



Triple Peaks at Red

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About the Triple Peaks:

The event is scheduled to take place in Havelock North, based at the Keith Sands Reserve, traversing the three peaks of Te Mata, Mt Erin, and Mt Kahuranaki, on Saturday 26 February.

The event field is expected to be between 5-600 participants, and has a split start, with roughly half of the competitors starting at Keith Sands Reserve, while the other half on Private Land at the foot of Mt Erin. The event finish is significantly split up by the challenging course and wide range of competitor abilities, with finishers spread over 4-5+ hours.

Competitor start times

From Keith Sands Grove: All Triple Peaks (3 Peak) athletes start and Finish at Keith Sands Grove.

Triple Peaks Wave 1: 0730

Triple Peaks Wave 2: 0740

Triple Peaks Wave 3: 0750

From the Transition Area: One Peak explorer athletes Start/ finish at the Transition Area.

Two Peak Tiki Tour: 0850 (finishing at Keith Sands)

One Peak Explorer Wave 1: 0900

One Peak Explorer Wave 2: 0910

In the event of a delay, we are able to push the latter waves back. As each Wave has a separated marked area, we do not need to wait for one wave to clear before the next wave assembles. I.e they are not sharing spaces and can assemble in their own pod space, which is separated from other pods by 2m. They can stay in their pod until we are ready to start their wave.

Introduction

Under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), aka the traffic light framework, the Triple Peaks is classed as a controlled-access event, operating as a commercial recreation activity, and able to run at scale by mandating My Vaccine Pass for all.

There can be up to 100 people in a defined space at the venue at any time, based on 1-metre physical distancing. Our event will have multiple defined spaces.

We have planned within CPF guidelines, consulting with stakeholders, suppliers, sponsors, Hastings District Council.

The start finish area is a controlled space, and will be fenced, with two entry points. Each entry point will have a covid scan in location and a volunteer will be policing the entry exit.

There is a gated entry exit to the start/ finish area, and each pod is marked out with it's own entry/ exit area. We will have a volunteer on every entry point to check competitors only are entering.

There are about 60 volunteers spread around the course, 10 will be at Keith Sands.

Cancelled Activities

We will be cancelling all non-essential services at the event in order to prevent overcrowding and possibility of gathering points, as well as to enable us to strictly manage defined spaces

The cancelled services are:

- In Person Race Briefing
- Finish line festival and expo
- Public awards ceremony
- Finish line Complimentary Beverages.

Events going ahead

We will be running the following events within the red guidelines:

- MCL Construction Triple Peaks: Walk, Bike and Run approx 250-300 people
- Two peak tiki tour : Walk, Bike and Run approx. 50 people
- One Peak Explorer: Walk, Bike and Run approx. 200 people

All participants will be required to present a valid Vaccine Pass, sign-in to the event via their COVID-19 app, and practice general good sanitising and hygiene practices.

Vaccine passes will be checked at Registration on the Friday when competitors collect their race numbers. At registration competitors will be given a wrist band to confirm they have had a vaccine pass scanned, and to identify their pod. No wrist band, no admittance to a controlled area or Pod.

On site at the Transition and at Keith Sands Grove there will be sign in stations with QR codes and manual forms at each entry/ exit point to the controlled location/ confined spaces.

Competitors will be directed from the entry point to their Pod based on the colour of their wrist band. Pods will also be marked with a coloured identifying sign.

Competitors will be given instructions about their pods, as well as a map of the locations at registration, as well as on social media, email communications, and as signs at the event.

All participants will be required to wear a mask in any areas under control of the event before/ after the event start/ finish.

Monitoring

There is daily monitoring of the COVID-19 situation

The event may be cancelled at any time before the event if the current situation escalates.

If regulations or the Covid situation changed to the point that we were not able to run the event safely, or run the event under future released i.e. (currently unknown) regulations, we would potentially need to cancel **before** the event start.

Participant Spacing and tracking

Under the CPF guidelines, events must use defined spaces for groups of 100 or fewer people.

As such, we will be managing participant movement and timings to ensure defined spaces and numbers are adhered to at the venue.

At the Start/ Finish Area there is a confined area enclosed by fencing, which is the start / finish race envelope. Competitors and volunteers only are permitted inside this space. When competitors enter the space they will be directed to their pod, which will be a roped off 20 x 15m area, separated from other pods by 2m (see Start/ Finish map)

The same layout is at the transition where there is a sign in area to a confined space, with three distinct pods that competitors must move to as soon as they enter the transition area. (See the Transition Map)

At registration competitors will be given a coloured wrist band and information as to what pod they are in. Volunteers at Transition and Start/ Finish will be ensuring people go to their pods once they have scanned in and entered the transition or Start/ Finish.

Finish Line:

At the finish line, competitors will finish the race through the main finish line straight and enter the confined space area. They are then encouraged to leave as soon as they have recovered enough to depart. There are 10 volunteers at the start finish who will be monitoring the numbers and assisting people to leave the area.

We have separated out registration, volunteer, start and finish event spaces, providing participants specific times to arrive, which are spread out along a longer period of time to prevent overcrowding.

Registration will be extended to 2 days split across 6 hrs (5-8pm each day)

The start finish times are spread out with each wave leaving 5 mins apart.

Half the field are starting at the Transition area. The 2 Peak competitors start at 830, with the one peak athletes leaving in 2 waves separated by 5mins (30 mins after the Two Peak start).

Each area (Start/ Finish and Transition) is split up physically into 3 pods by ropes and barriers, and competitors will each have a designated pod area to assemble in. This means that we do not require one group of people to leave before another group arrive as competitors are physically separated while within the Start / Finish/ Transition areas. The wave starts will allow competitors to be split up more quickly when on the course.

Where possible faster competitors (i.e. cyclists) will leave in the early waves, and this will allow them to split up further on the course.

The nature of the course itself, wide open and hilly will also split up the field.

Participant attendance is tracked through sign-in, registration and digital race timing systems once on course.

Registration

Participants will be given a set time they must arrive for registration. The times are based on their allotted start time, which is allocated based on their start pod. Registration will be held at the Private Rooms at The Loading Ramp, which have a separate Entry/ Exit to the main bar.

To enter the registration area, all riders will be required to

- Show a valid Vaccine Pass
- Scan the QR code
- Wear facemasks at all times
- Sanitise & practice COVID-19 hygiene
- Registration window extended to allow 1 hr per 100 entrant / pod.
- Registration split across 2 nights. 5pm – 8pm
- Each starting pod will be given a separate registration time period, so athletes from separate pods should not be registering together.

Final decision on the registration times for pods will be made when entry's close on the 20th Feb, and will be based around final total registration numbers and final pod allocation, but will follow the principles outlined above.

Event Day: Start Times

Riders will be given a specific time they have to be in their "Pod".

This Pod will be a defined space of 100 people or less. This area is adequately spaced to allow social distancing for all riders.

At the Keith Sands Start / Finish Area there will be 3 pods of 20 x 15m separated by 2m.

- Each pod will have its own toilet access.
- Each pod will have their own water supply.

- Each pod will have a separated start time
- Pod 1 Wave 1 (provisionally we aim to have all bikers in this pod)
- Pod 2 Wave 2 Runners and walkers
- Pod 3 Wave 3 Runners and walkers

Should either pod exceed 100 entrants then it will be split into 2. There is enough space at both start areas Transition Start and Keith Sands Grove to allow multiple additional Pods. Decisions on final pod make up will be made once entry's close on the 20 February.

At the transition start area pods will be split into 2-3 groups of 20 x 15m separated by 2m:

- Each pod will have it's own toilet access.
- Each pod will have a separated start time
- Pod 1 All Two Peak Tiki tour Competitors (runners and bikers)
- Pod 2 One peak Wave 1 Runners, Bikers
- Pod 3 One peak Wave 2 Runners, Walkers

To enter the Pod, all riders will be required to wear facemasks when arriving and in the staging areas scan-in sanitise & practice COVID-19 hygiene, and have a coloured wristband as evidence of Vaccine Pass re-check

Out on the course

The course is not considered a gathering point or defined space.

Facemasks to be carried at all times.

The initial part of the course is a neutral start, and is up hill, allowing competitors to naturally be spread out by ability.

Riders will be socially distanced by the nature of being on a bike.

At aid and water stations, only participants, event personnel and accredited support crew will be permitted. These sites will not have more than 100 participants in them at one time. Spectators are not permitted at these defined spaces.

There will be a volunteer on each aid station monitoring the numbers. Due to the nature of the course, competitors are split up into very small groups, and it is extremely unlikely we will get more than 20 people at an aid station at any one time.

Finish Area and HQ

Contactless finisher medal pickup

Competitors will be asked to immediately vacate the area unless requiring medical assistance

Hygiene and Vaccine Passes

- To run, we're mandated by law to require and sight a valid Vaccine Pass from all participants and event personnel

- All participants will be required to have their vaccine passes scanned, and will get a tamper-proof wristband to wear for the duration of the event. No wristband, no event.
- We require all participants to sign-in to the event QR using the COVID-19 App, this being enforced at manned entry points to all confined spaces, registration, start/finish, transition.
- Facemasks are to be worn at all times when not riding, for all defined spaces, including in the start staging areas outdoors
- All defined spaces and touchpoints will be sanitised regularly.
We have identified a list of common touchpoints:
 - Water taps at Aid stations
 - Toilet doors
 Each location where these are present will have a checklist where a designated race official must wipe down these surfaces every hour.
- Sanitiser stations are provided

Category winners/presentations

Prizegiving will be virtual, and held the next day.

The bulk of prizes will be given out as randomly assigned at Registration

Prizes are randomly assigned by race number. I.e. if you are number #103 and your number is assigned a prize, it will be given to you at registration.

Prizes and podium medals to be collected from a specified location.

General Public:

As each space is fenced off the general public will be barred from entry into the confined spaces. Only competitors with wrist bands will be permitted into our confined spaces.

There will also be information about no spectators and supporters in the race updates that are sent out to all competitors and via social media, email, and in their registration packs.

Ends