

## 2024 AusCycling Cyclo-cross State Series | Victoria

### **SERIES GUIDE**

#### 1 Introduction

The <u>2024 AusCycling Cyclo-cross Series – Victoria</u> is a competition which includes State level Cyclo-cross events which occur throughout the year. The Series is designed to encourage participation and recognise individual rider achievement.

#### 2 Series Rounds

Round 1 | 6 July | Shepparton – Fruits of the Valley CX

Round 2 | 27 July | Shepparton – Fruits of the Valley CX

Round 3 | 4 August | Dirty Deeds CX (Brunswick)

#### 3 Series Qualification

To be eligible to participate in series categories, riders must:

- hold either a RACE ALL DISCIPLINE or OFF ROAD membership and
- be born in 2008 or before (except Young Guns Elite) and
- race on a CX bike (42mm max. width tyre).

All Series events will offer racing for trial and one-day membership holders (Open and Young Guns categories) and younger riders.

#### 4 Series Points

The points for the Series will be awarded based on the finishing place on each stage in accordance with the following table:

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	1
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	50 <sup>th</sup> +	1

#### 4.1 SERIES POINTS CALCULATION

Series points will be calculated by adding the total points for individual races per rider.

#### 4.2 RIDING UP

Riding up is not permitted in these series events for all Junior age categories.

#### 4.3 COMBINED CATEGORIES

In the scenario where categories have been combined at an event (for whatever reason), points will be awarded separately.

#### 4.4 TIE-BREAK

Should any riders finish on the same number of points at the end of the series, the tie will be broken by way of countback as follows:

- The number of 1st places achieved
- The number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places achieved
- The number of 3rd places achieved
- The number of races started

Should the tie remain after the countback, the riders will receive the same placing in the Series.

#### 5 Race Categories

The Series categories are open to riders of the categories J17\*, J19, U23, Elite and Masters (age based on a riders age as at the 31 December 2023). The Series will recognise categories on UCI age categories as outlined in the table below.

\*J17 riders (born in 2008 + 2009) with CX bikes may enter the Young Guns or Young Guns Elite category. Riders without a CX bike may enter the Open category or Young Guns category.

2024 State Cyclo-cross Series Categories (age based on 31 December 2025)								
Category	Code	Years	<b>Target Race Duration</b>	Bike Requirement				
Men A	MA	2008 or earlier	60min	CX				
Women A	WA	2008 or earlier	50min	CX				
Men B	MB	2008 or earlier	50min	CX				
Women B	WB	2008 or earlier	40min	CX				
Men C	MC	2008 or earlier	40min	CX				
Women C	WC	2008 or earlier	30min	CX				
2024 Non-Series Categories								
Open Men	MOPEN	2008 or earlier	35min	Any				
Open Women	WOPEN	2008 or earlier	25min	Any				
Young Guns/Young Guns Elite	YG/YGE	2009 to 2012	25min	Any				

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#### 6 GRADING

2024 grading will be based on 2023 VICXS results as well as results and grading from other disciplines. Grades will be checked upon entry by the VICXS handicappers.

- a) Riders may be upgraded automatically (except junior riders) or be eligible to upgrade if their lap times would place them in the top half of a higher category if racing in the same or similar conditions (min.10 riders required in higher grade). The final decision will be made at the discretion of the handicapper.
- b) Riders may request a downgrade if their lap times (mechanical mishaps excluded) would regularly place them in the bottom half of a lower grade (minimum 10 riders required).
- c) A rider that is upgraded (downgraded) during the season will retain half of the Series points to the next ability category.

#### 7 CALL UP

Call-ups for Round 1 will be based on:

- Top 20\* in the final 2023 Victorian CX Series Standings
- Upgraded riders will be called up after the top 15
- Time of entry

Subsequent round call-ups will be done based on:

- Current Top 15\* on series points
- Groupings of up to ten (10) series points
- Time of entry

\*The 20 highest VICXS ranked riders will be called up. (e.g. someone ranked outside of the top 20 in the series may be called up if riders ranked in the top 20 do not enter).

All riders will be numbered in call-up order (late entries will be called up last). The top 20 riders will be individual call-ups. Afterward riders will be called up in groups by series points followed by the time of entry.

Call-ups will not be changed between rounds on a doubleheader weekend.

Please Note: Elite riders in Women's and Men's A grade who haven't raced in previous rounds may be seeded and called up at the discretion of AusCycling independently from series points for safety reasons.

Riders need to be ready for call-ups at least 10min before their start time. Riders who turn up late will lose their call-up position.

#### 8 SERIES AWARDS

Final places in the Victorian Cyclo-cross Series will be awarded as follows:

Prize	Placing
Medals	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place

#### 9 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Awards will be presented at the final round of the series.

#### **10 EVENT AWARDS**

Specific event awards will be provided by and set by the event host.

#### 11 OTHER INFORMATION

- All events will be conducted in accordance with the <u>AusCycling Technical Regulations</u> (<u>General</u> and <u>Cyclo-cross</u>)
- This Series is only open to members of AusCycling who hold a Race All-Discipline or Off-Road membership and meet Event Category eligibility. Non-series categories can be entered by temporary members.
- 42mm max width. for series categories
- For series categories all bikes must have drop bars (max. 50cm width) and working brakes.
- Riders in Open categories may ride any bike.
- The 80% rule will not be applied at any of the listed events.