



Greetings adventure racers,

Only a week to go until the 2020 Taranaki 6 Hour!

Firstly, as I'm sure everyone is aware, the COVID-19 situation is having an impact on some public events in New Zealand. We have been monitoring the situation closely and unless there is considerable change over the next six days, **the event will definitely be GOING AHEAD.**

This is in line with the latest information from the Ministry Of Health and of course carries the common sense best practices of hand washing, sneezing into the elbow and extra care around food handling and preparation, as well as participants not attending the event if they are feeling unwell or just returned from overseas travel in affected countries.

We have accordingly made a few changes, with the major one being **NO FRIDAY NIGHT BRIEFING.** This is to limit a large gathering in a reasonably confined space - the race base on Saturday morning will be full of beautiful fresh Taranaki air!

We will make small time adjustments on Saturday around the registration process- basically once you are parked (from 7:15- 8:00 am) there will be the usual admin tasks (waivers, race packs, numbers etc) to complete, with a race briefing at 8:20 am with maps given out then- plenty of time will be given to allow you to strategise (big hint- the race is all about having a good strategy!)

The race base is a 30 minute drive from Inglewood...more details will be given via email, Facebook and the website on Friday afternoon.

The race has plenty of optional checkpoints and features a hearty rogaine/trek section to allow multiple route choices and strategy.

Bikes need to be in good working order- please ensure brakes are working well and they have been checked/ serviced.

Please make sure you bring plenty of fluids for the day- there will be limited water on the course and teams will be away from the base for the six hours.

Team captains: please make sure all team members have checked the website for the compulsory gear list- a helpful piece of kit could be a dry bag (just in case your strategy involves a river crossing..) a good quality one such as a 'Sea to Summit' brand is great, but two small drawstring plastic bags may just do too...

Finally, the area you will be racing around on Saturday is an epic little piece of this wonderful province many of us call home - let's all enjoy ourselves, be safe, look after your team mates and others and keep reminding each other how fortunate we are to be able to have these sorts of adventures!

See you all Saturday 21st,

Matt, Nev and the whole T6HR crew.