



ENDURO OVERVIEW

2018 was another good year for Enduro with continues growth form 2018 and higher numbers of riders competing. There is still a marked drop at the end of the season as riders who are not sitting high in the placings drop out. However, the progress that's been made towards rebuilding Enduro back to its former glory is obvious and we can expect to continue this momentum and see more growth in the sport.

Riders are enjoying the challenge and the clubs are doing a great job in ensuring the courses provide the appropriate level of challenge for the two championships.











2018 National Enduro Championships – Overall Results

New Zealand Enduro Championship Overall			
Placing	Name	Home Town	Bike
1	Brad Groombridge	Taupo	Suzuki RMZ250
2	Jake Whitaker	Lower Hutt	KTM 300 XC
3	Chris Power	Paeroa	Honda CRF450

New Zealand Top Trail Riders Championship Overall			
Placing	Name	Home Town	Bike
1	Natasha Cairns	Thames	KTM 150 XC
2	Sam Callaghan	Masterton	Yamaha YZ250FX
3	Phil Skinner	Putaruru	Husqvarna TE300











The Top Dealers by Points

NZ Enduro Championship

	Enduro - AA Course							
		Dealer	Whanga	Tokoro.	Maruia	Santof	Martin	POINTS
1	ıst	TSS RED BARON	15	17	41	30	20	123
2	nd	MOTORCYCLES	34	31		14	34	113
3	rd	MOTO	13	13	12	15		53











NZ Top Trail Riders Championship



Top Manufacturers By Points NZ Enduro Championship

Enduro - AA Course Whangam., Tokoroa Maruia Santoft Martinb., POINTS Manufacturer KLA Husqvarna











NZ Top Trail Riders Championship

Top Trail Rider - A Course						
Manufacturer	Whangam	Tokoroa	Maruia	Santoft	Martinb	POINTS
KIM	40	61	64	82	97	344
@YAMAHA	20	38	43	77	37	215
Husqvarna MOTORCYCLES	25	67	20	47	15	174

2018 Enduro Series Competitor Numbers

The numbers of individual riders that entered one or more rounds of each of the Enduro series or the eXtreme Series.

•	National Championship	256	(210 in 2017)
•	North Island Championship	265	(143 in 2017)
•	Central Enduro Series	219	(173 in 2017)
•	eXtreme Off Road Championship	247	(1st Year)











Changes to Enduro for 2019

With the South Island series proving difficult to keep running the SI team have elected to focus on just one event for 2019. The final two rounds of the 2019 NZ Enduro Championship will be held in Hokitika on the 19th and 20th of July. The event is set to start and finish in the main street of Hokitika and will tie in with the Hokitika Ute Festival.

Only one rule change was made for 2019, the number of points lost for each minute late at a check point was changed from 50 to 60 points. This change was made to make the points system align better with time keeping software.

Next year an additional rule change adding an extra 30 minutes onto the last section of the day will be submitted. The supplementary regulations will be changed for 2020 to allow for this to be implemented for the 2020 series.











Current Class Structure – Enduro and Top Trail Riders Championships

The current class structure as revised for 2018 will remain unchanged for 2019.

National, North Island Championships and the Central Enduro Series

CLASS	Class/Capacity	Course	Enduro Championship
E1	Up to 200cc 2-stroke. Up to 300cc 4-Stroke	AA	YES
E2	201cc-Open 2-stroke	AA	YES
E3	301cc-Open 4-stroke	AA	YES
Vet 1	Veterans 40+	AA	YES
Vet 2	Veterans 50-54	Α	YES
Vet 3	Veterans 55+	Α	YES
Ladies	Ladies	Α	YES











Note **AA** (Formally referred to as Expert) and **A** (formally referred to as Intermediate) are the courses specific to each class. The main Enduro course will in most case be the **A** course with additional loops and distance deviated from the **A** course to make up the **AA** course.

Top Trail Riders Championship - Classes

National, Northern and Central & South Island Series

CLASS	Class/Capacity	Course	Championship
TTR1	Up to 200cc 2-stroke Up to 300cc 4-Stroke	Α	YES
TTR2	201cc-Open 2-stroke 301cc-Open 4-stroke	Α	YES
Vet 4	Veterans 40 - 49	Α	YES











NEW RIDERS

The Intro Class, unders and overs as introduced in 2017 was changed to **All In** for **2018**. The Intro Class is run at all Enduro's. The Intro Class is to allow new riders to enter and experience an Enduro without the pressure of serious competition.

MNZ is continuing to support the Intro Class by providing 50 free MNZ one day licences for each event to be used solely for the Intro Class.

Intro Class (Novice)

National, Northern and Central Championship & South Island Series

CLASS	Class/Capacity	Course	Championship
Intro	All in	В	No

The **B** course is a shortened version of the **A** course. All intro class riders must be aged 15 years or over and hold an MNZ competition license.











New Zealand eXtreme Off Road Championship Classes.

The events are split into three levels, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The current class structure is a little confusing so meke it simpler the classes will be as below.

The Class structure for 2019 is.

- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Vets 40+ (Silver Course)
- Vets 50+ (Bronze Course)
- Ladies (Any course)

Riders entering the Vets and Ladies classes will not be included in the Silver or Bronze overall results.











The 2019 Yamaha New Zealand Enduro Championship dates

Yamaha New Zealand Enduro Championship				
1	16/03/2019	Whangamata		
2	06/04/2019	Moonshine		
3	27/04/2019	Tokoroa		
4	09/06/2019	Martinborough		
5	29/06/2019	Masterton		
6	19-20/07/2019	Hokitika 2-Day FINAL		













	Yamaha New Zealand eXtreme Off Road Championship				
1	17/08/2019	Thames Valley Xtreme			
2	22/09/2019	Moonshine Xtreme			
3	2-3/11/2019	Over The Top			
4	15-16/11/2019	Nut Buster			











Industry Support and Sponsorship

In early 2019 it became evident how exposed we are as a sport due to brand dominance in Enduro in New Zealand. It is hard to get financial support from other motorcycle brands when the majority of riders are riding only one brand.

Of the big four Japanese brands, Yamaha has the biggest range of Enduro bikes, and their FX models are becoming very popular with off-road riders, particularly trail riders. Yamaha are very keen to take an even larger share of the off-road market and agreed to sponsor the Enduro Championships for 2019.

Whilst this goes against the view that I had when I first took over the Enduro Commissioners role, that we shouldn't be seen to support one brand, the market situation as mentioned above has highlighted a problem where if the main player in the market will not support the sport and other sponsors don't see the value in trying to compete with them for market share then it becomes extremely difficult to get sponsorship funding. My view now is that we need to work to maintain competitiveness between the brands in our sport and ensure that the big brands are keen to put their brands in front of the riders and spectators, and put funds into the sponsoring Enduro in order to help achieve this goal.

A big thanks to Yamaha for getting on board for 2019.













MITAS Tyres has also come on board as the official tyre sponsor for 2019 and will be giving away a set of Enduro Tyres at each round of the NZ Enduro Championship and the eXtreme Off Road Championship.

The major magazines, KiwiRider and DRD, are sponsoring the series and the Enduro website, MNZ's website and Facebook pages are being used to market the series and promote our sponsors.

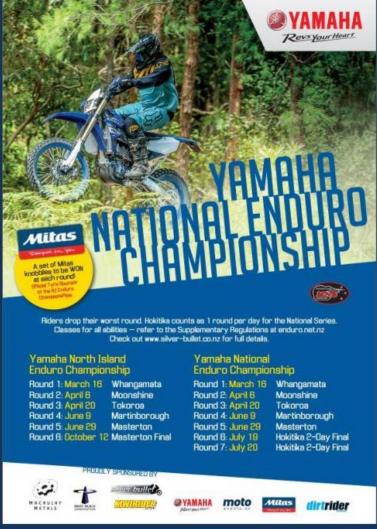












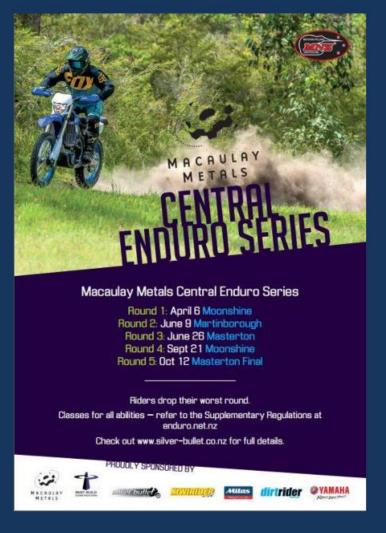














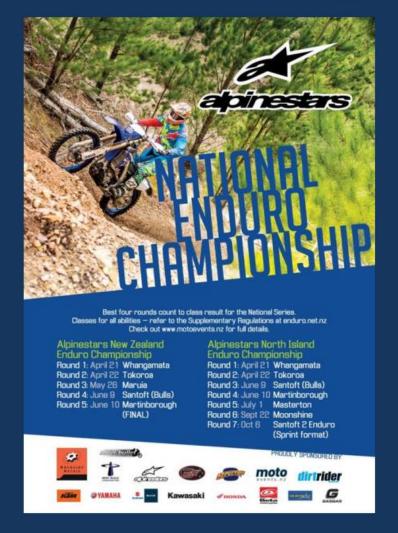








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Work Shop Discussion and Feedback

2019 The Season so far

The Future of Enduro and Trail Riding – Open discussion

- Trail Rides and Riders
- Growing Enduro in NZ
- Working together with Trail Rides to build the sport
- Current Class structures discussion
- Current Championship structure
- Looking after our sponsors
- Anything else?





