



LIAISON INFORMATION

Liaison	Description	Time Allocated
Start – Stage 1 Start	<p>Depart EWS Stage in Crankworx Arena at Skyline Rotorua Pedal up Skyline Access Road > Turn right and pedal up Mountain Road > Stage 1 starts on right – Tax Man.</p> <p>Elevation difference = 268m Transition Distance = 2.6km</p> <p>On training day only riders will be to upload on the Skyline Gondola to top of Stage 1. Note: There is no lift line priority and the Skyline bike park will be open to the public. There is also an option to pedal to top of Stage 1 as per the race day transition. Riders are not permitted to use any alternate routes for this transition during training or race days. Riders will be disqualified if they are found on an alternative route.</p> <p>Technical Assistance Zone / Team Pits located at bottom of Skyline. Water and toilets will be available at the bottom of Skyline.</p>	30min
Stage 1 Start – Stage 2 Start	<p>Descend SP1 <i>Tax Man > BYO > Debt Collector > CWX Pumptrack</i> [2.32km distance , -249m descend]</p> <p>Transition Riders will come out of Stage 1 and ride pedal through the Crankworx Expo Zone > Load onto shuttle in Bus Area at Skyline and travel for 11,6km to Eight Mile Gate, Shuttle drop off area > Pedal up Pipeline Road and a sharp right onto Direct Road > Turn right onto Forest Road > Pedal up the first section of the Tumeke trail - Stage 2 will start where the trail begins to descend.</p> <p>Elevation difference = 317m total (54m via shuttle then 263m via pedal) Transition Distance = 16.3 total (11.6km via shuttle then 4.7km via pedal)</p> <p>Riders are permitted to use the public Southstar shuttle on training day.</p> <p>Riders will pass the Whaka neutral Tech and Feed Zone after the shuttle drop off on the way to Stage 2.</p>	75min
Stage 2 Start – Stage 3 Start	<p>Descend SP2 <i>Tumeke</i> [1.37km distance, -212m descent]</p> <p>Transition Come out of Stage 2 and pedal left onto Pipeline Road > Up Hill Road > Right into Frontal Lobotomy > Left up Tawa Road > Stage 3 start – <i>Tihi O Tawa</i>.</p> <p>Elevation difference = 396m Transition Distance = 5km</p> <p>Riders are permitted to use the public Southstar shuttle on training day.</p> <p>Riders will pass the Whaka neutral Tech and Feed Zone during this transition.</p>	75min



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<p>Stage 3 Start Stage 4 Start</p>	<p>Descend SP3 <i>Tihi O Taha, Te Mounga, Moonshine</i> [3.41km distance, -390m descend]</p> <p>Transition Stage 3 finishes on Reservoir Road > Pedal onto Hill Road > Up Hill Road > Right into Frontal Lobotomy > Left up Tawa Road > Stage 4 start – <i>Tuhoto Ariki</i>.</p> <p>Elevation difference = 392m Transition Distance = 4.8km</p> <p>Riders are permitted to use the public Southstar shuttle on training day.</p> <p>Riders will pass the the Whaka neutral Tech and Feed Zone during this transition.</p>	<p>75min</p>
<p>Stage 4 Start – Stage 5 Start</p>	<p>Descend <i>SP4 Tuhoto Ariki – Katore</i> [1.4km distance, -281m descend]</p> <p>Transition Stage 4 finishes on Tarawera Road by the Blue Lakes > Pedal to the shuttle bus area at the Blue Lakes and load onto a shuttle > Shuttle will take you back to Skyline > Unload shuttle and upload on Gondola > Pedal up Mountain Road > Turn Left and pedal part way down The Fuzz aka Crankworx DH to Stage 5 start.</p> <p>Elevation difference = 357m total (63m via shuttle, 177m via gondola then 117m pedal) Transition Distance = 19.8km total (16km via shuttle, 0.80km via gondola then 3km pedal)</p> <p>Note: There is no lift line priority on training day and the Skyline bike park will be open to the public. There is also an option to pedal to top of Stage 5. Riders are not permitted to use any alternate routes for this transition during training or race days. Riders will be disqualified if they are found on an alternative route.</p> <p>Technical Assistance Zone / Team Pits located at bottom of Skyline. Water and toilets will be available at the bottom of Skyline.</p>	<p>98min</p>

