

Christchurch Singletrack Club: High Performance Rider Assistance Policy

Date developed: May 2012 (based on Hawkes Bay document)

Purpose: To establish a framework for providing financial assistance to high performance athletes representing the club or the country at national or international levels including MTB Bike NZ and UCI sanctioned events by contributing towards travel, insurance, accommodation and/or other costs.

Conditions:

In supporting riders competing in events covered by this policy the following items will be considered:

1. Applicants must be current financial members
2. Available finances of Christchurch Singletrack Club
3. Any likely effect on general club grant applications
4. The numbers of club members seeking financial support in a given year
5. The riders 'history' with the club
6. Payments will be made directly to the individual
7. If individuals wish the committee to make a grant application on their behalf, the request must be made in writing in sufficient time for consideration at the next scheduled committee meeting. Meetings are held in February, May, August, November but extra meetings can be called if required.
8. The rider is not double dipping – ie if all their costs are covered through other fundraising efforts no payment will be made

Events:

Subject to the conditions set out in this policy Christchurch Singletrack Club will support:

Commonwealth or World Championships: The club will generally financially assist those riders who have been selected to compete for NZ in these events in Cross Country. It is expected that the amount will be up to \$250 per rider.

Oceania Events in Australia: The club will on behalf of a rider submit a grant application for funding to financially assist those riders who have been selected for NZ Teams and participated in these events in mountain biking.

National Championships: The club will, at the committee's discretion, financially assist those riders competing in National Mountain Biking Events with costs such as race fees, travel and/or accommodation expenses. The club will also, subject to the Grant Application Policy priorities, endeavour to provide support through grant applications to gaming or charitable trusts. It is expected this amount to be \$50 per rider per event.

Other events: The club may, at the committee's discretion financially contribute to those riders competing in other mountain bike events with costs such as race fees, travel and/or accommodation expenses.

Procedure:

Riders requesting assistance will need to write an "Application for Assistance" letter to the Christchurch Singletrack Committee requesting support.

NOTE: *The committee, when considering the application, will exercise its absolute discretion.*

*There can be **no guarantees that funds will be allocated**, by way of grant or otherwise, even if an application satisfies all the criteria.*

Suggested information that could be included to assist in decision making is as follows:

1. Date and address to: Christchurch Singletrack Club c/- 173 Halswell Junction Road, Christchurch

2. Post to above address or email to: Rebekah@singletrack.org.nz
3. Include rider address, contact details and bank account number for deposit
4. Be signed by applicant
5. State specifics of which Event the rider has qualified for, or riding in and how they qualified. Including name, date, location etc. of event.
6. What opportunities does the rider offer for helping raise the Clubs profile while at this event and how to they see ways of 'giving' back to the club
7. What budget is required for the event and what personal money has been raised?
8. What assistance would they like from the club?
9. When do they require funds by?
10. Do they have sponsorship for the event?
11. Can they supply references in support i.e. from coach
12. After receiving funding from the club and completion of the event, the club requests the rider to provide a report of the event indicating how they performed and share their experiences.

It is the intention of this policy to support existing fundraising initiatives by the individual and for the club not to fully cover costs of the event. There will be some expectation of the applicant/recipient to contribute to the club in a manner they the committee see fit and as agreed to by the individual. It is a 'give and take' process for the individual and the club, in doing so help raise club character. The club also looks favourably on individuals using initiative with their own fundraising ideas and will support the riders where ever possible. Suggestions for riders to fundraise: approaching potential sponsors in the cycle industry, donations, raffles, sausage sizzles, cake stalls, quiz nights, garage sales, fundraising rides, fund raising dinners, skills clinics, auctions.