# TUSSOCK TRAVERSE 2026 WAIVER & EVENT TERMS

By entering the **Tussock Traverse 2026**, I agree to the following:

## 1. Waiver of Liability

I understand that participating in this event involves risks. In consideration of my entry being accepted, I agree to release and hold harmless the event organisers, contractors, sponsors, volunteers, and all other associated parties from any claims for injury, loss, or damage (including death), regardless of how they occur, that may arise from my participation in the event.

I take full responsibility for my participation and accept that I do so at my own risk.

## 2. Compliance with Rules

I agree to follow all rules and requirements of the Tussock Traverse, including:

- Official course cut-off times
- Registration policies
- Compulsory gear requirements (available on the event website)

The Ohakune Events Charitable Trust reserves the right to remove any participant from the event, at any time before or during the race, for any reason—including failure to meet cut-off times or safety concerns.

### 3. Start Waves

I understand that wave start times will be assigned by the event team based on the information I provide. These allocations are final and cannot be changed unless the event organisers deem it necessary. The estimated time and wave request I provide in my entry registration is honest and realistic, reflecting my fitness and ability, to ensure a safe experience for myself and all participants.

## 4. Media Consent and Mailing List

I give permission for my name, voice, and image to be used by the event organisers, sponsors, and partners in media and promotional materials, without compensation.

I also consent to my email address being added to the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust's event mailing list.

## 5. Acknowledgement of Event Policies

I confirm that I have read and understood the following event policies and terms, available on the event website and below:

- Withdrawal, CHange of Distance, & Transfer Policy
- Force Majeure and Event Cancellation/Alteration Policy
- Information regarding registration, gear requirements, and cut-off times

## WITHDRAWAL, CHANGE OF DISTANCE, & TRANSFER POLICY

### WITHDRAWAL & TRANSFER POLICY

If you need to withdraw and do not have XCover Event Insurance, email **entries@tussocktraverse.co.nz** before the dates listed below. Requests will be reviewed by the Event Manager on a case by case basis. Please include supporting documentation such as medical certificates etc in your email. Transfers can be initiated through your Event Plus registration portal - transfer fees apply.

## Withdrawals before 11:59pm, Wednesday 11th February 2026

You may choose from:

- 25% refund of your entry fee (excluding card/processing fees)
- Credit to the value of your 2026 entry fee towards the 2027 event.
- Transfer your entry to another person (a \$50 transfer fee applies)

## Withdrawals between Thursday 12th February 2026 and 11:59pm, Wednesday 25th March 2026

- No refunds on entry fees
- No transfer to future events
- Entry can be transferred to another person (\$50 transfer fee applies)

## Withdrawals from Wednesday 25th March 2026

No refunds or transfers of entries

## **CHANGE OF DISTANCE POLICY**

If you wish to change distance (either shorter or longer) please email <a href="mailto:entries@tussocktraverse.co.nz">entries@tussocktraverse.co.nz</a>. To change to a longer distance the difference in cost will be charged at the historic entry fee rate for when you originally entered the 2026 Tussock Traverse. There are no refund in entry fees for changing to a shorter distance.

## FORCE MAJEURE AND EVENT CANCELLATION/ ALTERATION POLICY

I acknowledge that due to circumstances outside the organisers' control (Force Majeure), The Tussock Traverse may be cancelled or altered at any time without notice. This may include delaying, shortening, rerouting, or stopping parts of the event, or replacing it with a virtual format.

Force Majeure includes (but is not limited to):

Natural disasters, pandemics, extreme weather, government restrictions, police directives, or any other situation beyond the organiser's reasonable control.

#### In these cases:

- There will be no contingency day
- There are no refunds or transfers
- Any modifications do **not** qualify as a major failure under the NZ Consumer Guarantees Act

## If changes occur more than 72 hours before registration opens (registration opens the day before the event):

- A) The physical event might be modified.
- B) The physical event might be cancelled

### If the event is modified:

• The physical event may proceed with changes.

#### If the event is cancelled:

- 25% event credit or full transfer to the 2027 event (depending on timing and reason for cancellation)
- Priority entry into the 2027 event

## If changes occur less than 72 hours before registration opens:

- A) The physical event might be modified.
- B) The physical event might be replaced by a Virtual Format.

#### If the event is modified:

• The physical event may proceed with changes.

### If the event is replaced with a virtual format:

- No transfer to the 2027 event
- 10% event credit for 2027
- Priority entry into the 2027 event
- Finisher medal and spot prize (if applicable) sent by mail

## **CANCELLATION OF ADD-ONS**

- Donations: Non-refundable
- Credit card and processing fees: Non-refundable

## **ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE POLICY**

- No refunds for cancelled accommodation bookings
- You may transfer your accommodation booking to another date (if available) or to another person
- Email entries@tussocktraverse.co.nz to arrange

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