

YETI TRANS NZ

Info Guide 2018 - Version 2



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GENERAL INFO

ACCOMMODATION

Feb 24th to Feb 26th: Mix between Flock Hill Lodge and houses at Castle Hill Village - Craigieburn
Feb 26th to Mar 2: Everyone at Pinewood Lodge, Queenstown



Nights 1 & 2 – Area Map



LOSS OF LUGGAGE

I don't really want to say it, but with 120 people arriving on Feb 24th and with a majority of this amount arriving by flights, there is a chance baggage/bikes won't make it. We always hope not but if you need to give an address to the airline for your missing bags to be delivered to, then we will be at the below address. (Advised to carry your helmet, bike shoes and bike pedal on the plane with you):

Feb 24th to Feb 26th (leaving that day by 12pm)
Flock Hill Lodge, State Highway 73, Canterbury 7875, NZ
Flock Hill Lodge Number: 03-318-8196
My cell number: 021-069-7707

Feb 26th to Mar 2:
Pinewood Lodge, 48 Hamilton Road, Queenstown, Otago, NZ

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

There will be laundry facilities at both Flock Hill Lodge and Pinewood Lodge if needed. But remember there are 120 of you, so don't guarantee you will see the washing machines free everyday!

PROTECTION – KNEE PADS? FULL FACE?

There are no requirements or rules that you have to wear a full face helmet, knee pads, or elbow pads. I highly recommend knee pads. You are going to be out there for 3-5hrs a day so taking a full face is a commitment but I know some of you may have had previous head injuries and this is priority for you, so all good – but an enduro/regular helmet will be just fine and if bringing a full face, I recommend either a bell helmet (removable chin piece), or bringing your half lid as well so you don't suffer on the climbs with just your FF.

WEATHER

Be prepared for anything. You are in the mountains of NZ that have a mind of their own. It could be 25-30 deg Celsius, sunny and super hot or it could be clouded in, windy, rainy, cold and down to below 10 deg's. It makes it super tough for packing, but I will update you all the week before on what the weather gods are looking to deal us for the week to give you a rough idea! Bring a rain jacket, some warm base layers and warm gloves just to be sure. Year 1 of Trans NZ was full on torrential down pour and day 4 was in the 30's Celsius, so come prepared!



FOOD STATION ON COURSE

There will be 1 food/water station each day on course at around the half way point. There will be the usual lineup of food: bananas, bars, snacks, muffins, electrolyte, water etc. If you have favorite race food and snacks and/or have allergies to certain foods, then bring your own favorite snacks along.

MEALS

All meals are included for those on the all-inclusive package. You will get dinner each night, breakfast each day that will include a few hot items like eggs and bacon along with full continental of cereal and toast selections. You will be provided with a sandwich for lunch each day and this is either when you come in to the finish line, or out on course, based on what the day looks like.



CUTOFF TIMES AND LIAISON STAGES

We will not be allocating any cutoff stages on the first day and you do not have any time restrictions for liaison sections between stages. I want to keep this fun and relaxing for you all. But if I find some people out there are having picnics and really taking their time, then I might have to enforce some course cut off times for the following days. If you need more time on course to get through it, then make sure you are one of the first to start on course each day.

BUYING FOOD – BRING SNACKS

Note that if you are getting picked up from the Airport on Feb 24th, you will be heading straight out to the mountains. There are **NO SHOPS** out there. If you need to buy snacks or any other supplies we can have the shuttle drivers stop at the small convenience store on the way out. We don't pass any major grocery stores, so options will be limited. Once you hit Queenstown at the end of day 2, we are staying about a 3min bike ride from a grocery store and anything else you can think of.

BIKE BOX TRANSFER TO QUEENSTOWN

We will be transporting ALL bike boxes to Queenstown so those that will be staying there after the race is over will get their bike boxes back then, those that are getting the shuttles back to Christchurch you can either pack your bikes up before you leave or leave it out and throw it on the bike trailer. **NOTE: if you get injured during the race and need to head home – your bike box/bag WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE to get until the end of day 5.** You will have to use a cardboard bike box to fly home and we will work out arrangements to get you your bike bag after the race is over. If you see the jigsaw in how they get loaded in the storage trucks you will see why ;) (image to the right is of us finding the needle in the haystack of someone's bike box on day 2 of Trans BC. 2hrs of unloading and re-loading to access a bike box for someone that went home on day 2. Yep avoiding doing this ever again!!!



CHARGING PHONES AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES

There will be power outlets in all the rooms for each night of the accommodation.

COFFEE

DAY 1 AND 2 - I have your real attention now right? So here is the deal. The first 2 mornings at Craigieburn, there will be regular drip coffee out at breakfast, But for those that need their espresso fix, the lodge also have an espresso machine – note it might get busy though and remember to bring cash to breakfast for this.

DAY 3 TO 5 – Espresso2go coffee van will be set up out front of the HUB where breakfast is each morning, so they will get your all wired up ready to get each day!



CELL COVERAGE AND WIFI ACCESS

There will be no cell/mobile phone coverage for the first 2 nights at Flock Hill. If you are staying at the house's at Castle Hill Village then you will get coverage there. There is wifi available at a cost at Flock Hill. You will have full coverage and wifi access at Pinewood Lodge from nights 2-5.

DAY 2'S MASSIVE DRIVE

Day 2 requires us to move from the beauty of Craigieburn to the spectacular Queenstown. This drive is stunning on a nice day, but please note it's a 6-7hr drive. It's huge. Something we have struggled with for the past 3 years on it being too much. But we just can't let go of having you ride in and experience both Craigieburn and Queenstown – it's a true treat and you will see why!

TRAVEL INSURANCE – TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

At this point you should all have your travel insurance and trip cancellation in place. We are now into the time frame of no refunds for cancellation and this is where your trip cancellation will come into play with your insurance provider if you get injured and can't come anymore. Make sure your policy covers mountain biking and trip cancellation.

ARRIVAL - PICK UP DETAILS

CHRISTCHURCH DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE PICKUP – FEB 24TH

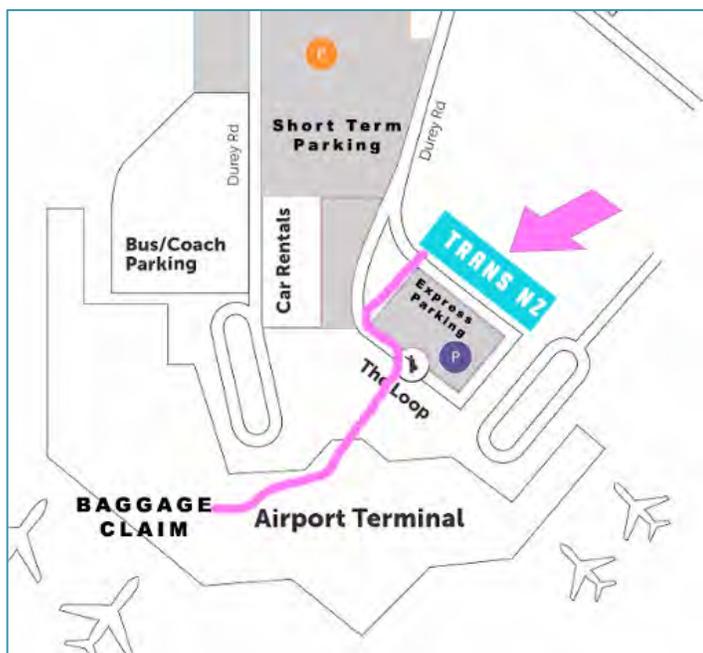
- For those of you landing before Feb 24th or that are already in Christchurch, then you will get picked up from out front of YMCA Downtown Christchurch, 12 Hereford St.
- Be there at 10.30am ready to load With a 11am departure time
- Have your bikes built and everything out of your bike bags/boxes as you won't see them again until day 5

AIRPORT SHUTTLE INFORMATION – FEB 24TH

Those arriving at the airport on Feb 24th:

- See the map below of our meeting point. Grab your bags from baggage claim, follow the signs to 'The Loop' / Express Parking curb pick up area, once at the curb pick up area, make your way over to the other side of the express parking and you will see us set up there with our vans and trucks – bring your bike boxes out there and build your bikes once you check in with us!
- You will be putting your bike together at the airport before loading in the shuttle vans. You bike boxes/bags will go in a separate storage truck, you will **not see those boxes/bags until the end of the race**. There are a few bike stands and tools to put your bikes together there. You will then get taken to Craigieburn (1hr 15min drive away).

Once taken out to your accommodation there are **no food supplies and no shops** and we are somewhat isolated! The shuttle van drivers can make a stop on the way out to grab lunch for that day or any smaller supplies you might want, but don't rely on it. We provide dinner that night and all meals from that point forward (breakfast, lunch, dinner and on course snacks). But please bring any of your favorite snacks and supplies and food to get you through until dinner.



FILL OUT YOUR ARRIVAL TIME
ASAP ON THE ONLINE
SPREADSHEET

SHIMANO



WHAT TOOLS WE HAVE AND WHAT TO BRING

We are real lucky to have Shimano NZ on board as our official tech support. They will have the Shimano Tech Vehicle and the full set up along with 2 x mechanics to help you guys out all week long. These guys will have all the tools needed and be there to do any minor tweaks needed at the end of each day. If you need any parts or major servicing then they can do this too but at a cost based on what is needed to be done. For those running Sram components out there, they will have a stock of supplies to help you guys out too – gotta love how the biking community looks after each other! They will also have extra tubes, tires, break pads etc if you are in need of any emergency purchases. But we recommend you bring an extra set of pads for your specific brand just in case. On day 1 and 2 we are remote and in the mountains, so the supplies they have is all we have access to. From the end of day 2 we are in Queenstown and you will have access to all sorts of supply's and bike shops if you need something more specific that the Shimano tech support team doesn't have.

Trans NZ will also have a tool box of supplies that is on hand everyday for you to use – this includes a Bontragger Tubeless sealing pump for those running tubeless.

PACKING LIST

PACKING LIST (JUST SOME IDEAS)

Now keeping in mind what tools and supplies we will have for you above, these are some things you should bring:

- Spare Hanger specific for your bike
- Allen Key Set for backpack
- Shock Pump (or share between friends coming – we will have one if you don't want to bring one)
- Spare tubes (you can buy extra's from mechanics if you go through them)
- Patch kit
- Sidewall patches
- Tire Levers
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow Case (only those on the dorm room all inclusive package need these – sheets/blankets are provided for those on the)
- Rain Jacket
- Warm base layer
- Earplugs for sleeping ;)very important!
- Power adaptor/converter if coming from overseas to charge your laptops/phones etc
- Headlamp
- Along with all the obvious stuff of bike, bike shoes, helmet, toothbrush etc ;)

DAILY SCHEDULE

****NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE WILL GET TWEAKED AND CHANGED BETWEEN NOW AND THE EVENT – SO JUST USE IT AS A GUIDE UNTIL YOU GET THE 'FINAL' VERSION!**

SATURDAY FEB 24TH:

Arrival Day.

- 6.00pm: Wave 1: Dinner at Flock Hill Lodge for those staying in the Back Packers building of Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.15pm: Wave 2: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for the rest of you staying at Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.30pm: Wave 3: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Houses
- 6.50pm: Wave 4: Everyone on the volunteer team
- 7.30pm: Mandatory Briefing at Flock Hill Lodge Restaurant (including those on the Dirtbag Package)

SUNDAY FEB 25TH: - (Craigieburn)

- 7.55am: Shuttles leave Castle Hill Houses to Flock Hill for Breakfast – be ready to ride (not to leave any earlier!!!)
- 7.20am: Wave 1: Breakfast for volunteers (40 people)
- 7.30am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those staying at Flock Hill Lodge in the Backpackers building (36 riders)
- 7.45am: Wave 2: Breakfast for everyone else staying at Flock Hill Lodge (40 riders)
- 8.10am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those coming from Castle Hill Village (45 riders)
- 8.10am: Course Marshal Shuttle leaves Flock Hill
- 9.00– 10.00am: Shuttles leaving to drop you off at start line (5 min drive)
** Those that need more time on course need to go in first shuttles few shuttles
- 9.05–3.00pm: Riders on course
- 1.30–3.00pm: Riders finishing at Castle Hill Village
- 1.30-3.00pm: **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at finish line (this might change to Flock Hill Lodge)
- 1.30–4.00pm: Shuttles running to take riders back to Flock Hill for those staying there
- 6.00pm: Shuttles leaving from Castle Hill Village to bring those staying their to dinner
Have your bikes with you to load in the trailer to take to Flock Hill for storage for the night
Put your bikes in the barn before heading to dinner (thanks ;)
- 6.00pm: Wave 1: Dinner at Flock Hill Lodge for those staying in the Back Packers building of Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.15pm: Wave 2: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for the rest of you staying at Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.30pm: Wave 3: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Houses
- 6.45pm: Wave 4: Everyone on the volunteer team
- 7.15pm: Race briefing for next day and some pictures/vid to show (self supported riders can be there)
- 7.30pm'ish: Marshal meeting for Day 2
- 7.30-8.00pm: Shuttles leave back to Castle Hill Village – do not miss your shuttle back!!

MONDAY FEB 26TH – (Craigieburn)

- 6.40am: Shuttles leave Alistair Lodge and Bach's to take riders to Flock Hill for Breakfast & Start
- 6.20am: Wave 1: Breakfast for volunteers (40 people)
- 6.30am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those staying at Flock Hill Lodge (for those that need more time on course)
- 6.45am: Wave 3: Breakfast for everyone else staying at Flock Hill Lodge (the medium and faster riders)
- 7.00am: Wave 4: Breakfast for those coming from Castle Hill Village (45 riders)
- 7.00am: Course Marshals leave to head out on course
- 8.00–8.45am: Shuttles leaving to drop you off at start line (5 min drive) – start at 7.45am if riders are ready
- 11.00–12.30pm: Riders finishing at Flock Hill
- 11.00-1.00pm: **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at finish line at Flock Hill
- 12.00–1.00pm: Shuttles leaving Flock Hill to head to Queenstown (6+hr drive)
- 6.30–8.00pm: Arrive Queenstown
- 7.45–8.45pm: Just head to dinner when you bus arrives and you check into your accommodation
** NOTE: there is no briefing tonight as its done at the top of the hill the next morning
- 9.00pm: Volunteer meetings

TUESDAY FEB 27TH – (Queenstown)

- 7.20am: Wave 1: Breakfast for volunteers (40 people)

- 7.30am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those in Unit E, F and L (36 riders) – **AND** those handful of riders that need more time on course
- 7.45am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those in Unit I, J, K, O, P
- 8.10am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those Unit B, M, N (45 riders)
- 8.45am: Volunteer Shuttles leave – 20min drive
- 8.40am: Start loading shuttles for Riders
- 8.45am: All the slowest riders to load in a van to leave 15mins early
- 9.00am: ALL Shuttles leaving Pinewood Lodge together
- 9.30am: Riders on course (everyone to reach the start of stage 1 for briefing before we start racing, 45min ride)
- 3.00– 5.30pm: Riders finishing
- 3.30– 5.30pm: Shuttles leaving back to Pinewood Lodge (20min drive)
- 4.00pm+ **SHIMANO** TECH tent set up at Pinewood Lodge
- 6.30am: Wave 1: Dinner for those with PINK bands
- 6.45am: Wave 2: Dinner for those with BLUE bands
- 7.10am: Wave 3: Dinner for those with GREEN bands
- 7.30pm: Briefing for next day and pictures/video to show
- 8.00pm'ish: Marshal meeting for Day 4

WEDNESDAY FEB 28TH – (Alexandra)

- 6.50am: Volunteers Breakfast (Orange Bands)
- 7.00am: Wave 1 (Green Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge **AND** those handful that need more time on course
- 7.20am: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.40am: Wave 3 (Pink Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 8.00am: Marshal Shuttle leaves for Alex
- 8.30am: Wave 1 Shuttles leave for Alexandra (1hr 20min drive)
- 8.50am: Wave 2 Shuttles leave for Alexandra (1hr 20min drive)
- 9.10am: Wave 3 Shuttles leave for Alexandra (1hr 20min drive)
- 10.15am: Riders on course
- 2.30pm–4.30: Riders finishing at Monteith's Brewery – you get a burger here and chill out for a while
- 4.00pm–5.30pm: Shuttles leaving back to Queenstown (1hr drive)
- 4.00pm+ **SHIMANO** TECH tent set up at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.00pm: Wave 1 (Pink Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.20pm: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.40pm: Wave 3 (Green Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 8.00pm: Briefing for next day and slideshow to show
- 8.15pm'ish: Marshal meeting for day 5

THURSDAY MARCH 1 – (Queenstown)

- 7.15am: Volunteers Breakfast
- 7.30am: Wave 1 (Green Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.50am: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 8.10am: Wave 3 (Pink Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 9.00–9.45am: Riders start leaving Pinewood
- 12.30–3.15pm: Riders finishing – celebrations and beer at Pinewood Lodge
- 1.00pm+ Collect bike boxes/bags and take to your room
- 6.00pm: Dinner and Celebrations start at Brazz Restaurant and Bar
- 7.30pm: Awards
- 8.00pm+: Party!

FRIDAY MARCH 2 – Departure Day

- On your own for breakfast
- 7.00–10.00am: Shuttles/transport leaving back to Christchurch if needed

COURSE DETAILS

To the good stuff! We are not releasing any of the specific course details until race day, that's what this is all about, keeping it exciting, riding blind and making sure the locals don't get an advantage of those traveling from afar! Here are just some stats, average's and a guide to keep you going and entertained!

NOTE: Course maps go up at dinner each night for the next days course. At the start of each stage on course, there will be a Stage Description that outlines how long the stage is, how much descending and climbing there is in the stage and any things that you might need to be aware of in the stage.

Day 1: Craigieburn

- Alpine Riding, Beautiful Scenery (if not clouded in!), mix of trail types from traversing exposed trail, to high speed flow, to roots, and loose dirt. This day has a little bit of everything and depending on the weather will depend on how it rides. A solid day of climbing today
- Approx 30km, Approx 1450m of climbing, Approx 4-6hr day

Day 2: Craigieburn

- We have a big drive this day so the riding will be a little bit of a shorter day, after the big day yesterday and what will be a big day tomorrow, you will appreciate a shorter day today!
- Approx 25km, Approx 800m of climbing, Approx 2.5 - 3.5hr day

Day 3: Queenstown

- This is pure alpine riding, with crazy scenery and a mix of open tussock flow trails with a bit of technicality to through in the there to keep you on your toes.
- Those with true distance stamina will shine on this day as there a few longer descents
- The last stage will be the steepest and toughest of the day, so save some energy
- Approx 33km, Approx 1300m Climbing and a whopping 3000m of Descending, Approx 5hr day

Day 4: Alexandra (on private land)

- This day is different to all the rest. You will be riding dry and rocky terrain today but stupidly fun trails!
- The locals have created an art with trail building and incorporating rock features and the use of terrain into all their trails
- This will be the day to back it off a little as these trails aren't ridden to the extend of others and you need to keep your eye closely on where the trail goes before you find yourself unsure of where you are!!
- Its also on its own climate gauge and the heat can really creep up and there are no trees or shade on course – so be warned and ready and hope for a cooler cloudy day.
- Approx 30km, Approx 1200m of Climbing and Descending, Approx 3.5 - 4.5hr day

Day 5: Queenstown

- It's the last day and I am sure you will all be feeling a little shattered, but hang in there as its going to be worth it
- That's all we are going to say about this day
- Approx 20km, Approx 1200m of Climbing and 1700m of Descending, Approx 2.5-4hrs day

AIRPORT PICKUP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 24TH - RIDER ARRIVALS

CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT PICKUP

NAME	FLIGHT # / TIME
Aaron Williams	13.55 NZ5785
Alex Gunn	13.35pm JQ171
Alice Hawkins	12:25 NZ5773
Amy McKenzie	08.35am NZ0519
Andrew Webb	14.40 VA 7548
Andy Hueni	Rental return
Anna Harnden-Taylor	14.35 NZ5359
Antti Kansala	13.50pm QF8763
Beau White	13.50pm QF8763
Ben Gyetvay	15.00 VA126
Ben Rohloff	13.35pm JQ171
Bethany Holman	Rental return
Brendan Anderson	14.40 VA 7548
Brent Rayner	11.25 NZ531
Chris Forster	15.00pm VA 126
Christian Wingate	12.25 NZ8765
Craig Davies	14.40pm NZ898
Dave Kennedy	13.30pm
David Leach	13.35pm JQ171
Davide Conti	14.35 NZ5359
Drew Alger	12:35pm NZ646
Gareth Alley	14.35 NZ5359
Gav McCarthy	14.35 NZ5359
Greg Gillespie	13.55pm NZ541
James Hall	13.50pm EK412
Jasmine Swanson	13:45 QF135
Jayson Connacher	13.50 EK412
John Jacob	12.35pm NZ5351
Julian Watson	13.50pm QF8763
Jun Sunseri	10.25am NZ527
Justine Powell	13.50pm QF8763
Karen Forster	15.00pm VA 126
Kel Graham	13.50pm QF8763
Kevin Corfa	07.00am CX0122
Leigh Wright	13.35 pm JQ171
Levi Brown	13.50 QF8766
Lisa Morisset	13.50pm QF8763
Ludovic Dufetel	10.40 SQ 297
Luke Sheehan	13.55PM NZ5785
Mal Bull	12:35PM NZ5351
Mark Jessup	14.40pm NZ898

NAME	FLIGHT # / TIME
Mat Wright	10.35AM NZ5343
Mathieu MOUI	13.50pm EK412
Matt Harrington	13.50pm QF8766
Matt Tebbs	12:35PM NZ5351
Michael Geale	15.00pm VA 126
Michael Ronning	16.30pm NZ0652 (domestic)
Paul van der Ploeg	16.30pm NZ0652 (domestic)
Peg Leyland	10.35am NZ5343
Peter Clayton	13.50pm EK412
Peter Wilson	13.20pm NZ884
Remi Ferrer	07.00am CX0123
Robyn Hawkins	13.20pm NZ884
sebastien breugnot	11.55 am NZ533
Stephen Cox	12:35PM NZ5351
steve enger	12:25pm NZ535
Stu Cali	15:00 VA126
Tim McCullough	15.00pm VA 126
Tom Anderson	14.40pm NZ898
Travis Holman	Rental return
Will Flack	13.20pm NZ884

Haven't heard from you so Allocated Airport Pickup

Damien Penard
 Danijel Duvnjak
 Jesse Cosway
 Louis-Philippe
 Ryan Luse
 Steve cardno
 stu huddleston

NAMES IN ORANGE:

haven't confirmed so allocated you to downtown pickup – let me know asap if you are flying in on the 24th but highlighted in orange

SELF ARRIVAL

NAME

Al Killick
Anthony Bown
April Bedford
Bill Martin
Brady Stone
Brian Alder
Bruce Chick
Cam McHardy
Charlie Murray
Derek Milne
Elizabeth Clement
Harriet Beaven
Holly Borowski
Jake Paddon
Jeremy Costeloe
John Garrett
Jonas Meier
Julian Lowndes
Kashi Leuchs
Luke Humphrey
Matthew Hughes
Mops Newell
Renee Wilson
Timo Laubscher
Tom Evatt
Tom Sampson

YMCA - 12 HEREFORD ST CHRISTHURCH

NAME

Andrew Goldsworthy
Andrew Smith
Antoine Gondouin
Benny Levy
Brett Hetherington
Byron Scott
Caitlin Dore
Daniel pearce
Emily Slaco
Gilles Cavey
Helge Suhr
Jacob Briggs
Jarrod Dunn
Jason Morgan
Jerome Clementz
Jonas Rosborg
Jonathan Chalmel
Jordan Blanquet
Leighton Roberts
Lester perry
Marc Perie
Michael Hayward
Mike Doria
Mitch Hill
Pauline (volley)
Pierre Daumas
Rob Steep
Romain Bayle
Rory Lynch
Scott Morris
Shay Bull
Tim Bugg
Toby Shingleton
Trent Blucher
Vincent Gondouin