienteering and MTBO. Whakarewarewa Forest was first mapped by Kent Dickson a few years ago and there has been a substantial update and rework of that map in 2009 by Michael Wood and others, resulting in a relatively brand new map that will be used at the event for the first time.

Embargo:

Considering the amount of recreational use Whakarewarewa Forest receives it would be impossible to embargo the area. However, we request that no-one does any specific MTBO training in the Whakarewarewa Forest between now and the event.

Personnel

Controller: Chris Morris, Taupo

Planners: Brent Edwards, Darren Ashmore and Marcus Diprose, Rotorua

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Note: final information (mapping notes, estimated course times, pre-allocated start times, how to get there) will be posted on the CD Orienteering website in the week leading up to the event.