

# **Bike The Bridge 2016 – Terms and Conditions of Entry.**

Bike The Bridge have in place the following terms and conditions of entry:

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Please note all entrants should be comfortable riding in close proximity with other people and if not should practice in the lead up to the event. Attendance at advertised lead up events/bunch rides is encouraged where skills like bunch riding can be increased prior to Bike The Bridge.

All entrants should note that ALL ROADS SHOULD BE TREATED AS OPEN AT ALL TIMES. Normal road rules apply and care should be taken at all times both for yourself and your fellow entrants.

## **YOUR BIKE/HELMET**

- Entrants are to ensure their cycle and helmet is checked pre event and is in suitable condition.
- Entrants are to ensure their cycle helmet is fitting correctly on event day, and is worn throughout the event. Event staff will not allow access to the start areas of the event to any entrants not wearing a helmet.
- Aero bars are not permitted to be used by participants.

## **WAIVER**

1. I confirm that I have read and understood the event rules and event terms and conditions of the Bike The Bridge and agree to comply with them (including all directions issued by the Event Directors). Where I am entering on behalf of another person (or riding a tandem/tridem with another person), I confirm that I have shown the event rules and event terms and conditions to each other person, and he/she has read, therefore understood and accepted them, and I am authorised by each other person to confirm these matters to the Event Directors on their behalf.

2. I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the risks and hazards involved in participating in the Bike The Bridge and I understand that participation in the event is at my own risk.

3. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree to the exclusion of liability to Event Directors, officers, employees, contractors, sponsors, land owners, volunteer groups, or individuals from any or all claims, demands or proceedings for injuries and/or damage however caused ) I may suffer that arises out of or is connected with my participation in the Bike The Bridge. I also release and forever discharge the above persons or groups from all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, penalties and fines however arising (including liability for their negligence and/or recklessness and the negligence and/or recklessness of others). For the avoidance of doubt, this release shall extend to and include any medical and paramedical personnel appointed for the Bike The Bridge, the owners, licensees and occupiers of land upon which the Bike The Bridge or any part of it is conducted, any statutory body or local authority having control over any land upon which the Bike The Bridge or any part of it is conducted or which is involved directly or indirectly with the Bike The Bridge in any manner. This release shall not be extinguished by the elapse of time and binds my heirs, executors, personal representative and assigns.

4. I/we certify our good health, and have a level of fitness of a standard to complete the event. In addition, I consent to receiving any medical treatment that the Event Directors think necessary or desirable during or after the Bike The Bridge.

5. I consent to the Event Directors using my name, image and likeness before, during or after the Bike The Bridge for event promotional broadcasting or reporting purposes in any media. I also agree for my details to be added to the Bike The Bridge and Event Day email database (of which I can easily unsubscribe to at any time). In addition, I agree that the Bike The Bridge and any sponsor of this event may use information contained in this entry form for purposes connected with the event or in the case of the Event Directors any other event promoted or conducted by

them, and to provide details of other products, services and events to me from time to time by post and direct email to the postal and email address provided in the entry form. I understand that I have rights under the Privacy Act 1993 to access and correct any information held about me. In addition, I may unsubscribe from this database at any time.

6. I acknowledge that safety precautions undertaken by Event Directors (such as course supervision, event safety briefing) are a service to me and other competitors but are not a guarantee of my safety. Consequently I accept that I have an important responsibility to carefully read and listen to all safety briefings and to immediately seek clarification on anything which is not entirely clear to me.

7. I understand that I am fully responsible for the security of my personal possessions at the Bike The Bridge. If I use the baggage security service provided by the organisers, I accept the organisers will take all care but no responsibility for damage to or loss of my possessions

8. I accept my registration is not transferable to other people and is non-refundable. If the Bike The Bridge is cancelled, my registration fee is also non-refundable

9. I acknowledge that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Event Directors, it may become necessary or desirable to change the format of the Bike The Bridge and, if that occurs, I consent to the changes and I agree that each and every one of the event rules and event terms and conditions will apply to that changed event.

10. Due to the committed costs of organising the Bike The Bridge, if the Bike The Bridge is cancelled due to poor weather, natural disaster or any other condition beyond the control of the Event Directors, I understand that my entry fee will not be refunded.

11. I hereby certify that I am 16 years of age or older (see below for younger competitors).

12. If I am under the age of 16 years of age I will have the event rules and event terms and conditions viewed and signed by my legal guardian (postal entries) or approved (online entries) which will effectively provide the necessary consent for me to participate in the Bike The Bridge.

## **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

Each event distance has its own set of rules and terms and conditions. Please familiarise yourself with these prior to entering.

### **TRANSFERS/CANCELLATIONS.**

If you wish to cancel your entry into any event that crosses the Harbour Bridge event PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2016 please email [info@bikethebridge.co.nz](mailto:info@bikethebridge.co.nz). Our registration team will refund your entry minus a \$15 administration fee.

If you wish to cancel your entry into any Bike The Busway event PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2016 please email [info@bikethebridge.co.nz](mailto:info@bikethebridge.co.nz). Our registration team will be able to refund 50% of your total entry fee paid.

There will be no ability to “transfer” your entry to someone else but as per above you are able to receive a partial refund on your entry fee if you email [info@bikethebridge.co.nz](mailto:info@bikethebridge.co.nz) prior to November 1, 2016.

From November 1, 2016 onwards there will be no ability to either transfer your entry or receive a partial refund on your entry fee.

### **CHANGE OF EVENT OPTIONS**

If you'd like to change event options going over the Bridge i.e. from Bike The Bridge Round Trip to Bike The Bridge South Only or Bike The Bridge North Only, as the event fee is the same price for all options, please email [info@bikethebridge.co.z](mailto:info@bikethebridge.co.z) with your request and we will amend this for you free of charge.

If you want to change your entry from one of the Bike The Bridge events to the Bike The Busway event (or vice versa) please email [info@bikethebridge.co.nz](mailto:info@bikethebridge.co.nz) prior to November 1, 2016. Our registration team will refund your existing entry minus a \$15 administration fee and then you are free to go back into the online registration system and enter a different event of your choice. As per above, unfortunately from November 1, 2016 onwards there will be no ability to either transfer your existing entry or receive a partial refund on your existing entry fee before entering a different event of your choice.

## **IMPORTANT START TIMES/COURSE CUT-OFF TIMES INFORMATION**

All Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge South Only entrants must be at Smales Farm Bus Station for a 6.00am start otherwise you run the risk of not being able to cross over the start line. All Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge South Only entrants (regardless of their exact departure time from Smales Farm) must be off the course by 7.00am.

### **Additional cut-off's apply and are strictly enforced on route:**

Access closed. Smales Farm Bus Station – 6.15am

Access closed. South end of Akoranga Station – 6.25am

Access closed. Northern Motorway Layby opposite the Auckland Harbour Bridge Police Station – 6.35am

Access closed. Crest of Auckland Harbour Bridge – 6.50am

The above cut-off times apply to all cyclists, regardless of what time the entrant left Smales Farm and regardless of mechanical issues etc that may have been encountered along the way. If an entrant reaches one of the areas above on or following the closure times, they will either be asked to turn around and start cycling back to Smales Farm OR asked to board one of the Event Buses which will drop the entrant and their bike into Auckland CBD.

All Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge North Only entrants must be in the start area (Harbour Park) for a 7.00am start otherwise you run the risk of not being able to cross over the start line. All Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge North Only entrants (regardless their exact departure time from Harbour Park) must be off the course at Smales Farm by 9.15am.

### **Additional cut-off's apply and are strictly enforced**

Access closed. Westhaven – 7.20am

Access closed. South end of Akoranga Station – 7.55am

Access closed. Constellation Station - 8.45am

The above cut-off times apply to all cyclists, regardless of what time the entrant left Westhaven and regardless of mechanical issues etc that may have been encountered along the way. If an entrant reaches one of the areas above on or following the closure times, they will need to follow the directions of event official s and may be transported off the event course.

PLEASE NOTE: The event reserves the right to close either start line once it has deemed it appropriate to do so. Any entrant arriving after the start fields have vacated will not be allowed access onto the course or onto the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

All Bike The Busway entrants must be in the start area (Smales Farm Bus Station) for an 8.15am start otherwise you run the risk of not being able to cross over the start line. All Bike The Busway entrants must be off the event course at Smales Farm by 9.15am.

### **Additional cut-off's apply and are strictly enforced**

Access closed. Smales Farm (heading South) – 8.45am

Access closed. Akoranga Station – 9.00am

The above cut-off times apply to all cyclists, regardless of what time they started at Smales Farm and regardless of mechanical issues etc that may have been encountered along the way. If an entrant reaches one of the areas above on or following the closure times, they will need to follow the directions of event official s and may be transported off the event course.

## **CONTINGENCY COURSE**

In the **unlikely** situation of very high winds on the Auckland Harbour Bridge on the morning of the event, the Bridge authorities may close the bridge to cyclists. If the Bridge is closed, you will find out first on the Bike the Bridge Facebook page and or the Bike the Bridge website home page. We recommend checking both pages just prior to departing for the start line on event morning. Should the event need to use the contingency course, event staff will be communicating the correct messages clearly to all who arrive in the start area.

**If the contingency course is needed to be used the following changes will occur:**

**Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge South Only entrants** – your event will still begin at 6.00am from Smales Farm. Your course will involve heading South to Akoranga, turning around at the Akoranga Station and then heading north to Constellation Station. You'll turn at Constellation Station and then head back South to finish at Smales Farm. Total distance is approx. 12km.

**Bike The Bridge North Only entrants** - will be encouraged to make their way over to Smales Farm as soon as they are able to and join the revised Bike The Bridge Round Trip and Bike The Bridge South Only entrants and ride in the event as per the contingency course described above. Entrants will need to start on the revised course by 7.00am at Smales Farm.

**Bike The Busway Family Loop entrants** – no change in your course route.