



ILLEGAL TRAIL BUILDING POLICY 2020

Background

The Nelson Mountain Bike Club (NMTBC) has developed strong relationships with landowners to secure access for mountain biking on their land. This requires on-going relationships and the establishment of trust with the landowners. NMTBC also works with stakeholders such as iwi, Department of Conservation, Forest & Bird, utility operators and forestry operators to secure applicable approvals and consents in line with regulatory requirements. Without this relationship building and planning, mountain biking would not be the same in Nelson.

Any trail that is built without formal permission from the landowner and/or is built without compliance with any statutory regulations, is considered to be an illegal trail.

NMTBC would like to remind members that the construction of illegal (pirate) trails may amount to trespass and destruction of property. Construction of illegal trails can also have irreversible effects on native flora and fauna and impact local biodiversity.

NMTBC does not condone the building of illegal trails by anyone, but notes that in particular, [NMTBC's Terms and Condition of membership](#) expressly forbids members to engage in illegal trail building.

NMTBC Disciplinary Process

If a NMTBC member is identified as constructing an illegal trail, the NMTBC Chair or Trails/Stakeholder Portfolio Manager will directly contact the member identified.

1. The member will be notified of NMTBC's Illegal Trail Building Policy and that they are in breach of the Terms and Conditions of Membership.
2. The member will be issued with a one formal warning to cease the building of the illegal trail immediately.
3. NMTBC will advise the landowner of the illegal trail activity and the landowner may take their own action against the member.
4. NMTBC will work with the member to get them involved in current or upcoming consented trail building or to assist with maintenance of existing trails.
5. If the member is identified as being involved in illegal trail activity for a second time, the NMTBC Executive will suspend the member's membership under clause 8(c)(ii) of the Club Rules (approved 2 July 2020), until the next General Meeting. Under the Club Rules, the member may be heard on the matter at the General Meeting, however the General Meeting may expel the Member by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
6. Pursuant to clause 9(b) of the Club Rules, the member may not be re-admitted by the Executive without the prior approval of a General Meeting.