

CRANKWORX **CHRISTCHURCH**

TECHNICAL GUIDE

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Redemption Downhill
Christchurch, New Zealand
February 19 - 22, 2026



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Crankworx! This Technical Guide covers the relevant rules and procedures for the Redemption Downhill event held on February 19th – 22nd 2026.

In case of a divergence between the information found within this Technical Guide and information concerning these events found anywhere else (e.g., the internet), this Technical Guide shall be considered correct.

SANCTIONING

The Redemption Downhill event is sanctioned as a UCI Continental Series event.
The Cycling New Zealand and UCI rules shall apply.

RACE CATEGORIES

Cycling NZ Categories	
MEN Elite [2007 +]	WOMEN Elite [2007 +]
MEN U19 [2008 - 2009]	WOMEN U19 [2008 - 2009]
MEN U17 [2010 - 2011]	WOMEN U17 [2010 - 2011]
MEN U15 [2012 - 2013]	WOMEN U15 [2012 - 2013]
MEN Senior Amateur 19-34 [1992 - 2007]	WOMEN Senior Amateur 19+ [2007+]
MEN Master Amateur 35-39 [1987- 1991]	
MEN Veteran Amateur 40+ [1986+]	

Race Category Eligibility (Age and Gender) for all Crankworx events will be determined by the athlete's Cycling NZ license. For Athletes who do not possess a Cycling NZ or UCI license, and do not require one for any of the races in which they are entered, Race Category Eligibility (Age and Gender) will be determined by the athlete's Birth Certificate or Passport. Athletes may be required to provide evidence at the point of athlete registration or accreditation (at the discretion of the Athlete Manager or Event Director).

Athlete age is calculated as at 31 December 2026.

REGISTRATION

Advance online registration mandatory – no onsite registration will be offered.

Online entries open October 17 2025 at 10:00am NZDT.

Crankworx Registration Platform: <https://www.crankworx.com/account>

Deadline (space permitting): February 15, 2026 at 11:59pm NZDT

Field limit: 280 Riders

Accreditation and Plate Pickup:

Location: Christchurch Adventure Park – Ticketing Office

Wednesday 18 th February	3:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 19 th February	6:30am – 11:30am + 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday 20 th February	7:00am – 10:30am + 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Entry Fees:

UCI Licensed Racers: \$161.46 NZD (incl. GST and Fees)

Non-UCI Licensed Racers: \$171.46 NZD (incl. GST and Fees)

Entry fee covers includes chair lift access for course walk, official practice sessions and competition.

Entry fee also includes Athlete Accreditation which allows general admission to the Christchurch Adventure Park venue for the duration of Crankworx.

Refund Policy:

All entry fees, minus a \$15 NZD administration fee, are fully refundable for any reason up to 30 days prior to the official registration closing date.

All entry fees, minus a \$15 NZD administration fee, are eligible for a 50% refund for any reason, up to the official registration closing date.

All entry fees are non-refundable or transferable after the registration deadline of Sunday 15th February 2026 at 11:59pm (even in the case of injury or mechanical problems). After this deadline, no refunds will be issued except where required by the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 or other applicable law.

Competitors who need to withdraw after the registration deadline should email nzathletes@crankworx.com to confirm their withdrawal otherwise they will appear on the start list as a DNS.

RACE LICENSES

Competitors in the Redemption Downhill will need to have either a UCI license issued by their national federation or purchase a Cycling NZ license One Day Event License (available for foreign competitors with proof of adequate insurance).

Only riders with UCI Elite and U19 licenses can register in the Elite and U19 category.

Riders purchasing a One Day Event License (cost \$10) will be subject to Cycling New Zealand's Terms and Conditions.

License Check for riders competing in the Elite/U19 categories:

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IMAGE RELEASE

As a condition of my participation in Crankworx Christchurch New Zealand, I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably consent, authorize and grant Crankworx Events Inc. ("CEI"), the event organizers of each event, and their respective affiliates, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, broadcasters, webcasters, contractors, agents, representatives, licensees and assigns (together, the "Releasees") all the necessary authority, right and license and permission to use photographs, audio or video recordings, or other forms of recordings that capture my image, likeness, voice or performance (or all of these) (collectively hereinafter referred to as "Images"), in which I may be included in whole or in part, in any manner or media, including print, broadcast, internet media, direct marketing channels, downloadable content and applications, and all other technologies now known or hereafter developed. I acknowledge that drones may be used in capturing these images and accept that they may be flying above me. The Images may be used or exploited for any commercial or non-commercial purpose whatsoever, and may be altered, modified, changed, combined, or incorporated into other works I hereby relinquish any rights I may have in the Images (including privacy, personality and publicity rights. In no event shall I seek or be entitled to injunctive or other equitable relief in connection with the use of the Images. No fees or other compensation whatsoever will be provided to me for or in connection with the use of the Images. I hereby release the Releasees from any and all claims which I may now or in the future have relating to the ownership, reproductions, display, distribution or other use of the Images.

EVENT LOCATION

The Redemption Downhill will be held at the Christchurch Adventure Park. The race will follow a purposefully designed and built downhill track that meets the UCI Continental series standards and is similar to 2025's track. Chairlift access to the start location, situated above the top station of chairlift. It will utilise sections of the; CT, The GC, Black Jandals, and Airtearoa, finishing in the base area.

EVENT TECH

Event Tech will be available at the Christchurch Adventure Park Retail Workshop space. This is at the rider's cost (labour and/or parts), but there will be a dedicated Crankworx mechanic available.

VENUE ACCESS/ACCREDITATION /PARKING

Accreditation for athletes to enter the Christchurch Adventure Park will consist of a teal (blue/green) fabric wristband with "Crankworx Christchurch" depicted on it, which will be given to the athlete when they check in for registration. This accreditation will allow the athlete to access the event village and Christchurch Adventure Park base area for all three days of the festival, even if they are not racing.

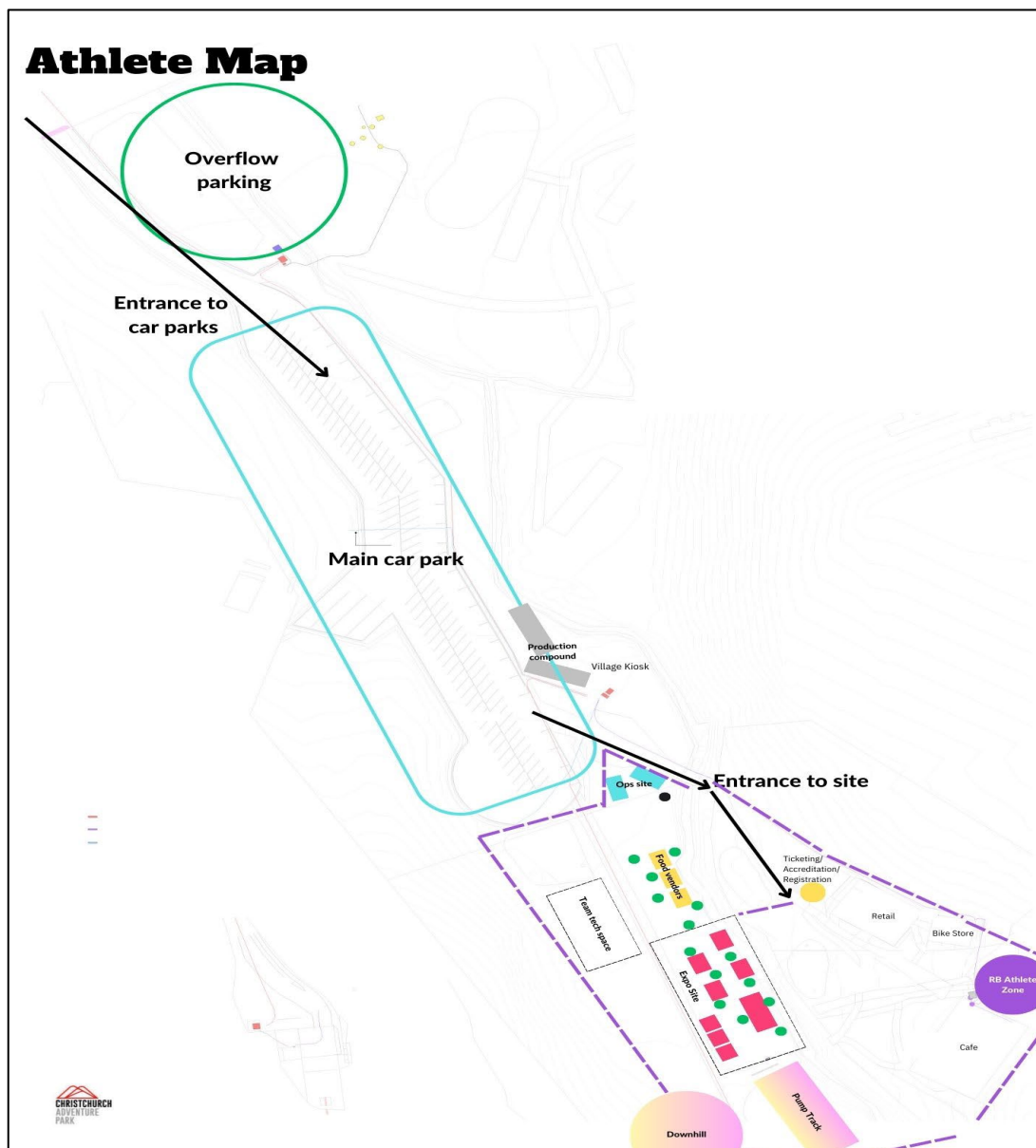
Please note, the athlete accreditation DOES NOT give unlimited chairlift access for athletes across the entire weekend. This access is only allowed during DH track walk, training, seeding and finals as outlined on the schedule.

Spectators will be required to purchase an Anytime Pass or Local's Day Pass (Thursday and Friday only), including parents who are supporting their athletes. This will then be scanned and exchanged for a wristband (Anytime Pass) or stamp (Local's Day Pass) at the ticketing office upon entry to Christchurch Adventure Park.

Parking is available at Christchurch Adventure Park for athletes and supporters on a first come, first served basis. It is recommended that you carpool to make travel and parking as efficient as possible. We encourage all spectators to ride to the event where possible (we will be providing extra bike racks at the event village) or use public transport. Please DO NOT leave valuables inside your car.

General street parking restrictions will be deployed from 10:00am on Wednesday 18th February to 8pm on Sunday 22nd February, in the streets surrounding Christchurch Adventure Park to ensure no visitors park in the area directly around the site.

The venue map with parking is outlined below:



SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change.

Please refer to [Crankworx » Schedule](#) for updates.

Wednesday 18th February

3:30PM – 6:30PM	Plate Pickup + License Check
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Thursday 19th February

6:30AM – 11:30PM + 12:00PM – 5:00PM	Plate Pickup + License check
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8:00AM – 10:00AM	Track Walk (Optional for all categories)
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10:30AM – 2:00PM	Group B Training (U15, U17, Amateur)
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2:30PM – 6:30PM	Group A Training (Elite, U19)
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Friday 20th February

7:00AM – 10:30AM + 12:30PM – 5:00PM	Plate Pickup + License Check
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8:30AM – 11:30AM	Group A Training
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12:00PM – 2:30PM	Group A Seeding
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3:30PM – 7:00PM	Group B Training
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Saturday 21st February

8:30AM – 10:00AM	Group B Training
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10:00AM – 1:00PM	Group B Finals
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1:30PM – 3:30PM	Group A Training
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3:30PM – 7:30PM	Group A Finals
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TRAINING GROUPS

Group A = Elite and U19

Group B = U15, U17, Amateur (Senior, Master and Veteran)

COURSE INFORMATION

Start Elevation: 478m | Finish Elevation: 22m | Vertical Drop: 456m. Approx 2.7km long



[Crankworx » Redemption Downhill](#) – for more information on course details and an interactive map, please visit this link above.

CHAIRLIFT ACCESS

Crankworx Christchurch will use the CAP Chairlift to allow riders to gain access to the start of the DH track.

The CAP Chairlift has the ability to load 4 riders (and their bikes) per chair. Each uplift takes between 8-10 minutes to reach the top, from here there will be a short 40 metre walk (with your bike) to the top of the DH track.

A DH racer priority line will be created for track walk, training, seeding (if applicable) and finals. Athletes will take priority in accessing the chairlift; however, the general public will also be able to access the chairlift provided they have the correct ticket to access.

It is recommended that all athletes arrive to the bottom of the chairlift no later than 30 minutes prior to the earliest time they need to be at the start of the DH track (for track walk, training, seeding and finals).

IMPORTANT: Chairlift access will close 20 minutes before the scheduled end of training sessions to allow for adequate time to reach the start of the trail and complete a run.

All athletes are required to have their teal wristband visible on their wrist to access the chairlift for track walk, as well as their race plate on their bike for training and finals.

RACE FORMAT

The Redemption Downhill race will use a Seeding Run + Finals for UCI Elite and U19 Categories only
All other categories will use Finals only format (U15, U17, Amateur)

Start order / seeding for the Elite and U19 categories will be based on a combination of UCI ranking, Crankworx World Tour DH Series rankings and NZ National Series rankings as determined by the President of the Commissaire Panel in consultation with Crankworx Management.

Seeding Start List will be published by 7:00pm, Thursday 19th February 2026
<https://www.crankworx.com/results/start-lists/>

Finals Start List will be published by 7:00pm on Friday 20th February 2026
<https://www.crankworx.com/results/start-lists/>

TRAINING

There is a mandatory training requirement for the event. Minimum 2 training runs must be completed during the February 19th -20th training sessions for ALL Group A Riders. Riders who have not completed the training runs during the February 19th – 20th training sessions will not be able to participate in seeding (Elite and U19)

There is a mandatory training requirement for the event. Minimum 2 training runs must be completed during the February 19th -21st training sessions for ALL Group B Riders. Riders who have not completed the training runs during the February 19th – 21st training sessions will not be able to participate in finals (U15, U17, Amateur, Elite).

Riders must start all training runs at the official start gate.

SEEDING RUN

Seeding Runs are for the Elite Men, Elite Women, U19 Men and U19 Women categories only.

Seeding Runs are mandatory. If a rider does not start for the seeding run, they will not be placed in the start list to race in finals on Saturday 21st February 2026.

Start order for finals for the Elite Men, Elite Women, U19 Men and U19 Women categories will be determined by the results of Thursday's Seeding Runs.

Seeding Start List will be published by 7:00pm, Thursday 19th February 2026.

<https://www.crankworx.com/results/start-lists/>

FIRST AID / EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Emergency Dispatch: Peak Management +64 (0) 508 727 572

First aid personnel will also be available in the Medic tent located the bottom of the DH course in the Event arena.

The First Response Team (Medics) will have radio contact with on-course marshals and the race manager for the duration of training and race sessions. In the case of an emergency the nearest hospital is:

[Christchurch Hospital](#), Riccarton Avenue, Christchurch.

First Response and Medical Services at Crankworx Christchurch is provided in partnership with Christchurch Adventure Park bike patrol. Peak Safety will also have a presence onsite.

Crankworx Christchurch, CAP Bike Patrol and Peak Safety align their practice with nationally recognised guidelines in the area of head injuries. This includes assessing athletes' course-side for suspected concussions, according to the Cycling NZ Concussion Awareness Policy, if they are aware that a head trauma has taken place during training or competition. If athletes are assessed with suspected symptoms of concussion, Medical team will seek further assessment from a qualified medical doctor (CAP Bike Patrol doctors where applicable) before returning the athlete to competition and/or training. Please contact nzathletes@crankworx.com for further information.

INSURANCE

Athletes may be covered by New Zealand's public insurance company – Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) – for treatment for injuries sustained while in New Zealand. This is subject to the decision made by ACC alone.

Details at <http://www.acc.co.nz>

ACC does not cover treatment if an injured person leaves New Zealand and therefore is not a replacement for an individual's travel insurance.

It is requirement that all international athletes have adequate medical / health insurance to cover and pay for any medical or other costs that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in Crankworx Christchurch. This includes but is not limited to, insurance for bodily injury (in and out-patient hospital expenses and medical care, transport costs, permanent disablement, death) and material damages (loss of earnings) in case of accident on the occasion of a cycling competition or during training, and third-party liability insurance for material damage or bodily injury caused to others in the course of a competition or cycling event or during training. Athletes must also understand that the Crankworx event organizers are not providing insurance coverage for each individual and by participating each athlete is willing to take full financial responsibility for any and all medical costs incurred as a result of their participation in this event.

RULES

By registering for this event, racers agree to follow and be bound by the rules and procedures outlined in the Technical Guide and agree to follow the rules of the UCI, Cycling New Zealand and Crankworx Christchurch.

RACE PLATES

Only riders with race plates will be permitted on course during official training. Altering, cutting, or placing of unauthorized sponsors' logos on race plate will result in a fine and/or disqualification. This includes writing on the race plate with a marker.

ALCOHOL

Any racer caught drinking alcohol during the race will be disqualified from the race. Riders may also be suspended from further Crankworx Christchurch competition and may face further penalties on the Crankworx World Tour.

COURSE ETIQUETTE

A rider must act in a sporting manner at all times and must permit any faster rider to overtake without obstructing.

RE-ENTERING COURSE

If a rider exits the course for any reason, they must return to the course at the same point from which they exited.

RE-RUNS

Re-runs, when a rider is permitted to do an additional timed run, will only be granted for those riders who are already on course when a medical or other course hold occurs. These riders must report to the official at the finish line to request the re-run. Re-runs will not be granted to faster riders blocked by slower riders. Slower riders are expected to yield to faster riders.

MISSED OR LATE STARTS

Racers arriving late for their scheduled start should report to the Start Referee who will determine if the racer will be permitted to start at a later time.

TIMING PROTESTS

Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event must be made within 15 minutes of the unofficial announcement of the result of the event (or category). If no protest is made, the results become official.

PROTECTION RULES

Racers in the Redemption Downhill will also be subject to other mandatory protection requirements as per [Cycling NZ Technical Regulations](#)

	U15, U17	U19, Senior, Elite, Masters
Full Face Helmet	Compulsory	Compulsory
Long Sleeve Shirt	Compulsory	Compulsory
Elbow/Forearm Protection	Compulsory	Highly Recommended
Long or Short Pants	Compulsory	Compulsory
Knee/Shin Protection	Compulsory for short and long pants	Compulsory for short pants
Neck Brace	Compulsory to wear either neck brace or spinal protection ⁵	Highly Recommended
Spinal Protection		Highly Recommended
Shoulder Protection	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Full Finger Gloves	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money shall be awarded for Men Elite, Women Elite, Men U19 and Women U19 categories. NZD exchange rate for 2026 is set by UCI as 2.0357.

Placing	UCI Points (Elite ONLY)	UCI Points (Juniors)	Elite Men	Elite Women	U19 Men	U19 Women
1st	90	35	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 244.28	\$ 244.28
2nd	70	30	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 203.57	\$ 203.57
3rd	50	25	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 152.68	\$ 152.68
4th	60	20	\$ 508.93	\$ 508.93	\$ 122.14	\$ 122.14
5th	40	18	\$ 407.14	\$ 407.14	\$ 101.79	\$ 101.79
6th	35	16	\$ 305.36	\$ 305.36	\$ 81.43	\$ 81.43
7th	30	15	\$ 203.57	\$ 203.57	\$ 50.89	\$ 50.89
8th	27	14	\$ 162.86	\$ 162.86	\$ 40.71	\$ 40.71
9th	24	13	\$ 122.14	\$ 122.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
10th	22	12	\$ 81.43	\$ 81.43	\$0.00	\$0.00
11th	20	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12th	18	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

13th	16	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14th	14	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15th	12	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16th	10	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17th	9	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18th	8	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19th	7	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20th	6	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21st	5	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
22nd	4	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23rd	3	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24th	2	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
25th	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Prize money will be paid by electronic transfer in NZD Dollars after the final NZ event.

Pursuant to New Zealand taxation regulations, prize money above \$500NZD is subject to a 20% withholding tax.
<http://www.ird.govt.nz/payroll-employers/make-deductions/staff-benefits/special-benefits/emp-deductions-benefits-special-prize-money.html>

EVENT ORGANISATION AND OFFICIALS

Role	Name	Nat
Event Director	Tu Mutu	NZL
Course Manager	George Chapman	NZL
Local Athlete Manager	Kirsty Smith	NZL
Chief Commissaire	Jeremy Christmas	NZL