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1 SCOPE

The following guidelines have been developed to assist competitors and event organisers in the delivery of the 2017 MTBA CX National Series & 2018 MTBA CX National Championships.

All guidelines must be followed when promoting any 2017 CX National Season Event.

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2 DESCRIPTION

Mountain Bike Australia are pleased to present the 2017 MTBA CX National Season. The season will be made up of the six National Series rounds and the 2017 MTBA CX National Championships.

2.1 MTBA 2017 CX NATIONAL SERIES

Round 1:	11 June 2017	Pioneer Park,	Bright, VIC
Round 2:	15 July 2017	Baden Powell Park,	Samford, QLD
Round 3:	16 July 2017	Baden Powell Park,	Samford, QLD
Round 4:	6 August 2017	Adelaide Parkland,	Adelaide, SA
Round 5:	26 August 2017	Fields of Joy,	Essendon, VIC
Round 6:	27 August 2017	Fields of Joy,	Essendon, VIC

The 2017 MTBA CX National Series is an event series owned and managed by Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA).

Round 5 and Round 6 have been listed as C2 UCI events.

2.2 2017 MTBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 August Adelaide Park Lands, Adelaide, SA Port Adelaide Cycling Club

The 2017 MTBA CX National Championships is an event managed by Mountain Bike Australia in partnership with Port Adelaide Cycling Club.

3 GENERAL

3.1 At all times while at any MTBA event, riders are required to wear a helmet meeting AS2063 or equivalent while they are on a bike. Helmets must have a manufacturer's mark stating its compliance with the Standard. Helmets may be inspected at any time by a commissaire.

The list of standards that MTBA will accept as an international equivalent to the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2063 are as follows:

1. NSI Z90.4;
2. Snell "B" or "N" series;
3. ASTM F1447.
4. Canadian CAN/CSAD113.2M;
5. U.S. CPSC standard for bicycle helmets;
6. European CEN standard for bicycle helmets (EN1078)

Other international standards may be added however if not explicitly listed above or in any supplementary regulations are not permitted for Spot checks for AS2063 standards compliance of helmets in CX events will occur. Riders found to be using a helmet which does not have an AS2063 compliance sticker attached will not be permitted to begin a race using that helmet.

- 3.2** In line with UCI regulation **1.3.018** concerning tyre size, riders in UCI scheduled categories are not be permitted to use tyres exceeding 33mm width. “Official” guages will be available at registrations. Tyres may be measured by commissaires on the start line, after the finish and in the pits during the event.

Non-UCI categories are expected to comply with UCI equipment requirements except tyres should at no time exceed 35mm width.

MTBA does not apply restrictions for equipment for support event categories.

Note: ME, WE, MU, WU and MJ are UCI scheduled categories at the National Championships. ME and WE are UCI C2 scheduled categories for Rounds 5 and 6 of the National Series.

4 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1** All entries to the events covered in this document will be through MTBA Online Services, links to which can be found from the following web pages:

MTBA CX National Series: www.mtba.asn.au/event/cxnationalseries
MTBA CX National Championships: www.mtba.asn.au/event/cxnational-champs
 Typically, online entries will close at midnight the Wednesday before the event.

- 4.2** Age category will be calculated to align with the UCI CX 2017/2018 season and as such ages will be calculated based on rider age on the **31st December 2018**.

2017 CX National Series Categories		Years
Elite (19 years and over)	ME; WE	1999 and above
Expert (19-29 years)	MX; WX	1989 to 1999
Masters 1 (30-34 years)	M1, W1	1984 to 1988
Masters 2 (35-39 years)	M2, W2	1979 to 1983
Masters 3 (40-44 years)	M3, W3	1974 to 1978
Masters 4 (45-49 years)	M4, W4	1969 to 1973
Masters 5 (50-54 years)	M5, W5	1964 to 1968
Masters 6 (55-59 years)	M6, W6	1959 to 1963
Masters 7 (60-64 years)	M7, W7	1954 to 1958
Masters 8 (65-69 years)	M8, W8	1949 to 1953
Junior (18 years and under)	MJ, WJ	2000, 2001
U17 (16 years and under)	M17, W17	2002, 2003
U15 (14 years and under)	M15, W15	2004, 2005
2017 CX National Championships additional Categories		Years
U23 (19 years – 22 years)	MU, WU	1999 to 1996

- 4.3** To register and participate in the 2017 CX National Series, riders must hold a valid MTBA Race Membership, MTBA Free Trial Membership, a Cycling Australia Race Licence, a UCI International Licence or purchase a Race Day Licence at the time of registering. MTBA members on a Recreation Membership can purchase a discounted Race Day Licence.
- 4.4** To be eligible for overall National Series prizes and awards, a rider must start in a minimum of four (4) rounds of the 2017 CX National Series. Overall series awards will be presented at the 2017 Achievement Awards function held in conjunction with the 2017 MTBA National Championships.
- 4.5** Riders will accrue points from their best four (4) results to contribute to overall series ranking. Where points are equal at the end of the series the rider with the best result in the most recent race will be considered the winner
- 4.6** To register and participate in the 2017 CX National Championships, riders must hold a valid MTBA Race Membership or Cycling Australia Race membership. MTBA members on a Recreation Membership may purchase a discounted Race Day Licence at the time of registering.

5 CATEGORY RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1** In line with UCI 5.1.001, any rider who has competed in an event on the International calendar within the last 12 months is not eligible to race in age group categories in the national season. This means that if you race Elite in any UCI-listed event after Mar 2016, you may not race in the age categories at the 2017/2018 Australian Championships.
- 5.2** It is expected that riders make their decision to race elite in their first race of the season. Riders may not change during the season from racing elite back to race Masters/Expert categories.

6 RACING

- 6.1** For the first race of the series, call-up order will be as follows:

1. Current National Champion
2. All riders based on UCI points (Elite Only)
3. All riders based on their numeric rank in the MTBA 2016 Cyclo-cross National Series. Elite rankings are not transferrable to Masters categories, and vice-versa.
4. Series registrants by time of entry
5. Individual round entrants by time of entry

In subsequent rounds, call-up order will be as follows:

1. Series Leader
2. Current National Champion
3. Riders with UCI points (Elite only - ordered from most UCI points down)
4. Current national Series standing
5. In order of entries online
6. In order of entries on the day

6.2 When there are multiple categories allocated the same start time in the schedule, riders shall be called up in their category in the order they are listed in the schedule. Where grouped categories have insufficient riders to fill a complete start grid they may be started together in a wave. The gaps between the start waves will be determined by the PCP.

6.3 RACE DURATION

Categories will race the following targeted race durations:

Categories	Target race time
Masters 5, 6 and 7+, Under 17, Under 15 Men and Women	30 minutes
Elite Women at National Series, Masters 1, 2, 3 and 4, Expert and Junior Men and Women, (Under 23 Women at National Championships)	45 minutes
Elite Women and Under 23 Men at National Championships	50 minutes
Elite Men	60 minutes

6.4 For races where multiple categories are racing at the same time, the numbers of laps to be ridden and hence the end of the race will be calculated by the first category regardless of the waves.

6.5 COURSE DESIGN

6.5.1 Course will be required to have pit area clearly marked with yellow flag at the entrance and exit. This course map must clearly indicate whether pit areas are a double or a single pit.

6.5.2 The entire race course will be clearly defined and marked by tape or other means as deemed appropriate by the Chief Commissaire in conjunction with the Technical Delegate. Event start/finish line should have sufficient crowd control barricades on either side of the course to ensure safety of spectators, riders and race personnel, with a minimum of 25m of crowd control barriers before and 25m after the finish line on each side of the course. An area at the finish must be taped off for officials and commissaries.

6.6 80% RULE

Application of the 80% will be per UCI regulation **5.1.052** which states (in full) the following: *The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel after discussion with the organiser. Any rider whose time being 80% slower of that of the race leader's first lap will be pulled out of the race. He shall leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for the purpose (the "80% zone") except when the rider is on his final lap. At UCI world championships and UCI world cup events the 80% rule must be applied.*

The decision of whether or not to apply the 80% rule must be announced to the riders before the start of the race.

6.6.1 The 80% rule may be used for races in the UCI registered categories at the discretion of the President of the Commissaires' Panel. Riders will be informed on the start line if the 80% rule will be applied.

- 6.6.2 The 80% rule will not be applied to Masters, Expert, Under 17 or Under 15 categories.
- 6.6.3 Where the 80% rule is not being applied, it is expected riders being lapped will not impede race leaders of their own or any other category.

7 PODIUMS

- 7.1 The time of any podium presentation will be published in the event schedule. In rare cases a change may be required and this change will be broadly communicated at the race start. All riders who place 1st to 5th in Elite, or 1st to 3rd in any other category are required to be present at presentations. Non-attendance will result in forfeiture of any prizes. Repeat offences will result in forfeiture of series points.
- 7.2 Podium place getters may wear a hat and have sunglasses or goggles placed above their head or around their neck, but must not cover their eyes while on the podium. Gloves are not to be worn and no bottles or other items are to be carried on the podium.
- 7.3 Information on prizes can be found in the 2017 Prizemoney & Awards Guide available from the MTBA website.
- 7.4 Results from races where categories are run concurrently will be separated by category for presentations and publication.
- 7.5 Results will be published on line at www.mtba.asn.au/results

8 JERSEYS

- 8.1 MTBA is proud to announce Seight Custom Sports Clothing as supporting partner for the 2017/2018 MTBA Cyclo-cross National Season. Seight will be providing National Championship and National Series winners jersey for all categories.
- 8.2 Seight Custom Sports Clothing will also be providing National Series Leaders skin suit for Elite and Junior Categories. They will provide riders with the opportunity to have their personal sponsor logos included on the skin suit, through submission of logos in EPS format within 48 hours following each weekend of competition.
- 8.3 Riders leading the national series in Elite and Junior categories are required to wear the series leaders skin suit where available.
- 8.4 Series leader's jerseys will be available for purchase at cost price for all categories (excluding Elite and Junior) via MTBA webstore up to 72hrs a weekends racing.

9 SERIES POINTS

The 2017 CX National Series will operate under the following scoring system. Points will be awarded to the all starters at each of the series.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	80	11th	20	21st	10	31st	4	41st	2
2nd	65	12th	19	22nd	9	32nd	4	42nd	2
3rd	55	13th	18	23rd	8	33rd	4	43rd	2
4th	48	14th	17	24th	7	34th	4	44th	2
5th	43	15th	16	25th	6	35th	4	45th	2
6th	38	16th	15	26th	5	36th	3	46th	1
7th	33	17th	14	27th	5	37th	3	47th	1
8th	29	18th	13	28th	5	38th	3	48th	1
9th	25	19th	12	29th	5	39th	3	49th	1
10th	22	20th	11	30th	5	40th	3	50th	1
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Series results will be published within 24hrs of the completion of an event weekend and be available online at www.mtba.asn.au/results

10 RACE SCHEDULE

The following is the proposed standard daily schedule to be used. Individual event organisers may change at their discretion with the prior agreement of MTBA.

Daily Schedule		
8:00 – 12:00	Registrations Open	
9:00 – 10:15	Course Open for Practice	
10:30 – 11:15	Masters 5-8, Under 17 Women, Under 15 Women (W5, W6, W7, W8, W17, W15)	Target race time: 30 minutes
11:15 – 12:00	Masters 5-8, Under 17 Men, Under 15 Men (M5, M6, M7, M8, M17, M15)	Target race time: 30 minutes
12:00 – 13:00	Masters 1-4, Junior, Expert Men (MJ, MX, M1, M2, M3, M4)	Target race time: 45 minutes
13:00 – 13:30	Presentations	
13:00 – 13:15	Course Open for Practice	
13:20 – 14:20	Elite, Expert, Junior, Masters 1-4 Women (WE, WX, WJ, W1, W2, W3, W4)	Target race time: 45 minutes
14:20 – 15:30	Elite Men (ME)	Target race time: 60 minutes
15:30 – 16:00	Presentations	

A copy of the final agreed schedule will be available at registrations: