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2019 Cyclo-Cross National Season Guidelines

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1 SCOPE

The following guidelines have been developed to assist competitors and event organisers in the delivery of the 2019 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Series & 2019/20 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Championships.

All guidelines must be followed when promoting any 2019 Cyclo-Cross National Season Event.

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2 DESCRIPTION

Mountain Bike Australia are pleased to present the 2019 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Season. The season will be made up of the Nine National Series rounds and the 2019/20 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Championships.

2.1 MTBA 2019 Cyclo-Cross NATIONAL SERIES

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|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Round 1: | 1 June 2019 | Adelaide Parklands, SA | Port Adelaide CC |
| Round 2: | 2 June 2019 | Adelaide Parklands, SA | Port Adelaide CC |
| Round 3: | 22 June 2019 | Ballarat, VIC | Ballarat Sebastopol CC |
| Round 4: | 23 June 2019 | Ballarat, VIC | Ballarat Sebastopol CC |
| Round 5: | 20 July 2019 | Samford, QLD | QLD CX |
| Round 6: | 21 July 2019 | Samford, QLD | QLD CX |
| Round 7: | 10 Aug 2019 | Sam Miranda, King Valley, VIC | Sam Miranda Cycling |
| Round 8: | 17 Aug 2018 | Broadford, VIC* | Sunbury CC |
| Round 9: | 18 Aug 2018 | Broadford, VIC* | Sunbury CC |

The 2019 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Series is an event series owned and managed by Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA).

*Round 8 and Round 9 will be the Melbourne GP of Cyclo-Cross and have been listed as C2 UCI events.

2.2 2019/20 MTBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10-11 August 2019 Sam Miranda Winery, King Valley, VIC Sam Miranda Cycling

The 2019/20 MTBA Cyclo-Cross National Championships is an event managed by Mountain Bike Australia in partnership with Sam Miranda.

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 Cyclo-Cross 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” gauges 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, WE are UCI C2 scheduled categories for Rounds 8 and 9 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 Cyclo-Cross National Series: www.mtba.org.au/CX2019

Typically, online entries will close at midnight the Wednesday before the event.

- 4.2** Age category will be calculated to align with the UCI Cyclo-Cross 2019/2020 season and as such ages will be calculated based on rider age on the **31st December 2020**.

| 2019 CX National Series Categories | | Years |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Elite (19 years and over) | ME; WE | 2001 and older |
| Expert (19-29 years) | MX; WX | 1991 to 2001 |
| Masters 1 (30-34 years) | M1, W1 | 1986 to 1990 |
| Masters 2 (35-39 years) | M2, W2 | 1981 to 1985 |
| Masters 3 (40-44 years) | M3, W3 | 1976 to 1980 |
| Masters 4 (45-49 years) | M4, W4 | 1971 to 1975 |
| Masters 5 (50-54 years) | M5, W5 | 1966 to 1970 |
| Masters 6 (55-59 years) | M6, W6 | 1961 to 1965 |
| Masters 7 (60-64 years) | M7, W7 | 1956 to 1960 |
| Masters 8 (65-69 years) | M8, W8 | 1951 to 1955 |
| Junior (18 years and under) | MJ, WJ | 2002, 2003 |
| U17 (16 years and under) | M17, W17 | 2004, 2005 |
| U15 (14 years and under) | M15, W15 | 2006, 2007 |
| U13 (12-11 year) | M13, W13 | 2008, 2009 |
| 2019/20 CX National Championships additional Categories | | Years |
| U23 (19 years – 22 years) | MU, WU | 2001 to 1998 |

- 4.3** To register and participate in the 2019 Cyclo-Cross National Series, riders must hold a valid and current 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 six (6) rounds of the 2019 Cyclo-Cross National Series. Overall series awards will be presented at round 9 of the National Series at Essendon Fields, Victoria.
- 4.5** Riders will accrue points from their best eight (8) 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 2019/20 Cyclo-Cross 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.
- 4.7** In line with MTBA Technical Regulation 3.2.7. *Only Australian Citizens and/or non-Australian Citizens under the age of 18 who have resided in Australia since 1 January of the year of competition are permitted to compete in the Australian Championships, receive awards and any applicable UCI points. Any rider claiming a podium position without satisfying these criteria will be automatically disqualified.*

5 CATEGORY RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1** In line with UCI 5.1.001, any rider classified in the UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking released at the end of January 2019 is not eligible to race in age group categories in the national season. This means that a rider who earned UCI points after January 2018, may not race in the age categories at the 2019/2020 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 2018 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 |
|--|------------------|
| Under 13 Men and Women | 20 minutes |
| Under 17, Under 15 Men and Women | 30 minutes |
| Elite Women at National Series, Masters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7+ 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. Where there are differing durations for categories Some categories may start after other categories have completed a full lap.

6.5 COURSE DESIGN

6.5.1 In accordance with UCI regulation 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. The width of track at the pit will be a minimum of 6 meters and divided with barriers or tape.

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 never 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 the 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 2019 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.org.au/results

8 SERIES POINTS

The 2019 Cyclo-Cross 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 |
| | | | | | | | | 51 st ~ | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | DNF | 1 |

Series results will be published within 48hrs of the completion of an event weekend and be available online at www.mtba.org.au/results

9 EXAMPLE 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 and the Commissaires.

| Daily Schedule | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 8:00 – 12:00 | Registrations Open | |
| 8:00 – 9:30 | Course Open for Practice | |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | Under 17 Men, Under 15 Men, Under 17 Women, Under 15 Women, Under 13 Men & Women (M17, M15, W17, W15, M13 & W13) | Target race time: 20-30 minutes |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | Masters 4-8, Expert Men (MX, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8) | Target race time: 45 minutes |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Presentations | |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Junior Men and Masters 1-3 Men (MJ, M1, M2, M3) | Target race time: 45 minutes |
| 13:15 – 13:45 | Course Open for Practice | |
| 14:00 – 15:15 | Elite, Expert, Junior, Masters 1-8 Women (WE, WX, WJ, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W7, W8) | Target race time: 45 minutes |
| 15:15 – 16:30 | Elite Men (ME) | Target race time: 60 minutes |
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Presentations | |

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