



Challenge Wanaka Puzzling World Junior Challenge Race Information

Date: Friday 19th February 2021

Location: Glendhu Bay

Key Changes for Puzzling World Junior Challenge 2021

- Location – the event will be held at the new Challenge Wanaka event location of Glendhu Bay
- Each year group will run in waves with prize giving for each year group held at the end of each wave rather than the end of the day. Exact times for the day will be posted closer to the event and distributed to schools
- Challenge Wanaka is providing bus transport to/from Glendhu Bay for all local Wanaka schools
- Challenge Wanaka is providing bike transport from local Wanaka schools to/from Glendhu Bay for children *that require assistance getting their bike to/from the event site* and who have indicated this on their registration form.

Registration

- All local Wanaka Primary, Take Karara, Holy Family and Hawea Flat children will register online via the following link <https://forms.gle/XwBwtopVFMx4mnsV9>
- All new students starting a new school at the start of 2021 can register by this link
- Information has been and will continue to be provided in school newsletters

- All other junior competitors (not from local schools) can register through the Challenge Wanaka entry system
- <https://eventplus.net/JCW21>

Registration closes for all Junior events on Friday 12th February 5PM

Bus Transport:

Buses will be provided for all local primary schools.

Bus transport timetable will be issued to schools on Monday 15th February

Bike Transport

Challenge Wanaka have arranged for a truck and trailer to collect bikes from schools on Thurs afternoon to be taken out to Glendhu and placed in the Transition area.

All bikes MUST have the student's MTB race plate number cable tied to the front of their handle bars before collection and/or drop off at the bike transition



Bikes will be racked/placed in Year Groups and number order

**Parents have the option to take their children's bikes out to rack in the transition area on Thursday between 4-7pm and before 8.30am on Friday morning before the start of the first event of the day*

Designated School Areas/Corrals beside finish area

These will be positioned beside the finish line area and signposted for each school.

- Signage with the name of each school will be on each school corral
- Year Groups will migrate from one end of the corral to the other end of the corral based on if they are arriving and about to start or finishing and getting ready to leave
- *No parents will be allowed in the school corrals*
- *No parents will be allowed in the bike transition area while an event is under way*

Start times/Run Sheet for the day

The first event will be Year 1 Boys starting at 9.30am

The times for the rest of the Year Groups will be confirmed by Sunday 14th once we have closed off entries and coordinated the bus transportation timetable.

Briefing for each event will be held 5mins before the start time of each event (*the first race briefing will take place at 9.25am*).

Look out for the CONFIRMED Timetable/Run sheet that will be distributed by schools and on the website and in race packets.

- Buses will be scheduled to arrive at Glendhu Bay a minimum of 30mins before the beginning of each Year Group start time.
- We will start with Year 1 and finish with Year 6.
- Waves of 25x children will start at a time in 2minute intervals to avoid congestion in Transition areas (each child wears a timing chip and will have their individual time recorded that will be collated at the conclusion of each Year group to ascertain the 1st/2nd/3rd for prize giving.
- Each Year group will run fully, prize giving will be held and the students will board buses back to school.



****Parents are NOT to transport their children away from the event site at Glendhu****

Race Briefing

Briefing for each event will be held 5mins before the start time of each event by the Start Marshall on the beach.

Transition Familiarisation

Year 1-3

Each Year Group will walk by their Year Group bike area/rack in the transition area as they are walked to the start line of the duathlon so that they know where they are heading when they run through transition to collect their bike.

Year 4-5-6

Each Year Group will walk by their Year Group bike rack in transition **to place their shoes + helmet + any additional clothing** as they are walked to the start line of the swim so that they know where they are heading when they run through transition to collect their bike.

Transition

We have a dedicated Challenge Wanaka staff member who will be the dedicated leader/helper in the transition area with nominated volunteers to assist children with the transition from swim-bike and bike-run.

Lap Counting – Bike + Run

For those year groups completing multiple laps of the bike/run course (Year 4-6) wrist bands (or an alternative marking) will be handed out each lap to ensure that each child does the required number of laps and does not lose count.

Finish Line

Each school will have a designated sign beside the finish chute that all children from each school muster at once they have crossed the finish line and received their participation medal and prize from Puzzling World.

- Wanaka Primary
- Hawea Flat
- Holy Family
- Take Karara
- Tarras
- Makarora
- Other Schools



Recognition

All place getters in each year group:

- earn the right to represent the Upper Clutha at the Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon later in the year
- *get the opportunity to be 'balloon kids' in the Challenge Wanaka finishing chute to welcome home the top pros on Saturday*
- are recognised with trophies

All finishers receive:

- a medal
- a finishers prize from Puzzling World at the finish line (which is always a secret until the finish line!).

Race Packs Distribution/Collection

All local school children (Wanaka Primary, Take Karara and Holy Family students) will be given their race packs at their local school by their teachers on the Tuesday or Wednesday of race week.

*All other junior competitors **who do not attend local schools** or anyone from **Tarras, Makarora, local home school students or other schools;***

- can pick up their registration packs from the Junior Challenge desk, located at Race HQ in the Glendhu Station Woolshed during race week from Wednesday the 17th of February between the times of 9am and 5pm.
- Registration packs can also be picked up on the morning of the event from the registration area.

Race Packs

Race packs will include:

- **MTB Race Plate** with number printed on the front. **Attach this to the front handle bars of your child's bike** with the cable ties provided
- **Number Tattoo** – **apply this the morning of race day!**
- Swim Cap
- **Timing Chip** – **DO NOT forget this!**
- Tee-shirt
- Instructions on what to do with all of your race pack contents
- instructions for race day
- Run sheet for the day of the race
- A race map



Race Format

Children will compete against their peers in their own year group in waves of 25 children at a time. This ensures that the swim is safe and they are able to move easily through the Transition area while allowing event to run smoothly without congestion.

Timing: Children will wear timing chips so accuracy can still be provided in terms of race times and awards.

Race Numbers

Each child will receive a race number tattoo in their race pack.

Apply to ***Right Leg just below the knee on the outside of the leg***



*Please ensure this is applied before they go to school on the morning of the event.
Instructions for how to apply the race number tattoo will be included in race packets.*

EQUIPMENT

Wetsuits/Race clothing:

- We recommend wearing clothing that is either suitable for all 3 legs or is easily changeable in the Transition area.
- A running/biking top (t-shirt/singlet top/long sleeve top) is compulsory for all children.
- Wetsuits are allowed but are *NOT compulsory*
- *If children do require additional gear/clothing we suggest that they put it in a numbered race bag and hang it from the handlebar of their bike as they walk through Transition to the start corral.*
 - *Having their gear numbered and clearly identified and contained will ensure that their gear stays with their bike.*



- *There are volunteers in transition to help children if they need assistance*

Goggles:

- We recommend that Years 4-5-6 children competing wear goggles to help them see in the water during the swim

Bike:

Please ensure your child's bike *is safe and in good running order.*

- MTB race number attached with cable ties to the front of the handle bars
- Tyres are pumped up
- Brakes are working properly
- Gears are working smoothly

We recommend you have your child's bike checked off with one of the local bike shops to ensure its functioning well and is safe to ride.

***This is your responsibility.*

Helmets:

- Are COMPULSORY

Please check your child's helmets for cracks and ensure that it fits your child's head well and that they are proficient at taking it off and putting it on themselves.

We also recommend you have your child's helmet inspected by your local bike shop and replace the helmet if it is damaged.

- Year 1-3 year children are *encouraged* to wear their helmets during the first run.
- Children in Years 4-5-6 will need to place their helmets (and their running shoes + any additional clothing) with their bikes in the transition area as they make their way to the swim start.

Footwear:

- Every child must wear fully CLOSED footwear that they can RUN and BIKE in.
- *We recommend that children have shoes that they can put on themselves*
 - can TIE THEIR OWN LACES
 - or use BUNGIE LACES
 - or shoes with VELCRO closure

***Having laces that are undone is a safety risk and for this reason Marshals will ask children to stop and fix their shoes (and assist them) if their laces are undone, before allowing them to continue to bike or run.*



***We will disqualify any child who is not wearing closed footwear on the bike or run leg.*

***Children can opt to swim in their runners if they want to*

Hydration and nutrition:

ALL CHILDREN MUST BRING THEIR OWN REFILLABLE DRINK BOTTLE – *DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS*

We recommend your child has:

- drunk at least 250mls (1cup) of water within 2 hours of their event
- eaten something within 30minutes of the event starting (i.e. ½ a banana or something similar that is easy for them to digest)
- takes something to eat after their event while they wait to go back to school

There will be water + bananas on the finish line.

Sunscreen:

Please ensure your child has water resistant sunscreen on when they go to school on the day of the event.

Warm Clothing:

We recommend that all children have an item of warm clothing (i.e. a jersey or a jacket) in their bag to put on after their race should they be cold or if the weather is inclement.

Notes for Parents + Supporters

PARKING – car parking will be signed. Look out for signage once you have passed Glendhu Camp Ground.

Parents are *NOT ALLOWED* in Transition Area or in the designated school corrals.

DEDICATED SUPPORTER ZONES will be marked out for parents and supporters to watch, cheer and encourage their children at various points. These will be clearly marked and communicated.

COVID PROTOCOLS

PLEASE SCAN IN USING YOUR PHONE AND THE COVID TRACER APP WHEN YOU ENTER THE EVENT SITE

Hand sanitiser will be made available throughout the event site and at key high touch locations

****Parents are NOT to transport their children away from the event site at Glendhu****



RACE BRIEFING & EVENT START TIME

Race briefing is compulsory for all children and will take place 5 minutes before each age category starts.

PRIZE GIVING

Will be held at the conclusion of each Year Group wave

SWIM (YEAR 4-6 only)

- The swim leg of the race will be in Lake Wanaka at Rotary Park and is a U shape.
- Children start according to their year division in wave starts and will swim out to the first buoy, across (parallel to the lake shore) and back into the exit chute.
- Please ensure your child is able to swim the entire distance (see non-swimming option below)
- Please ensure your child is comfortable and able to swim without being able to touch the bottom (*Glendhu Bay is deeper than the previous course on the Wanaka lakefront*)
- The race will commence with wave starts which will consist of a maximum of 25 children per wave. Waves will commence approximately 2minutes apart.
- *Please ensure your children are comfortable swimming in the lake at a depth where they cannot touch the bottom.*

SWIM SAFETY

- The Wanaka Lake Swimmers club will be out in the water with pool noodles, kayaks and stand up paddleboards to support and regulate each wave of children.

BIKE

There will be 2x transition areas (1x for Years 1-3 and 1x for Years 4-5-6), as illustrated in the course maps

- The bike will be a 1km loop course
- Children will enter the transition area (as illustrated in the course map) and locate their bike, which will be in numbered sections within each Year Group category.



- Helmets are compulsory for the bike leg and marshals will be checking helmets are secured when children exit the transition.
- *Year 4-5-6 they will receive a mark on their wrist at the completion of each lap so that they know they have completed the required number of laps*

RUN (YEAR 1-3)

- *Year 1-3 will run a shortened course for both the run legs of their duathlon*
- *Year 4-5-6*
 - Children will enter the transition area, rack their bikes and continue to exit on to the run course (towards Bike Glendhu).
 - *Year 6 will receive a wrist band so that they know they have completed the required number of laps*

FINISH LINE: T-SHIRTS, PRIZES AND MEDALS

All kids will receive their Puzzling World Junior Challenge t-shirt and a swim cap in their race packs, pre-event.

At the finish line, all children will also receive a finishers medal, plus a prize from Puzzling World.

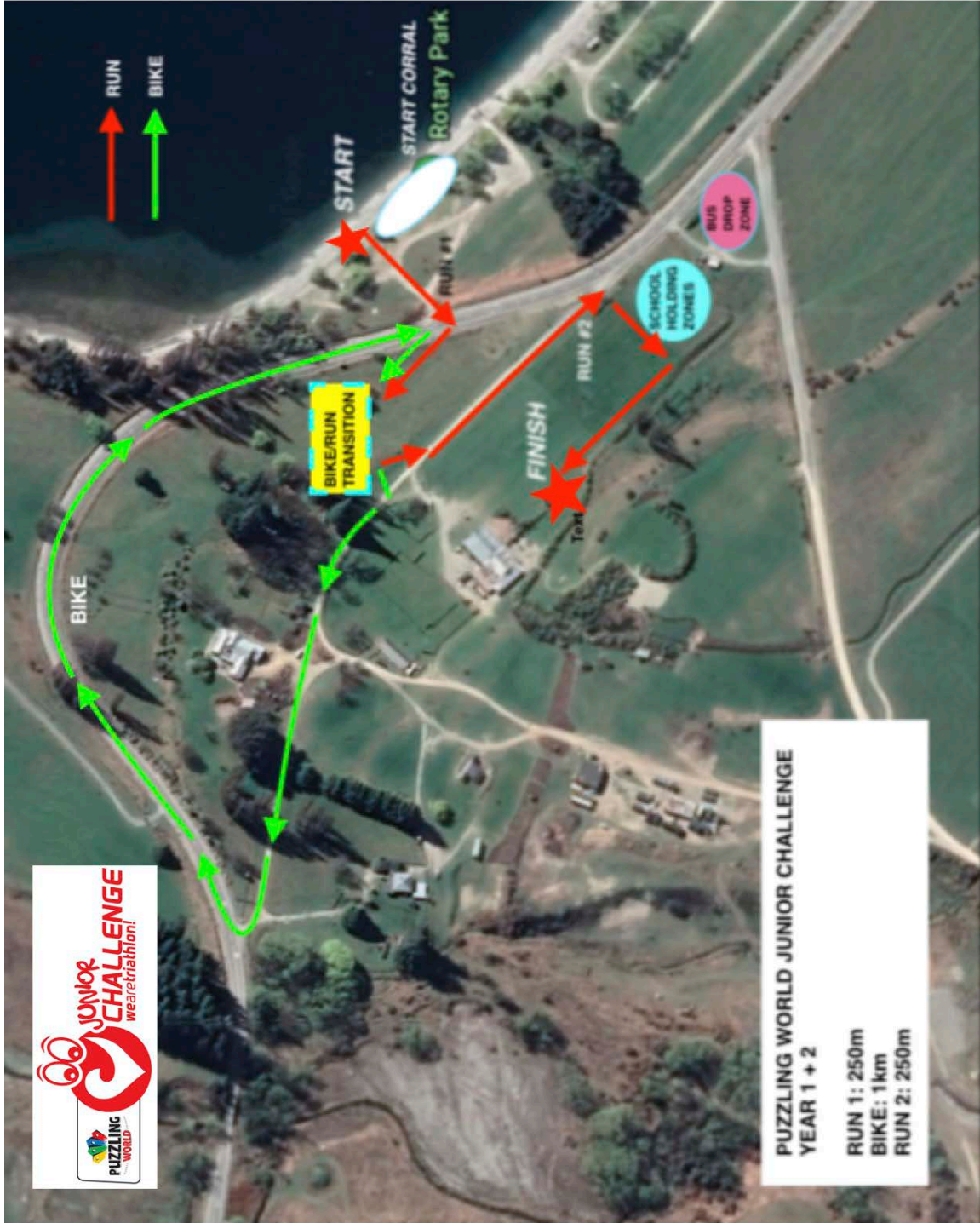
There will be a holding area that all children need to wait in after they cross the finish line. Non-local children can be picked up from this area.

COURSE MAPS – detailed below

Year 1+2

Year 3

Year 4-5-6









RACE RULES

1. EVENT OVERVIEW

- 1.1. The duathlon for Year 1-3 will consist race consists of a run/bike/run
- 1.2. The Triathlon for Year 4-6 will consist of a swim/bike/run
- 1.3. All children will commence the race in wave start format

2. RACE CATEGORIES

2.1. Individuals age group categories as of the 1st of February 2021

- 2.1.1. Year 1
- 2.1.2. Year 2
- 2.1.3. Year 3
- 2.1.4. Year 4
- 2.1.5. Year 5
- 2.1.6. Year 6

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entries officially open on the 1st of December 2020 and close at 6pm on the 12th February 202

4. CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 4.1. Individuals may cancel their entry at any stage prior to the event, however no refunds will be provided.
- 4.2. If the race is cancelled due to acts of god, natural disasters, terrorism or other reasons etc, the organisers will make every effort to refund as much of the entry fee as possible to all teams. However, all individuals should be aware that any refunds will be made after event costs have been taken into consideration. Given the high number of fixed costs associated with organising the race individuals should also be aware that any refund is likely to be minimal. The race will not be re-scheduled.

5. TRANSFER OF ENTRY

- 5.1. Individuals are not permitted to transfer their entry to another individual.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1. No responsibility is taken by Challenge Wanaka for any loss or damaged property of competitors, assistants, or friends during the Challenge Wanaka Junior Triathlon. By completion of the entry form the competitor accepts full responsibility for the risks entailed in competing in Challenge Wanaka Junior.
- 6.2. Competitors and their parents or guardians understand that competing in the Event involves using public areas and roads used by other people and traffic and they are aware of the hazards involved. The hazards include but are not limited to: vehicle



traffic, actions of competitors, spectators, Event personnel, weather conditions and their physical and mental state of health They have used their judgment have sufficient competence and experience to participate safely in the Event.

- 6.3. Competitors and their parents or guardians understand certify that they are physically fit, have sufficiently trained for participation in the Event and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person.
- 6.4. Competitors are required to follow the course set out for the Event, abide by the road and Event rules and follow the instructions given to them by Event officials, at all times. Failure to comply in any way with these matters may lead to me being removed from the Event and disqualified (at any time).
- 6.5. It is compulsory for all competitors to wear their Event number as directed by the Event officials.
- 6.6. Competitors and their parents or guardians acknowledge that the Event Organisers reserve the right to alter the advertised course or start time (at their absolute discretion).
- 6.7. Competitors and their parents or guardians consent to receive any medical treatment that may be deemed necessary in the event of injury, accident or illness during the Event, and allow that information to be passed on to the Event Organisers or third parties (as deemed necessary by the Event Organisers).

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1. The Challenge Wanaka Event manager reserves the right to disqualify or impose time penalties on any competitor for disregarding race rules
- 7.2. Rules are enforced for your safety and to create a fair event. We encourage all competitors to abide by these rules and the spirit in which they are written. Any individuals or teams found disregarding the specified rules or purposely changing the interpretation of rules for their benefit may be disqualified.

8. COMPLAINTS

- 8.1. Any competitor or assistant who wishes to make a complaint about another competitor must do so in writing with supporting evidence (photos/videos) to the Junior Challenge Wanaka event manager within an 1 hour of the completion of the event. The Junior Challenge Wanaka Event manager's decision regarding the complaint is final.

9. WITHDRAWALS

- 9.1. In the case of withdrawal of an individual the organisers must be notified by the quickest possible means.
- 9.2. Any individual that does not complete a leg of the race is automatically disqualified, but may continue to finish the race.

10. LITTER ON COURSE

- 10.1. TAKE OUT ALL YOUR RUBBISH! If your race number is identified littering you will be disqualified.



11. ROAD CLOSURES

- 11.1. There are road closures on the course and normal road rules apply throughout. You must give way to any medic or support vehicle on course.

12. MEDICAL

- 12.1. The event organisers decision to remove a person from the race due to medical or safety reasons is final
- 12.2. St John will be on course and if you come across or view an accident, please inform the closest marshal or the event manager, Sally Currie

13. OFFICIALS

- 13.1. Instruction by course officials to competitors must be followed. Failure to do so will see disqualification or time penalties.
- 13.2. Negative behaviour towards race officials, volunteers and public (this includes support crews) will not be tolerated, and could result in disqualification.

14. SWIM PROTOCOL

14.1. SWIMMERS

- 14.1.1. All swimmers must complete the entire swim leg.
- 14.1.2. All swimmers must feel confident in water where they cannot touch the ground.
- 14.1.3. If a swimmer feels they cannot make the distance after starting the swim section, they can opt to return to the beach and wait until the last swimmer has left the water and then run through to the bike transition area.

14.2. NON-SWIMMERS

- 14.2.1. All non-swimmers will be have their own wave start, which will commence immediately after the last swimmer in their wave has exited the water. Non swimmers will commence their run along the beach in parallel to the swim course.

15. BIKE PROTOCOL

- 15.1. Individuals must follow route markers and stick to the assigned/marked track.
- 15.2. Helmets for the bike leg are compulsory.
- 15.3. Protective clothing on the torso and legs is compulsory
- 15.4. Parents must ensure that bikes are in safe functioning state.
- 15.5. Remain in control at all times. Out of control riders are a hazard to themselves and others.

16. RUN PROTOCOL

- 16.1. Individuals must walk over the run bridge crossing on Ardmore st, in single file.
- 16.2. Protective clothing on the torso and legs is compulsory
- 16.3. Individuals must stick to the assigned/marked track.



16.4. Inappropriate behaviour such as pushing or shoving in the run leg will result in automatic disqualification

17. SUPPORT CREWS AND SPECTATORS

17.1. All transition areas will be manned by official races. No outside assistance from spectators/support persons are allowed in designated transition areas.

17.2. Spectators/support persons are allowed in designated spectator areas along the course.