



THE MAKAHIWI CHALLENGE

Friday 27, Saturday 28 February & Sunday 1 March 2026
Waitangi Station - 33 Waitangi Access Rd, Taringamotu 3994

New Zealand's Only Multi-Day Endurance Ride

Join us for a 3-day event at the stunning Waitangi Station in Taumarunui, hosted by the Duncan family of Makahiwi Arabians. There's something for everyone - Whether you're looking for a camping holiday, a single-day adventure, or a mix of riding and crewing, this weekend is a must-attend on your calendar. Enjoy a prize-giving dinner and nightly socializing.

What is the Makahiwi Challenge?

It's New Zealand's only multi-day endurance ride! Ride the same horse over 3 days and cover a distance of 60km, 120km, or 200km.

You can choose from 4 classes: 200km Enduro | 120km Enduro | 120km RTT | 60km RTT

Shorter qualifying rides (20km, 40km, and 80km) are also available on different days or horses.

We have added a 5km RTT class perfect for our up and coming endurance littlies and for the parents

Horses, friends, family, camping, dress up, shopping village (Ice cream & Donuts) and community.

The Makahiwi Challenge is Event #2 of the Big Three! 200km!

Proudly sponsored by Leon Liversage Trail Rider



Event Information

Enter here: <https://www.evoevents.co.nz/>

Key Event Information:

- Base Opens: 2:00pm: Wednesday 26 February for 200km Riders, and Volunteers. 1:00pm: Thursday 27 February for all other riders
- Vet ring Opens: Thursday 4 PM - 6 PM, Fri, Sat & Sunday 7:00 AM Onwards
- Overnight camping available Wednesday to Monday. Yarding and camping under DRNZ guidelines
- Crewing water available (bring own for camping and drinking water)
- There'll be a chiller on site for keeping perishables and drinks cold.
- Please take your personal rubbish home. Recycling bins and a trailer for horse manure are available
- Shoes or boots recommended
- No dogs permitted
- Pre-entry & pre-payment only
- **Entries Close Friday 20 February | Enter <https://www.evoevents.co.nz/>**
- \$11.50 Facility Fee
- Class prices include GST
- Nonmembers welcome (see class rules below) - Nonmembers include \$17.25 Fee
- Ride to Time (RTT) Entries: Riders start at 5-min intervals (solo, pairs or small groups). Preferred time or ride buddy just note it in the draw selection on final check out page.

Prizegiving & Dinner

At the end of the event, we'll be celebrating everyone's achievements and honoring the place getters along side the Taumaranui Club. It's a great chance to mix and mingle with fellow competitors, landowners, and volunteers who've all given their time to make this event possible. The Prize Giving dinner is always one of the highlights of the weekend!

Dinner will be catered by Jodie Watts, who provided the delicious champs dinner last year- so you know it's going to be great. Tickets are available for \$35 per person, \$25 for kids 12 and under. Dinner tickets can be purchased when you make your entry.

Entries Close End of Day Friday 20 February 2026

Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Multi Day Marathon Classes)				
Classes	Cost	Non Member	Start Times	Rider Brief
200km Enduro	\$230.00	N/A	5:00 am	6.30pm
120km Enduro	\$138.00	N/A	6.00am	6.30pm
120km RTT	\$138.00	N/A	From 6.05am	6.30pm
60km RTT	\$69.00	86.25	From 8.00am	6.30pm
Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Qualifying Classes)				
Classes	Cost	Non Member	Start Times	6.30pm
80km Enduro	\$92.00	N/A	5:00 am	6.30pm
80km RTT	\$92.00	N/A	From 5:05am	6.30pm
40km Enduro	\$46.00	N/A	6.00am	6.30pm
40km RTT	\$46.00	63.25	From 6.05am	6.30pm
20km RTT	\$23.00	40.25	From 8.00am	6.30pm

DRNZ Info, Contact, Rider Brief

A detailed rider brief will be emailed Monday 23 February, with start times, your loop info, directions, track details, and event supervisor contacts.

At 6:30pm on Friday (Day One) and Saturday (Day Two) there will be a summary meeting and ride briefing for the next day. All riders and crew **MUST** be present

Entry Changes & Refunds

All entry changes and withdrawals can be made through your EvoEvents account. Log in to EvoEvents, go to My Account, select My Entries, choose the event and click Change Entry. Please ensure your bank account details are saved in My Account for any refund to be processed.

Refund requests must be made within 24 hours of the event. An \$11.50 admin fee applies.

Rules & Eligibility

All rules, regulations, class eligibility, yarding & camping info, and code of conduct are available on our [website](#).

Best Dressed is back!!!

Our Best Dressed is back!

On Sunday 1PM, we invite you and the Taumarunui Club to bring yourselves and your horses along in your best costume. We'll have judges watching closely and the best dressed will take the win.

So get those costumes on and those dance moves ready!



The Makahiwi Challenge Rules

The rules below have been put together to guide you through the multi-day event. We have broken them down into different distances. While this is a multi-day event, remember all DRNZ multi-loop rides are elevator rides. If at any stage, you feel you or your horse has had enough you can complete the loop and retire AFTER your vetting. If you have passed your vet check you will qualify to be awarded your kilometres completed thus far. This is available to all multi day riders. If anything arises that isn't outlined in these rules, it will be reviewed and handled by the event supervisor on a case-by-case basis.

At 6:30pm on Friday (Day One) and Saturday (Day Two) there will be a summary meeting and ride briefing for the next day. All riders and crew MUST be present

Enduro 200km Class: Fri - 80km | Sat - 80km | Sun - 40km

Day One: 50|30, Day Two: 50|30 & Day Three: 40 = 200km

- Horse and Rider must be a member/registered with DRNZ
- Horses must be 6 years or older to compete in this event
- Horses and Riders must have completed at least 1x Enduro 2 (or equivalent) event

Minimum rider weight of 70kg. Riders may choose to ride catchweight but are not eligible for placings. They will be eligible to receive a qualification and will be awarded lifetime kilometres. Catchweight riders will still need to weigh if they want to be considered for Best Managed.

There will be two loops each day.

DAY ONE: FRIDAY

50kms (First Loop) + 30km (Second Loop)

The start time for this event is **Friday February 27, 5:00 AM**. It will be a mass start and all riders must start within 20 minutes of the official start time. All ride times are considered to have started at 5:00am regardless of when you actually start.

The course will open for the second loop at 1:00 PM. The exact time each day will be based on the ride times of the first loop. Each horse will have a minimum 1 hour hold.

All continuing horses must commence the second loop before 2:00 PM

Each competitor's ride time will commence once they cross the start line between these times.

Any circumstances resulting in a horse not completing the first loop before 1:00 PM may be discussed with event supervisor/s regarding possible continuation or withdrawal of that horse.

It is up to the rider to make sure the start line records your time as you start the loop. If they miss your start time it will be recorded as starting at 1:00PM.

The course closes at 5:30 PM so the second loop must be completed by then.
Any horses still on course WILL be eliminated

DAY TWO: SATURDAY

50kms (First Loop) + 30km (Second Loop)

Ride starts from 5:00 AM

All continuing horses must be on course by 6:00 AM

Day 2 the course opens for the second loop at 1:00 PM . All continuing horses must commence the second loop by 2:00 pm.

Any horses not on course by then WILL be eliminated

For both loops your ride time commences once you cross the start line. It is the riders responsibility to ensure your start time is recorded.

The course closes at 5:30 PM. Any horses still on course WILL be eliminated

DAY THREE: SUNDAY

40kms (One Loop only)

Ride starts from 5:00 AM

All continuing horses must be on course by 6:00 AM

Your ride time commences once you cross the start line. It is the riders responsibility to ensure your start time is recorded

Enduro 120km Class - Fri - 50km | Sat - 40km | Sun - 30km

Horse and Rider must be a member/registered with DRNZ

Horses must be 5 years or older to compete in this event

Horses and Riders must have completed at least 1x Enduro 2 (or equivalent) event

No minimum weight

There will be one loop each day.

DAY ONE: FRIDAY

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Any circumstances resulting in a horse not completing the loop before 1 pm may be discussed with event supervisor/s regarding possible continuation or withdrawal of that horse.

DAY TWO: SATURDAY & DAY THREE: SUNDAY

Ride starts from 6:00 AM

All continuing horses must be on course by 7:00 AM

Your ride time commences once you cross the start line. It is the riders responsibility to ensure your start time is recorded

Course closes at 5:30 pm Day 2. Any horses still on course WILL be eliminated

RTT 120km Class: Fri - 50km | Sat - 40km | Sun - 30km

- Horse and Rider do not need to be a member/registered with DRNZ
- Horses must be 5 years or older to compete in this class
- Horses and Riders must have completed at least 2 x 40km RTT (or equivalent) events

Ride starts from 6:05 AM

There will be one loop each day.

Standard starts with start time selected upon entry and horses leaving individually, in pairs or in small groups.

Any circumstances resulting in a horse not completing the loop before 1 pm may be discussed with event supervisor/s regarding possible continuation or withdrawal of that horse

Standard Ride to Time rules with optimum times apply

No start time changes are permitted beyond Day 1

RTT 60km Class - Fri - 20km | Sat - 20km | Sun - 20km

- Horses must be 4 years or older to compete in this class.

There will be one loop each day.

Standard starts with start time selected upon entry and horses leaving individually, in pairs or in small groups.

Any circumstances resulting in a horse not completing the loop before 1 pm may be discussed with event supervisor/s regarding possible continuation or withdrawal of that horse

Standard Ride to Time rules with optimum times apply

No start time changes are permitted beyond Day 1

Vet Gate Procedure

Vet gate into hold

- 20 minutes to present
- Ride time stops upon calling time at vet gate

Final vetting on Day Three only

- 30 minutes to present
- Ride time stops at finish line

Because of the open start times for both Enduro classes after loop 1 the first horse across the line at the end is not necessarily the winner!

Qualifying Classes - 80km, 40km, and 20km

Qualifying classes are available as follows:

80km Enduro and RTT Friday, Saturday and Sunday

40km Enduro and RTT Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

20km RTT Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

5km RTT Sunday (Perfect for our lead rein riders)

Starts and procedures are standard.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask 😊