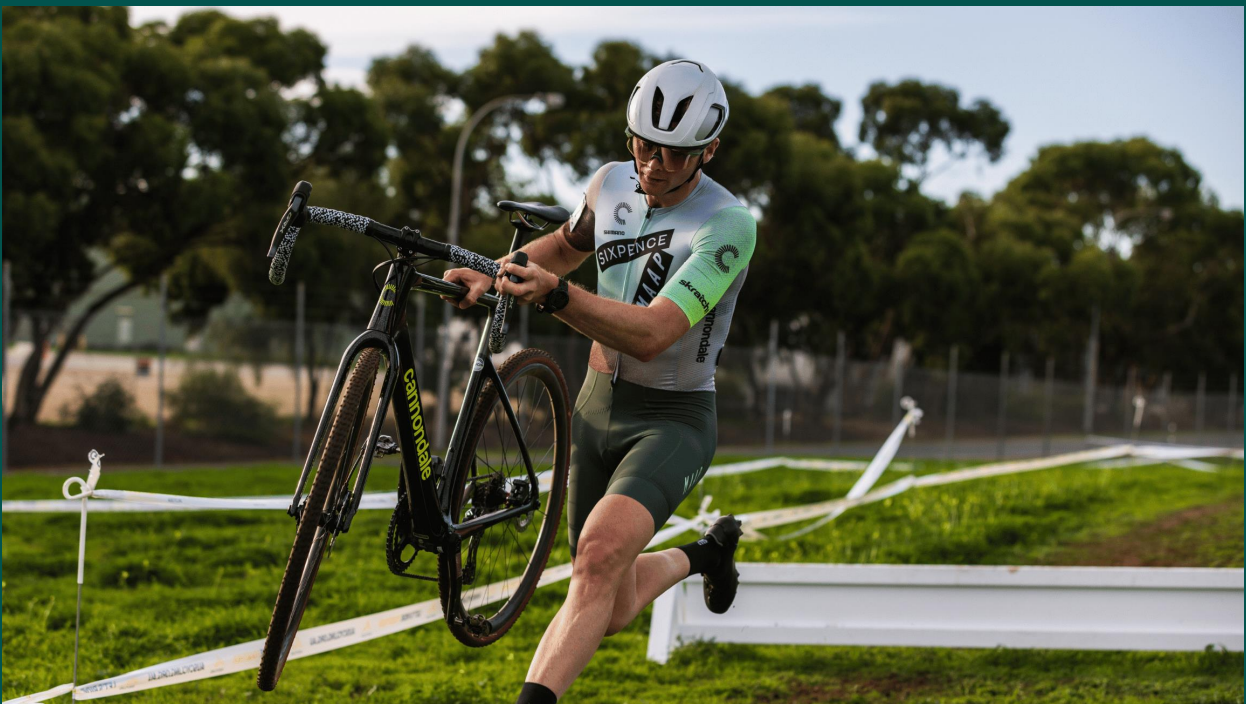




National Series
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2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross (CX) National Series



Series Guide

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1 Introduction

The 2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross (CX) National Series is Australia’s premier CX competition, designed to elevate the profile of the sport while providing riders with high-quality racing opportunities. The Series aims to foster participation, celebrate individual achievement, and support the continued growth and visibility of cyclo-cross across the country.

By delivering a structured national competition, the Series not only helps riders develop their skills and race experience but also plays a key role in promoting CX to a wider audience. It provides a platform for clubs, event hosts, and the broader community to showcase the unique excitement of cyclo-cross, attracting new participants and strengthening the sport’s presence in Australia.

The 2025 Series will feature seven (7) rounds across key locations nationwide, culminating in the prestigious CX National Championships weekend, where the final round of the National Series is offered as part of CX Ballarat.

This guide should be read in conjunction with the AusCycling Technical Regulations ([General](#) and [Cyclo-Cross Specific](#)) and the Technical Guide for each event. If you have any questions, our team and our passionate round hosts, are here to help.

2 Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross National Series!

We’re excited to have you join us for what promises to be another thrilling season of fast, technical, and dynamic racing. The CX National Series is more than just a competition—it’s a celebration of the unique energy, skill, and community that make cyclo-cross one of the most exciting disciplines in cycling.

A huge thank you goes out to our event hosts, whose dedication and hard work bring these races to life. Many of these events are run by volunteers who pour their time and effort into creating the best possible experience for riders and spectators alike. Without them, this series wouldn’t be possible, and we encourage all riders to show their appreciation—whether it’s a thank you, a kind word, or even shouting them a coffee. Thanks to the land and asset managers who support the hosting of the events at their venues.

AusCycling acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we race throughout the series. We recognise the Kurna People in Adelaide, the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation in Sydney, and the Wadawurrung People in both Geelong and Ballarat.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge the deep connection First Nations people have to the land, waters, and skies, and we recognise the rich traditions of movement, endurance, and storytelling that continue to thrive today.

As we race across these landscapes, we do so with gratitude and recognition of the histories and cultures that have shaped them for tens of thousands of years. We also acknowledge the immense

contributions that First Nations people make to Australian sport and society, enriching our communities with their knowledge, leadership, and passion.

The CX National Series plays a vital role in the development of riders, offering a challenging race environment that prepares athletes for both national and international competition. Our goal is to grow participation while maintaining the technical, fast-paced racing that defines cyclo-cross at the highest level. Whether you're a seasoned CX racer or new to the sport, this series is designed to push your limits, sharpen your skills, and immerse you in the excitement of CX racing.

As we look to the future, we're committed to continually improving the series through rider and community feedback. Throughout the season, we'll be gathering insights via surveys and engagement activities to ensure the series remains sustainable, competitive, and accessible. Your input is invaluable in shaping the direction of CX in Australia, so we encourage you to share your thoughts and help us refine the series for years to come.

We also thank the land and asset managers who have provided permission for these venues to be included as part of the series and congratulations to the hosts who have forged meaningful relationships with these venues in order to make these events possible.

Thank you for being part of the 2025 CX National Series. Let's make this season one to remember!

Steve Peterson
Head of Events - MTB|CX

3 Series Rounds

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION	HOST	ENTRIES	CONTACT
Round 1 2	31 May & 1 June	Belmont, Geelong, VIC	AusCycling	1 April	Contact
Round 3 4	21 & 22 June	Heffron Park, Sydney, NSW	Randwick CC	TBC	Contact
Round 5 6	26 & 27 July	Ellis Park, Adelaide, SA	Port Adelaide Cycling Club	TBC	Contact
Round 7*	17 August	Victoria Park, Ballarat, VIC	Locale Events	TBC	Contact

* Round 7 is offered as part of the National CX Championships weekend

4 National Series Web Page

An exciting addition to the 2025 Cyclo-Cross National Series is the dedicated event hub, your go-to destination for all things CX. This website—[AusCycling CX National Series Hub](#)—provides everything you need to stay up to date with the series, including event schedules, results, rider information, news, and key updates throughout the season.

Whether you're a competitor, supporter, or just discovering the sport, the hub makes it easy to access important details and follow the action as it unfolds. Be sure to bookmark the page and check back regularly for the latest announcements, race previews, and insights from across the series!

5 Series Equipment Requirements

Where not expressly mentioned below, all equipment requirements will revert to AusCycling Regulations, and then to the UCI Equipment Regulations where applicable.

Developed in consultation with round hosts and key CX personnel, the approach with regard to equipment restrictions is to ensure that, outside of the UCI categories (Elite/U23 and J19) that priority is given to accessibility, removing barriers and to allow for the growth of participation.

Bike Requirements (Masters, Expert, U13, U15 & U17)

- Two wheels of the same diameter
- Two brakes
- No additional supports or extensions mounted to the handlebar, stem, fork or frame
- 42mm maximum tyre width
 - Maximum width by a printed or molded size on the tyre's sidewall – where there is no printed or molded size or the tyre has been modified this will revert to an actual 42mm width measured from outside to outside
- Drop handlebars mandatory, no maximum width
- Human-powered bicycles only, no power assist
- No metal studs in tyres
- Double triangle frame shape
- Rear wheel must be free to roll forward independently of the drivetrain (no fixed gear bikes)
- Must have a saddle attached securely to the bicycle

Bike Requirements (Elite/U23 and J19)

- 2 wheels of the same diameter between 550 and 700 mm
- Two brakes
- No additional supports or extensions mounted to the handlebar, stem, fork or frame
- Shifting mechanisms/brake levers must not be customised to create an additional support for hand, wrist or forearm
- 33mm maximum tyre width
- Maximum width measured outside to outside of tyre horizontally, tyre must be inflated and in a condition ready to race when measured
- Drop (traditional) handlebars only
- Handlebar maximum width 50cm from widest point to widest point
- Human-powered bicycles only, no power assist
- Power must be transferred from the crankset to the rear wheel by a chain only
- No metal studs in tyres
- Double triangle frame shape
- Rear wheel must be free to roll forward independently of the drivetrain (no fixed gear bikes)
- Must have a saddle attached securely to the bicycle

6 Schedule of Events

Official Race Schedule

The Race Director of each event will develop the official race schedule for each round of the series, in consultation with AusCycling and the appointed PCP. As a sample race schedule only and to be referred to as a guide, please see below. Please refer to the Aus Cycling website & tech guide for each event.

8:00 – 13:30	Registration Open	
8:30 – 9:30	Course Open for Practice	60 minutes
09:30 – 10:05	Under 17 Men & Under 17 Women Under 15 Men & Under 15 Women Under 13 Men & Under 13 Women	30 minutes 25 minutes 20 minutes
10:15 – 11:00	Masters 5-8+ Men	40 minutes
11:15 – 12:00	Masters 1 – 8+ Women, Women Open (or expert)	40 minutes
12:00 – 12:15	Little Crossers (U9's,U11's)	15 minutes
12:15 – 13:00	Morning Presentations Course Open for Practice	30 minutes
13:00 – 13:50	Junior (U19) Men Masters 1-4 Men Open Men (or expert)	45 minutes
14:00 – 14:50	Elite/U23 Women Junior (U19) Women	45 minutes
15:00 – 16:00	Elite/U23 Men	60 minutes
16:00 – 16:30	Afternoon Presentations	

7 Membership Requirements

Either a Race All -Discipline or Off-Road Membership is required.

8 Series Points

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

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	80	9th	25	17th	14
2nd	65	10th	22	18th	13
3rd	55	11th	20	19th	12
4th	48	12th	19	20th	11
5th	43	13th	18	21st	10
6th	38	14th	17	22nd	9
7th	33	15th	16	23rd	8
8th	29	16th	15	24th	7

Finishing 25th or below earns 2 points and DNF earns 1 point.

Please note that for round 7 (only) Elite and U23 races will be run separately (as they are UCI classified C2 races) and full points are on offer for each, towards the overall 'Elite/U23' series points. For example, the winner of Elite is awarded 80 points and the winner of U23 is awarded 80 points.

8.1 Tie Break

Should any riders within the top 3 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 2nd 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.

Any riders outside the Top 3 who are tied will receive the same place.

9 Race Categories

Series categories will include J15, J17, J19, Elite (incl U23) and Masters (age based on a rider's age as at the 31 December 2026). Additional participation categories may also be included for J9 & J11 however this may vary between events.

To align with the UCI's approach to age classification, the 2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross National Series will follow 2026 age categories. Riders will compete in the category that corresponds to their age as of **31 December 2026**.

Category	Code	Years of Birth
Elite/U23 (19 years and over)	ME, WE	2007 and older
Expert (19-29 Years)	MO / WO	2006 to 1997
Masters 1 (30-34 years)	M1, W1	1996 to 1992
Masters 2 (35-39 years)	M2, W2	1991 to 1987
Masters 3 (40-44 years)	M3, W3	1986 to 1982
Masters 4 (45-49 years)	M4, W4	1981 to 1977
Masters 5 (50-54 years)	M5, W5	1976 to 1972
Masters 6 (55-59 years)	M6, W6	1971 to 1967
Masters 7 (60-64 years)	M7, W7	1966 to 1962
Masters 8+ (65+ years)	M8+, W8+	1961 and older
Junior (18 years and under)	MJ, WJ	2008, 2009
U17 (16 years and under)	M17, W17	2010, 2011
U15 (14 years and under)	M15, W15	2012, 2013

All participants must race in their designated category based on their age at **31 December 2026**.

Please note that **U23 riders will compete within the Elite category** and will not have a separate classification in the series.

Masters races will be combined for the purposes of racing and scheduling, but individual masters categories will be acknowledged on podiums and awarded prizes/medals.

Participants may qualify for both an Elite ranking and Age-Group ranking for the Series based on the category they compete in each round.

Masters riders may elect to race in the Elite category for any event however they will only earn Series points in the Elite category from those events where the individual raced in the Elite category. Points accumulated from Masters categories do not count towards Elite Series points.

Categories may be combined on course for races but will be called up and started as separate waves, in accordance with the AusCycling CX Technical Regulations.

Note 'Expert' is aimed at those in the 19-29 age group not wanting to race elite. Open can be offered separately by hosts and is a category open to all ages without equipment restrictions, but is not acknowledged as a series category.

9.1 Riding Up

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

10 Starting Order

Starting order for Round 1 in all National Series Race Categories will be based on:

- Current National Cyclo-cross Champion *then*
- 2024 National Cyclo-cross Series Final Standings *then*
- Order of entry or by the event host's discretion

Subsequent round call-ups will be done based on:

- 2025 National Cyclo-cross Series Standings *then*
- Order of entry or by the event host's discretion

Call-up order will not be updated between Rounds of the Series which occur on consecutive days.

Riders must be present at the Start no less than 10 minutes before their advertised start time. Riders who are not present at the time they are called to their start position will forfeit their call-up position and start from the back of the group.

11 Prizes and Awards

Each event host will determine and provide any awards or prizes for their respective round.

At the conclusion of Round 7 in Ballarat, AusCycling will award prizes to the top three riders in each category based on the overall series standings.

12 Results

All event results will be posted to the [CX National Series page](#) and [AusCycling Results Website](#)

13 Anti-Doping Testing

12.1 Therapeutic Use Exemption

All competitors may be subject to anti-doping testing under AusCycling and Sport Integrity Australia regulations.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) A TUE is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance). TUE approval may protect athletes from receiving a sanction if a prohibited substance is found in their sample.

To find out if you need to complete a TUE in-advance, you can use the [SIA TUE in-advance requirements checker](#)

TUE in-advance are typically required for athletes who are;

- A member of the Registered Testing Pool, National Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool
- A member of a national open team/squad including athletes with a disability planning to compete at the Elite National Championships.

If you are currently taking any medication, please check whether this substance is banned in or out of competition via www.globaldro.com/AU/search Further information on the TUE process can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) website <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/therapeutic-use-exemption> or by calling 1300 027 23.

12.2 Sport Integrity Australia App

Any athlete and official can download the SIA app.

The SIA App has been designed with athletes in mind. The App gives a complete list of all supplements sold in Australia that have been screened for prohibited substances by an independent laboratory. The testing and certification of sports supplements cannot provide athletes a 100% safety guarantee but does significantly lower the risk of a positive test. For non-tested supplements the App gives athletes access to a quiz to assess the risk posed by highlighting key risk factors. The App can also be used to report doping, check if a medication is banned in sport, give SIA feedback on testing missions, and complete online education modules.

14 Concussion Policy

The AusCycling Concussion Policy will be in effect at all National Series Rounds. The AusCycling Concussion Policy can be found [here](#).

15 Cameras

Cameras are permitted to be used in accordance with Section 1.03.06 of the AusCycling Technical Regulations - General and riders should familiarise themselves with their obligations should they wish to use one.

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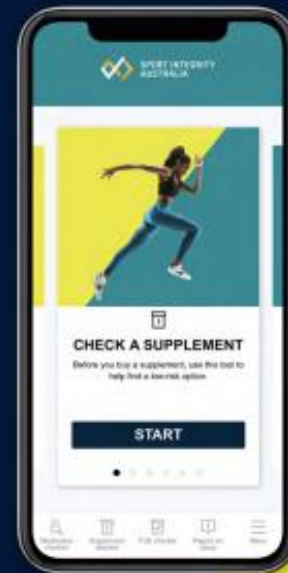
SPORT INTEGRITY APP

- Check medications on Global DRO
- Find low risk supplements
- Check if you need a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)
- Report an issue
- Give feedback or ask a question

The app also has information on all sport integrity issues, anti-doping rules, testing programs, the health effects of doping, supplement and nutrition advice, overseas travel considerations and more. Just click on the menu icon.



Download the app from the Apple Store and Google Play store here.



ONLINE EDUCATION

- Sport Integrity Australia's eLearning website: elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au
- Visit the site for courses on integrity topics including: Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction, introduction courses to anti-doping, match-fixing and illicit drugs, along with specific courses for parents and coaches.



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Medications may have banned substances in them. Check all medications on the Sport Integrity app.



All athletes are responsible for what substances they put into their own bodies - they can't blame anyone else, however if a coach has supplied the substance, penalties also apply to the coach.



Supplements are a huge risks. Research shows 1 in 5 contain a banned substance not listed on the label. Find low risk supplements on the Sport Integrity app. If it's not listed, don't risk it.



As a member of your sport, you are bound by an Anti-Doping Policy and potentially subject to investigation.



There are rules that you and your athletes must follow under your sport's Anti-Doping Policy. Details are in the Sport Integrity app menu under 'Know the rules'.



Anti-doping education should not be a 'tick the box' exercise - it should be an ongoing conversation with your athletes.



If you are involved in a team sport, and an athlete tests positive to a banned substance, the team could lose competition points and championship placings.



Breaking the rules could result in a ban of up to four years from ALL sport - no training, no playing, no coaching.



Learn more about the sample collection process via our Virtual Reality anti-doping test experience. Found in the menu of the Sport Integrity app under 'Tools'.

