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2026 STEADYRACK GRAN FONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RIDER GUIDE



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Step into a dreamscape of wondrous events and embark on unforgettable adventures in Perth / Boorloo, the most relaxed and naturally adventurous capital city.

- Watch Mother Nature paint a fiery sunset over the sparkling Indian Ocean at one of Perth's 19 beaches.
- Discover the 'many stories' of WA Museum Boola Bardip, then explore the Perth Cultural Centre.
- Feel the thrill of Optus Stadium's Halo Rooftop Walk or Matagarup Zip+Climb.
- Soak up the sun and relax in one of the world's largest inner-city parks, Kings Park & Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba.
- Discover Rottnest Island / Wadjemup, where you'll be greeted by 63 wondrous beaches and the world's happiest animal, the adorable quokka.
- Immerse yourself in Noongar culture on an Aboriginal tour — discover the cultural significance and ancient stories of this region.
- Sip your way through the award-winning Swan Valley, home to more than 40 wineries and 70 restaurants and cafes.
- Cycle or walk along the Swan River / Derbal Yerrigan and experience Perth's unique flora and fauna.
- Savour fresh seafood harbourside, fine fare in historic buildings or sip a refreshing drink on the beach as you watch an Indian Ocean sunset in Fremantle / Walyalup.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HON ROGER COOK MLA; PREMIER AND HON REECE WHITBY MLA; MINISTER FOR TOURISM

2026 Westbridge Funds Road National Championships 7-11 January 2026

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, we are proud to welcome cyclists, officials and supporters to Perth for the 2026 Westbridge Funds Road National Championships.

After a hugely successful event in 2025, which attracted approximately 50,000 passionate spectators, we are delighted to host this premier cycling event in Perth for a second consecutive year and welcome even more cycling fans to WA. Perth's city and surrounds will provide competitors with a spectacular backdrop over five days of racing as they tackle challenging courses.

Securing major sporting events like the Road National Championships form a vital part of WA's events strategy, drawing visitors from interstate and overseas, generating valuable tourism dollars for local businesses, and inspiring the next generation of cyclists.

While in Perth, we encourage visitors to enjoy our world-class dining and entertainment scene, explore popular destinations such as Fremantle, the Swan Valley and Elizabeth Quay, or relax on one of our 19 metropolitan beaches only a stone's throw from the CBD.

We also invite visitors to stay longer and experience our unique regional areas including the towering forests and world-class wineries in our South West and Great Southern, the ancient wilderness areas in our North, and fascinating history and heritage to be discovered in the Goldfields.

We wish you all an exciting and memorable 2026 Westbridge Funds Road National Championships, and a wonderful stay in Western Australia.



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Roger Cook MLA
Premier



A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reece Whitby'.

Reece Whitby MLA
Minister for Tourism

WELCOME



The City of Perth is thrilled to once again host this iconic Australian race, and we can't wait to welcome athletes, teams and fans back to our beautiful City. The Westbridge Funds Road National Championships not only bring world-class cycling to our streets but also showcase Perth as a vibrant and dynamic sporting destination.

I'm especially proud that Kings Park and our lively Northbridge precinct will again feature as part of the circuit. These cultural and natural landmarks highlight the diversity and energy that make our City so special. I have no doubt the people of Perth will line the route to create an unforgettable atmosphere for riders and spectators alike.

To our visitors - I encourage you to take time to explore all that Perth has to offer. From our fantastic bars and restaurants to our unique shopping and arts scene, there's something for everyone. Enjoy a stroll along the Elizabeth Quay waterfront, discover our street art and heritage architecture, or simply relax in one of our sunny parks and soak up the City of Light.

Whether you're a local cheering from the sidelines or visiting for the first time, there's so much to enjoy in our City of Light as we come together to celebrate the 2026 Westbridge Funds Road National Championships.

Good luck to all competitors!

City of Perth Lord Mayor



WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM AUSCYCLING CEO MARNE FECHNER

AusCycling respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the 2026 Westbridge Funds Road National Championships will be held, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, and recognises their continuing connection to land and waterways.

On behalf of AusCycling, I extend a warm welcome to all athletes, officials, volunteers, staff, families, friends, and supporters from across Australia.

We are thrilled to return to Perth again after a tremendously successful event in 2025, that showcased the city's beauty, energy, and passion for cycling on the national stage.

This year marks the beginning of a great new partnership with Westbridge Funds, naming rights partner of the 2026 Championships. AusCycling is extremely grateful for their support and commitment to the growth of our sport.

Sincere thanks also to the Western Australian Government through Tourism Western Australia, the City of Perth, and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for their invaluable support. We further acknowledge our partners ARA, GWM, Shimano, and event partners Pedal Mafia, Steadyrack, and Lion, along with the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority for access to Kings Park.

To our government and performance partners — the Australian Sports Commission, AIS, Paralympics Australia, Commonwealth Games Australia, and the Australian Olympic Committee — thank you for your ongoing commitment to cycling's success.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the AusCycling team, commissaires, local clubs, supporters, and volunteers who bring this event to life.

To all competitors, we wish you strong tailwinds, safe riding and fantastic results! Enjoy the ride.

Warm regards,

Marne Fechner
CEO, AusCycling





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**We are here for the athletes.
Here for the up-and-comers.
Here for the ride.**

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WELCOME

Congratulations on entering the 2026 Steadyrack Gran Fondo National Championships. Please take a few moments to read this rider guide, which provides you with important information designed to maximise your enjoyment and safety whilst participating in the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Please check the event website and Facebook pages regularly

Official Hashtag: #RoadNats26

Website: <https://roadnationals.org.au/the-event/gran-fondo>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AusCyclingRoadEsports/>

Twitter: @AusCyclingAus

Instagram: @auscyclingaus

TikTok: @auscycling

YouTube: @AusCycling

KEY NUMBERS

Race Command

Open 6:00 AM Event Day

08 6285 8553

EVENT INFORMATION

KEY TIMINGS

Location	Distance	Time
Kings Park	81km (6 laps)	7.00am – 10:00am

REGISTRATION COLLECTION

All riders registered in the Gran Fondo will be required to visit the registration marquee prior to the event to collect their Rider Packs. Registration collection times and locations are listed below:

	Wednesday 7 January
Location	Perth High Performance Centre, Arena 2
Time	10.00am – 5.00pm
	Thursday 8 January
Location	Perth High Performance Centre, Arena 2
Time	9.00am – 5.00pm
	Friday 9 January
Location	Criterium Championship - Northbridge Neighbourhood on Lake St. @ Francis St.
Time	9.00am – 5.00pm
	Saturday 10 January
Location	Next Gen Tennis Centre – 21 Kings Park Rd
Time	8.00 AM – 5.00 PM
There is NO registration on Sunday	

WITHDRAWAL / CHANGES

There are no withdrawals or transfers after December 23rd 2025 at 11:59pm. If you have entered any information incorrectly, need to update contact, emergency or medical details, or change into/out of category please email road.events@auscycling.org.au

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Age Group: Participants in race categories will be placed in the following age categories. Separate categories will be recognised for men and women.

MEN				WOMEN		
19 - 34	45 - 49	60 - 64	75+	19-34	45 - 49	60+
35 - 39	50 - 54	65 - 69		35-39	50 - 54	
40 - 44	55 - 59	70 - 74		40-44	55 - 59	

Each rider will be entered into their respective age categories defined by the rider's age on 31 December 2026. The event organiser will place you in your correct category as part of the registration process.

RIDE CHECKLIST

To ensure that you have the best ride possible, use this checklist to make sure you have all the essentials to complete the Gran Fondo.

Essential items:

- Fully charged front white light and rear red light
- Two full water bottles
- Additional Nutrition
- Puncture Repair Kit
- Spare Tubes
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Recently serviced bike in good working order with functioning front and rear brakes
- Helmet (Australian standard required)

RIDER PACKS

Rider packs will include:

- Timing Label - passive sticker RFID transponder.
- Two bib numbers to pin on back of jersey

The numbered timing label is to be wrapped around your seat post and visible from both sides of the road. Partly peel off the label backing starting from the middle, centre the label on the seat post and then remove the remainder of the backing sticking it together.

Do not cut the label or change the shape in any way, doing so may damage the timing chip and you may fail to receive a time.

Please remember “no transponder, no time”. If the rider shows up to the start with no transponder on, we cannot make up a time because they didn't inform us that they did not receive the transponder in the post and failed to go to registration to get a new one.



START PROCEDURE

The event will Start/Stage on Kings Park Rd. (see staging map) and finish on Fraser Ave, Kings Park.
Riders MUST be staged on Kings Park Rd. by 6:45 AM in the proper wave group.

There will be three start waves of roughly 250 riders per wave. The exact breakdown of what categories are in what wave will be determined once entry numbers are final. There will be a list at registration of which category you are in. (As an example – Wave 1 may contain 19-34, 35-39, 40-44 / Wave 2 contain 45-49, 50, 54, etc.)

There will be a 1 minute gap between the last rider in a wave and the start of the next wave.

When arriving at Kings Park Rd, please assemble directly behind the sign matching your WAVE. It is compulsory to commence the event in your allocated category start wave. Failure to do so will result in you being ineligible to receive a finish time and ineligible for awards within your category.

NEUTRAL START

For safety, each start wave will be held at a neutral pace by a lead motorcycle for the first 1km. Once through the Kings Park round-about the lead motorcycle will pull away and signal the wave to start riding. DO NOT pass the lead motorcycle during the neutral 1km.

STAGING MAP



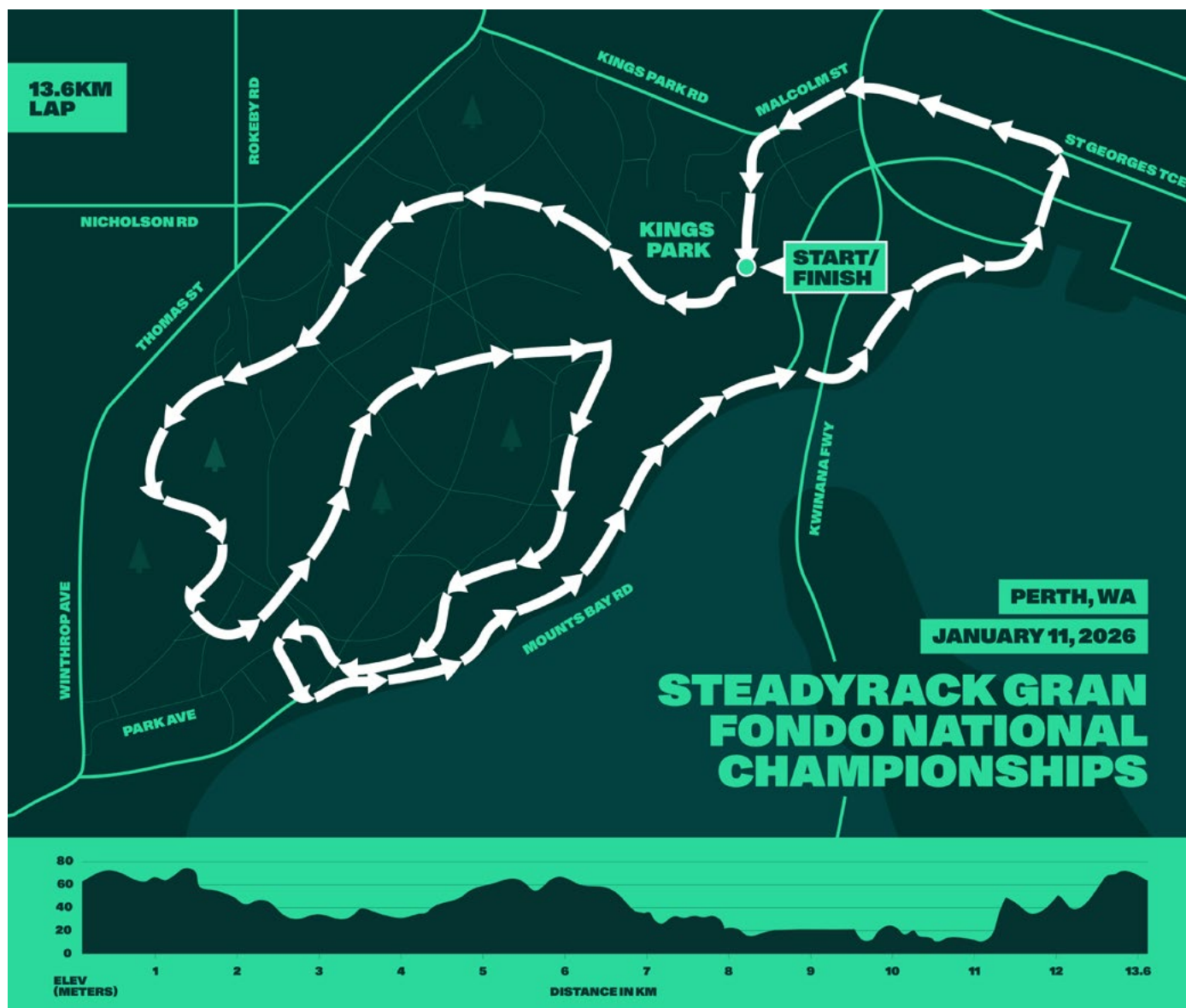
COURSE

Number of Laps/Distance: 6 laps - 81km lap

The winners of each category will be awarded based on the completion of the full distance in the fastest time.

If all riders in an age category do not complete 6 laps before the prescribed time, a count back will occur to determine the winner of each category based on the previous lap finish.

It is the responsibility of each rider to keep track of their own lap number. Due to multiple categories racing on the course at once it is not possible for the event organisers to advise riders of their lap number throughout the event.



RIDE ETIQUETTE

All riders should always use caution and be aware of their fellow competitors. This means no aggressive or sudden changes in riding line or any manoeuvre that might endanger others.

There will be a motorcycle marshal in front of the first riders on the road. If this motorcycle passes you and gives a double horn tap, that means you are about to be lapped by the faster riders. Once lapped, please continue your rider but endeavour to stay to the far left of the road, as to not impede those faster riders and for your own safety.

EVENT CUT OFF TIME

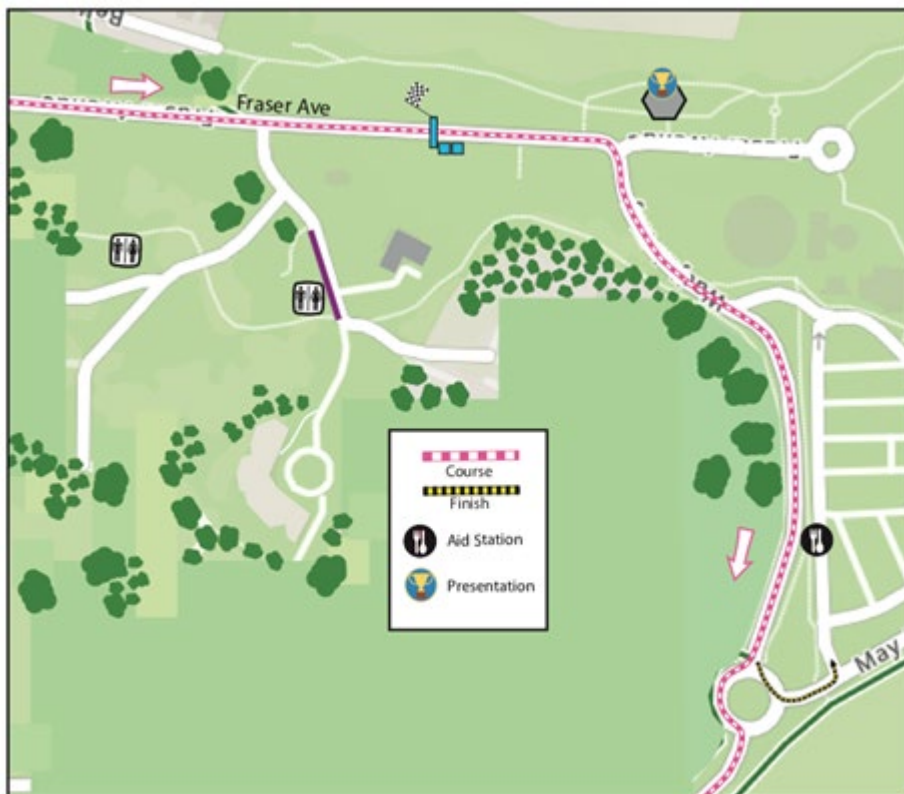
The event organisers reserve the right to ask a rider to cease participation if the rider is unable to complete the designated laps in the prescribed time limit.

All riders must start their final lap by 9:45 AM to have the ability to finish at the official finish line.

FINISH

Upon finishing, riders should continue down the course to the round-about and exit left into the carpark. There they can receive their finisher medals.

FINISH AND PRESENTATIONS



RESULTS AND PRESENTATIONS

RESULTS

Results will be based solely on elapsed time. Riders that finish in a bunch will be each given their own elapsed time and scored on that basis, no matter who's wheel crosses the line first.

Results will also be available via the event website –<https://results.auscycling.org.au/>

PRESENTATIONS AND PRIZES

Official Award Presentations will take place on the Kings Park overlook, located 100m past the finish line on the left. These will begin promptly at 10:30 AM. First to third place will be awarded for each Age and Gender Category.

Anyone is eligible for a placing within their category, but only AusCycling members are eligible for a national championship jersey. For example, if the first 3 finishers in a category are non-members and the first AusCycling member in that category is 5th. The top 3 will receive the gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively. The 5th place finisher would receive the Australian Champions jersey and be the Australian Gran Fondo Champion for 2025 for that category.

ON COURSE SUPPORT

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

The course will be marked with yellow directional arrows indicating the direction of the course. Riders must ensure they follow these arrows. Riders deviating from the course will not be covered by the event's insurance coverage or services.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT

Mechanical support will be provided for the event, with mechanics available near the start line for any last-minute minor emergency repairs, and mechanics roaming in vehicles on course for any punctures or minor emergency repairs. No spare wheels or parts will be loaned to riders, and any new parts required for repairs must be paid for (minor parts available only). Riders are strongly encouraged to carry their own spares. If a rider's bike is unrepairable out on course, riders can be transported back to the start/finish line in the SAG Wagon.

Riders requiring mechanical assistance should move themselves and their bike off the road and place their bike upside down to indicate that assistance is required. Course personnel, motorcycle marshals, course marshals and officials out on course will be able to request mechanical assistance to be fast tracked to the riders' location.

Riders should be aware that mechanic vehicles will be travelling on the course throughout the event.

WATER STATION

There will be a Water Station located approx. 200m after the finish line on the left with a water point to fill up water bottles. Please use caution entering and exiting the Water Station.

SAG WAGON

A SAG Wagon will be available to transport riders and their bike back to the start area should they be unable to complete the event or have an unrepairable mechanical issue out on course.

Riders requiring the assistance of the SAG Wagon should move themselves and their bike off the road and place their bike upside down to indicate that assistance is required. Course personnel, motorcycle marshals, course marshals, mechanics and officials out on course will be able to request the SAG Wagon to be deployed or fast tracked to the riders' location.

Riders should be aware of the SAG Wagon if lapping other riders at the end of the field.

MOTORCYCLE MARSHALS

The course will be patrolled by qualified motorcycle marshals wearing fluorescent vests. The motorcycle marshals primary roles are to ensure all participants remain on course and ride in a safe and considerate manner. These motorcycle marshals are there for riders' safety, please obey their instructions.

ROAD CLOSURES

The Gran Fondo will take place on closed roads. Please note, however, that in a few spots local traffic is still permitted to use these roads to access their properties under moto escort with an official motorcycle marshal.



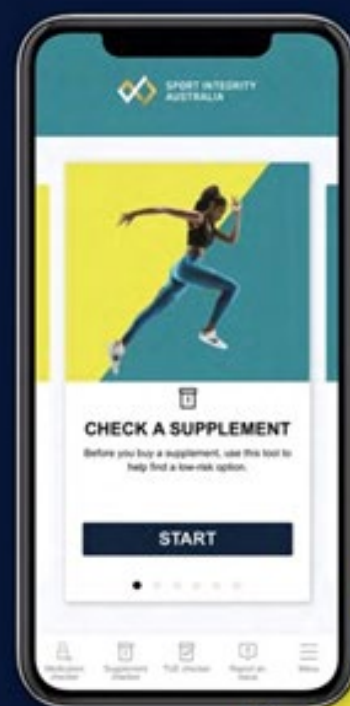
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ONLINE EDUCATION

- 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'.



