

BAY TRUST OPOTIKI MOTU CHALLENGE

RACE RULES & PENALTIES

1. The Motu Road will be officially closed at both ends on the morning of the race to all vehicular traffic apart from a few authorised safety and media vehicles. **Competitors please note that standard road rules apply at all times even during road closures.** All supporters and spectators must use the Waioeka Gorge route (State Highway 2) to Motu School. Please note that the State Highway 35 from the start line in Elliot Street to the Motu Road is not closed and all standard road rules apply.
2. Competitors must WALK ACROSS THE MOTU FALLS SWING BRIDGE, **two at a time**. Marshals will be in attendance.
PENALTY: an immediate 2 minutes stand down
3. Drafting is permitted with other competitors on stage one (MTB section). Drafting on all road bike sections is not encouraged but permitted. Drafting at all times is permitted with the Scott Motu 160 competitors. **NO outside drafting** will be permitted with vehicles e.g. cars, trucks and busses etc on **all** bike stages.
PENALTY: an immediate 2 minutes stand down
4. Only **two crew supporter per individual** competitor and **one crew supporter per team** permitted in transition areas. All crew supporters must be wearing identification race bracelet, which are transferable.
5. (a) Team members must not remove numbered bibs until they are inside the transition area and then must transfer bibs personally to the next team competitor.

(b) The only exception to this rule is in **Transition Three**, where for safety reasons a team member or support crew member may transfer numbered bib to team kayaker if preferred. All other transfers must be made by the team member only, see 5. (a).
6. **No riding of bikes in transition areas.**
7. There is to be no assistance from support crew when changing the electronic timing transponders or bibs from one team member to the other.
8. **TRANSITION ONE:**
All mountain biker's must dismount before entry into the transition area. To avoid congestion team Mountain Biker's and individual support crew should clear their bikes from the transition area A.S.A.P.
- Team rider must run the numbered bib to the runners themselves
- Team runner must stay in designated area
9. **TRANSITION TWO:**
Team cyclist must leave bike racked until race bib transfer has occurred. This is to be done in designated area positioned before the bike rack set up.
- Team & individual support crew members must **NOT** assist their cyclist in un-racking his/her bike
- All competitors must not mount bike until out of the transition area
- All support crew can assist in the mounting process
10. **TRANSITION THREE:**
All competitors must rack bikes before proceeding with numbered bib to kayak's on foot. Support crew members may transfer number to team kayaker if preferred, **Don't forget the transponder!!** but all other transfers must be made by the team member only. **All kayak's must contain some form of floatation e.g. airbags & all kayak's must have front tow loops.** A full set of kayak safety rules will be included in competitor race pack.
11. **TRANSITION FOUR:**
All competitors must proceed from the river at designated area to transition area by foot.
12. **TRANSITION FIVE:**
All competitors must dismount before entering transition area and rack their bikes – once road is clear, runner's are to cross and run on right hand side of the road.

ANY BREACH OF RULES 4 TO 11 WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE PENALTY OF A 1 (ONE) MINUTE STAND DOWN.

IMMEDIATE PENALTIES will be made by the Race Director, Stage Director, or the Motu swing bridge official, their decision is final.

Team STAGE FOUR competitor **MUST** complete the whole stage in full (Kayak 27km, Cycle 8km, Run 3km). Competitors of this stage **MUST** wear the supplied wristband to identify that they have paddled, cycled and run this stage. **Any competitor finishing without wristband on will be penalised 60 minutes.**

NUMBERED BIB – should be worn on the outside of all equipment and clothing at all times. Don't forget it on race day, **no number, no start**. Make sure the bib is worn correctly. The number must be facing so it can be seen both front and back the right way up. Don't forget kayaker bracelet. In your race pack you will also have a numbered kayak sticker supplied. This must be stuck onto the front right hand side of your boat in a visible position before the competitor will be let onto the river. Bib numbers must match the kayak sticker.

ANY COMPETITOR WHO PROTESTS MUST DO SO IN WRITING TO THE RACE REFEREE () WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE PROTESTING COMPETITOR'S FINISHING TIME. PLEASE REFER TO THE PROTEST PROCEDURES RULES.

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PROTEST PROCEDURE 2009

PROTEST

A protest is a formal complaint against the conduct of a competitor or race official.

A competitor, a race official or a member of the New Zealand Police may file a protest with the Race Referee provided that the action protested has not been previously protested and ruled upon by the Race Referee.

Protests: A competitor who protests another competitor or race official must do so in writing to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the protesting competitor's finish time.

Protests Concerning Timekeeping: Protests concerning an error in timing must be delivered to the Race Referee within minutes of the posting of the Provisional Race Results.

Protests concerning a competitor's equipment which infringes on the conditions set out in the race rules must be delivered in writing to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the protester's finish time.

PROTEST CONTENT

Any protest must contain the following information:-

- a) The alleged violation
- b) The location and approximate time of the alleged violation
- c) Persons involved in the alleged violation
- d) A statement, including a diagram of the alleged violation, if possible.
- e) The names of witnesses who observed the alleged violation

PROTEST PROCEDURES

- a) Protests by a competitor shall be filed in writing to the Race Referee, signed by the protester within 30 minutes of the protester's finish time
- b) A protest by a race official or member of the Police may be filed up to 30 minutes after the last competitors finishing time.
- c) The content of any protest shall be made immediately available to the competitors and/or officials involved, prior to the hearing.
- d) The protester and the competitors or officials protested must be present. The hearing will take place as soon as all parties are available. If one or both cannot attend, the protest hearing may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Race Referee. The Race Referee shall determine if the absence from the hearing of any party is valid
- e) A representative of the protester, the competitors or officials protested may be designated to appear if approved prior to the commencement of the hearing, by the Race Referee.
- f) The hearing will not be open to the public, or the press
- g) At the hearing the Race Referee shall read the protest
- h) The protester and the competitors or officials protested will be allowed three (3) minutes each to give their account of the incident.
- i) Witnesses (two each) may speak for (3) minutes each
- j) The Race Referee will hear the evidence and render a decision.
- k) The decision will be posted immediately and delivered in writing to the parties.
- l) Failure of any party to attend the hearing may justify the Race Referee making a decision without them.

PENALTIES

If the Race Referee upholds a protest the may impose the following penalties:-

1. Disqualification
2. Impose a time penalty the length of which shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Referee.
3. Impose no penalty.

APPEALS

The Race Referees decision is final. There is no appeal from their decision.