

2025 SCHOOLS MTB SERIES – VIC

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1. OVERVIEW

This is Mountain bike Cross Country (XC) racing, just like you can see on TV, and at the Olympics, but in a more relaxed environment.

You race for points in a series for yourself, as well as your school. Racing is based on Age groups, you can be the only one from your school racing, or you can get some other kids from your school to join you. It's all about having fun, riding your bike, and keeping active.

2. ROUNDS

- Round 1 – May 18th 2025, Dromana Secondary College (Red Hill Riders Mountain Bike Club)
- Round 2 – June 22nd 2025, Lysterfield Park Com. Games Course (Lysterfield District Trail Riders)
- Round 3 – July 27th 2025, Haunted Hills MTB Park (Gippsland Mountain Bike Club)
- Round 4 – August 23rd 2025, You Yangs (Geelong Mountain Bike Club)
- Round 5 – August 24th 2025, Ballarat (Ballarat Cycling Club)
- Round 6 – September 6th 2025, Castlemaine Secondary College (Castlemaine Rocky Riders)
- Round 7 – September 7th 2025, Spring Gully Trails (Bendigo Mountain Bike Club)

The full series schedule & venue information will be available at the [Auscycling website](#).

3. SERIES POINTS

Points are awarded to all finishers in each age category AND novice and racing classes, and every rider receives points towards their school for the following placings:

Place	Points
1 st	15
2 nd	12
3 rd	10
4 th	8
5 th	6

Place	Points
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th onwards	1

These points accumulate throughout the series. At the conclusion of the series, the winners will be announced for overall School, age group and class.



4. EVENT CATEGORIES

The Event Categories that must be conducted within the series, are as listed below:

Category	Class	Year of Birth
U9	Male/Female	2017 - 2016
U11	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2015 - 2014
U13	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2013 - 2012
U15	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2011 - 2010
U17	Male/Female	2009 - 2008
U19	Male/Female	2007 - 2006
<i>Age categories are decided as at 31st December of the year of the event.</i>		

There are Novice and Racing sub-category in U11, 13 & 15s:

- Novice - This category is about fun and fitness and suitable for a rider who is new to MTB racing or has limited experience racing before. Novice events are majority run on Green & Blue trails to limit the technical ability required by the rider and the trails are checked by the PCP/host club to confirm they're fit for purpose. Riders should remember to race to conditions and their technical ability.
- Racing – This category is suitable for a rider who is for those faster kids who are a little more serious about racing and have experience racing at either Club, State or National levels. They will have an AusCycling race license and likely be part of an AusCycling affiliated Club.
- U17 & U19 – Riders in these categories do not have a Novice/ Racing sub-category but the option of less confident riders to be in a second start wave is possible.

Please note: Riders may be promoted or demoted during the series at the discretion of the PCP.

5. ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entry for each Series event will be via [EntryBoss](#). Please refer to the specific event entry portal for specifics on Fees, Entries closure dates & scratchings.

It is the rider/rider's guardian's responsibility to ensure that their entry is correct.

Riders who have entered and are no longer able to attend, can use the EntryBoss scratching mechanism prior to the Scratching Cut Off listed above. After this date has passed, in order to obtain a refund, riders must submit a medical certificate to the host club contact email, in line with the AusCycling Refund Policy.

Cost of entry includes your race plate, a marked-out course with marshals and officials, start and finish, first aid and officials. Note that it is advised that all riders have family ambulance cover, as we will not hesitate to call an ambulance if the First Aid provider deem it necessary.

6. MEMBERSHIP

As this is a Mass Participation (Schools) event, AusCycling Personal Accident & Public Liability insurance covers each rider, but only for the duration of the round event.

Non-AusCycling members are encouraged to sign-up for a 4-week Free Trial Membership or Race Membership with their local Club if interested in participating in other MTB events outside of the Schools Series. Click here for further information > <https://www.auscycling.org.au/membership>



7. RACE INFORMATION

We will be racing on a loop course, completing laps of courses suitable to ride for the age and category of racing. You don't have to complete all your allocated loops, you can stop at any time, just make sure you tell the guys doing the results at the start finish.

Estimated distances are as listed below

Category	Distance (approx.)
U9	At the discretion of the Host Club
U11	5 kms
U13	7 kms
U15	12 kms
U17	15 kms
U19	20 kms
<i>Please note that depending on event conditions the course may be shortened due to weather.</i>	

Please note, it may not always be possible to hit the target race time depending on the track, and as the age groups get older, we may have longer race distances for Racing categories.

As we are running these events to a schedule, we may combine categories to make the racing more fun, and it is possible slower riders might not have time to complete their entire number of laps.

Racers must have a suitable mountain bike, with bar end plugs and an Australian standards helmet that fits correctly. This is for the safety of all riders. Volunteers will be on site to assist checking these things prior to race commencement.

7.1 AWARDS & PRIZING

The following awards will be provided for all categories:

Prize	Placing
Medals	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place – Series Overall
Perpetual Trophy	Top Junior & Senior School – Series Overall

Presentations will occur as per the published round schedule.



8. EQUIPMENT

For each round of the State Series the Host Club will provide the awards. Information pertaining to the exact awards being issued for each round will be outlined in the Technical Guide.

8.1 BICYCLES – MOUNTAIN BIKE

Bicycles designed for off-road use including Mountain bikes, Cyclo-cross bikes and BMX bicycles may be used (see below for some examples). Off road designed tyres are recommended to increase traction.

All bicycles must have two efficient and independent hand brakes, or one hand brake accompanied with a foot brake. Handlebars must be plugged.

Free (single ratchet/coaster) or variable geared bicycles may be used. Fixed sprockets (fixed wheel/no ability to coast) shall be forbidden from competition.





8.2 HELMETS

A securely fitted approved helmet must be worn at all times while riding.

All helmets must be Australian Standards approved (AS/NZ 2063) and carry one of the following stickers.



Any modification to an approved helmet is strictly prohibited.

8.3 RACE NUMBER & TRANSPONDER

Race plates must be displayed on the front of the bicycle at all times during the event. Access to transport shuttles, or onto the track will not be granted without a race plate. Altering or cutting the race plate is not permitted. Placing unauthorised sponsors' logos on race plates is not permitted.

If you lose your plate, or it is lost or damaged, a replacement must be obtained.

9. OTHER INFORMATION

- All race entrants must attend the race briefing, held in the event village prior to the commencement of competition.
- All rounds will have an external first aid medical services on site.
- All attendees of the AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series - Victoria are required to adhere to the AusCycling Code of Conduct. Failure to do so, or to follow any reasonable direction provided by AusCycling, or appointed officials at the event, may result in removal from the venue or exclusion from competition.
- Riders are not permitted to alter the course in any way without first consulting with race officials. This includes moving rocks, logs, tape or other natural obstacles.
- If you do not finish (DNF), you must notify the closest course marshal of your intent to not complete your run. This ensures that all competitors are accounted for.
- All events will be conducted in accordance with the AusCycling Technical Regulations:
 - a. [General](#)
 - b. [Mountain Bike](#)
 - c. [Child Safe](#)

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