



# Trans Tasman Test Team

## The Ultimate Rivalry – Aus v NZ'

**NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATION - PART OF THE NSW PRE-TITLES OPEN (Maitland BMX Club)**  
**8 & 9 JUNE 2019**

AN INVITATION TO ALL RIDERS 11 YEARS OF AGE AS AT 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
FOR A CHANCE TO **QUALIFY** TO REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY IN THE **TRANS TASMAN TEST TEAM**

## A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – Ride for your Country

Must be 11 years of age as at 20 October 2019	
<p>Riders must enter the BMXNSW Pre-State Titles being held at Maitland on the</p> <p>Riders nominate to be considered for the Junior Test Team <b>by entering the "Qualifier" event fee is \$25.</b></p> <p>You must enter Mighty 11's and/or Age Class (as per the entry form, published entry fees will apply)</p> <p>Riders enter and compete in:</p> <p>Their normal 20" race class (motos only counted),</p> <p>Riders can enter the Mighty 11's event (motos only counted)</p> <p>Test Team motos are counted</p> <p>Semi-finals and finals will not count</p> <p>Fastest single lap times in the 20" motos will be used to determine qualifiers, the fastest 4 girls and 4 boys will be offered a place in the Test Team.</p>	<p>Test Teams (boys and girls) will compete against New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Test Team race event held during and part of the 2019 North Island Titles</p> <p>The per rider Test Team contribution for the 2019 New Zealand Leg will be \$1,500.00</p> <p>NSW Riders will receive a 50% reimbursement on the rider contribution from BMXNSW</p>

### 1. Team Selection Process (New Zealand Qualifier – BMXNSW Pre-State Titles – Maitland BMX Club)

To confirm which 4 male and 4 female riders will represent Australia on the June long weekend at the 2019 NSW BMX Pre-Titles event, (the fastest single 20" moto lap counts).

**Qualification** – The fastest individual lap time taken from your motos will enable you to qualify.

- Normal 20" race class (motos only counted)
- Mighty 11's event (motos only counted)
- Test Team event (motos only counted)

(Ties determined by countback on times). Where a DNF and/or Relegation has been received, the relevant lap and moto times will be considered invalid as a qualification lap.

The fastest 4 boys and fastest 4 girls will be offered a positions on the Australian Test Team to compete against New Zealand at the October BMXNZ North Island Titles.



## 2. Event Entry and Conditions

### **You Must**

- (a) Enter the Qualifier Event – Payment is \$25.00
- (b) Enter the BMXNSW Pre-State Titles being held at Maitland BMX Club – 8 & 9 June 2019 in your age group, Mighty 11's and Test Team (note: current Test Team will automatically be entered into Mighty 11's and Test Team – will still need to enter the qualifier event)
- (c) All riders turning 11 as of the 20 October 2019 will be eligible for qualification

### **To be eligible to enter this event you need to**

- (a) be an Australian Citizen,
- (b) hold a current BMXA licence and
- (c) be 11 years of age as at 20 October 2019.

## 3. Questions and additional information

If you have any questions regarding qualification, please contact: Julia Botfield - email [bmxnswtestteam2@gmail.com](mailto:bmxnswtestteam2@gmail.com) OR Peter Jaehne - email [bmxnswtestteam@gmail.com](mailto:bmxnswtestteam@gmail.com)



## **Australian Trans-Tasman Test Communication and Procedural Guidelines New Zealand – October 2019**

### **Introduction**

The intention of this document is to enable all parties involved in the New Zealand leg of the Trans-Tasman Test Team event to be informed of all aspects of the trip, including the responsibilities of Parents, Team members and Team Management.

Please read this carefully and raise any concerns you may have with Team Management as soon as possible.

We ask all to keep in mind that this trip is both a BMX racing event, and an experience that needs to be viewed in a holistic manner.

### **Communication**

We ask that the Team Management are to be treated and communicated with in a polite and professional manner at all times. We are BMXNSW Board Members, BMXNSW Officials and whilst taking part in this event are International representatives on behalf of BMXNSW.

All levels of communication relating to the Team, Training, Team Activities and Race Event matters will need to be presented to the Team Managers only, not your Test Team coach.

Please do not hesitate to ask the Team Managers as many questions relating to the above as you wish, ensuring you have adequate information to formulate a correct understanding of how the trip/event will be experienced by all parties.

It would be greatly appreciated if negative feedback was not raised in front of the riders. Please raise any matters as such in private with Team Management, not your Test Team coach.

Parents will be provided with a *condensed* version of the overall Itinerary as there may be activities where your attendance is welcome, as well as activities such as training sessions which may be closed sessions for Athletes, Coaching Staff and Management.

### **5th Rider**

2019 will see the re-introduction of a 5th Rider for both boys and girls, this will be based on the “next available rider” scenario who had entered the Test Team Qualifier.

The 5th Rider will be a self-funded position.

### **Injury/Sickness**

If injury and/or sickness occur at any time, Team Managers will as required inform Parents of any issues.

If a race injury/incident occurs, it will be the responsibility of the Team Managers to manage the incident. All decisions will be made by Team Managers in consultation with Parents.



**Injury prior to a Training Camp** – Please understand that both the Team Management and Team Coach MUST abide by rules enforced by our governing body BMX Australia.

The Team Management and Team Coach MUST abide by the CONCUSSION policies and DUTY OF CARE policies.

Please understand it is very likely that if a rider is injured they will be replaced by the 5<sup>th</sup> / next rider, decisions to replace a rider sits solely with the Team Management and the Team Coach.

### **Racing Incident/Injury**

If a race injury/incident happens during a training camp and/or during the Race Event, it will be the responsibility of the Team Managers to manage the incident. All decisions will be made by the Team Manager in consultation with Parents.

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### **Training Camp**

A training camp will be held in Australia prior to the team departing for New Zealand

Proposed Training Dates

14-15 of September

### **Training**

Parent's will be invited to attend training sessions, on occasion training sessions may be considered "closed sessions" – meaning no one other than Management, Coaching Staff and those there on request are to attend these sessions.

We may ride alternate tracks to that of the one we will be racing (competition track) – however we will endeavour to secure as much time on the competition track where possible.

It is paramount that riders understand the main reason they have been asked to attend is to focus on the TEST TEAM OUTCOME, and will need to take instruction only from their Coach – it is ideal that riders have a single understanding of what is being asked of them and not have to manage conflicting information.

Food, Fruit and Water will be provided at every session.



## Coaching

It would be greatly appreciated if you could leave ALL coaching requirements to the nominated Team Coach. Test Team racing is, to some degree, different to any other form of BMX racing that a rider may have experienced, Coaching Staff should be the single point of experience in helping prepare riders for this level of racing.

The Coach will be available to discuss coaching related items, it is preferred this to occur once the training session and formalities have reached completion.

If you have anything of a negative nature that requires discussion, this should be raised with the Team Managers and NOT the Team Coach.

Your child has secured a position within the team as a result of hard work and dedication, and already has many BMX racing skills. We will not change the way in which they ride, we will however be educating them in relation to “defensive” strategies, team riding and positioning. Test Team Racing is different to every other kind of BMX racing your child will have experienced, or will ever experience again. We have no intention of restricting or limiting a rider’s opportunities, but will work with them to help them ride in a manner designed to achieve the hoped-for outcome – winning the Test Team event.

Please ensure your child has sufficient race clothing to see them through a number of sessions as the weather may not be ideal.

## Electronic Devices/Phones

It is highly recommended riders DO NOT bring such items with them to training camps. A great deal of time is spent searching and recovering lost devices (eg I left my device behind at the track/the last place we were at).

If riders need to contact their families, Management Team is more than happy to allow the rider to utilise a Managers phone. Management numbers are published below if you need to make contact with your child.

If your child has ANY concerns please make the Management Team aware – we will address the issue and provide you with an understanding as to the resolution/outcome.

## Race Day

Race Day will be something that WILL be very foreign to many ... parents and riders alike. Some of you will be in a different state, with a different race format, being asked to race a different race strategy – this is sometimes a little overwhelming, the Coach and Management Team will assist the riders in dealing with each and every situation.

**Parents/Guests will have limited access to the riders on race day, so please do not take it upon yourself to approach the riders unless approved by the Management Team and/or Coach** – this is to ensure we provide the riders with a safe and pleasant environment during the event and keep them focussed on their goals.

**Parents/Guests will not be seated with the team, a separate area will be assigned that will enable you to watch the racing and cheer on our riders.**

Food, Fruit and Water will be provided on the day – we may ask that you provide your child’s lunch on this day so as to ensure they eat as they normally would on any given race day.

Team Racing is VERY, VERY different to racing as an individual.



Your child may be asked to ride in a way that does not make sense to most ... *they will have been asked to ride by their Coach for the best outcome of the Team.*

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