



## Chief Steward

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### **ORANZ Chief Steward Report:**

#### **Event – WORC Round 1 North Island 7 March 2020**

Arrived onsite approx. 6.30am to welcomes and some general discussion with Paul Smith (event manager) COC Glenn Goosen and Maurice Bain (event organizer).

After brief discussion, myself and Glenn went on a track recce with Maurice to view the track pre race. The track was generally well laid out with only a couple of additional arrow and caution signages required. The track terrain was quite rough consisting of short judder bar type surface from drainage tailings which the track traversed. There was some great technical terrain along with narrow gateways to navigate. Definitely an “offroad” track.

When we returned it was quite apparent that the club had been let down by volunteers not turning up, which put the planned timetable behind by at least an hour. This was out of the organizing/managers control and others pitched in help cover the bases (myself and one of my sons included). There seemed to be a lot of new club members present who are not very good at pitching in when work needs to be done.

The event was exceptionally dusty and dangerous in/on the start finish straight area which was a gravel road with a mountain/large hill on one side and a fence on the other, with fairly deep water tables on each side. The wind direction caused the dust to linger for a long time after any vehicle passed by, causing white out conditions behind it.

It was decided to time the event to allow staggered starts for safety sake which proved to be the correct choice. This was made clear at drivers briefing and no one questioned the decision.

There were some minor incidents in both the main enduro and the kids enduro’s caused by over enthusiastic driving in the conditions, but generally everyone was well behaved and used good discretion with the dust by slowing down where needed.

A few minor infringement time penalties were allocated where drivers had brain fade by refueling while people still in vehicle and entering the pits through the wrong way etc.

There were a few grumbles amongst competitors as always and these were discussed and dealt with to everyone’s satisfaction.

All in all, a good event which was well managed by the club and well controlled by the COC in some very trying conditions.

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