

Cycle Equipment for New Zealand Schools Triathlon Championships and Tri NZ North Island Sprint Championships.

All athletes entered in the NZ Schools Triathlon Championships and the Tri NZ North Island Sprint Championships should take note of the following rulings in regard to Cycling Equipment for these races.

New Zealand Schools U19 Athletes and All Athletes in the Tri NZ North Island Sprint Championships.

1. These races are Draft Legal. Because the NZ Schools race is being held in conjunction with a Tri NZ Age Group race, the Tri NZ Age Group rules for Draft-Legal races apply in respect of cycling equipment. This is illustrated in the following graphic but the key points to note are:
 - a. Wheels must have at least 12 spokes, so no disc wheels or tri-spokes are allowed; and
 - b. Aerobars are not allowed. This includes the very short ones that don't extend beyond the brake-hoods.



2. Athletes in the NZ Schools U19 race should note that because your race is being held in conjunction with the 16-19 Age Group of the North Island Sprint Championships, the usual NZSSS rule limiting the depth of wheel rims to 45mm is suspended for this event. This suspension will also extend to the U19 Team Relay event.
3. Note that Mountain Bikes are allowed for both the individual and team races.

New Zealand Schools U12, U13, U14, U16 and NCEA Athletes

1. Your Races on Sunday morning are Draft Illegal. As such, New Zealand Schools rules for Draft Illegal Cycle equipment apply. This is illustrated in the following graphic but the key points are:
 - a. You may have aerobars on your bike
 - b. Your wheels must have a minimum of 12 spokes, so disc wheels and tri-spokes are not allowed.
 - c. The NZSSS rule in regard to the maximum rim depth of your wheels applies – your rims may be no deeper than 45mm



2. The U12, U13, U14 and U16 Team Relays on Sunday Afternoon are Draft-Legal. This means that under the Tri NZ rules aerobars are not allowed. However, because you are allowed to have aerobars for your races in the morning the following rulings will be applied:
 - a. If your aerobars can be easily removed and you are able to do so between your individual races in the morning and the team relay in the afternoon we request that you do this, but it is not mandatory that the aerobars are removed.
 - b. If you choose to leave your aerobars on your bike then **you must not use them during the Team Relay**. You must ride using only your conventional handlebars. Any athlete seen riding down on their aerobars will be subject to disqualification and this of course means that your entire team is disqualified.
3. Mountain Bikes are allowed for both the individual and team races.