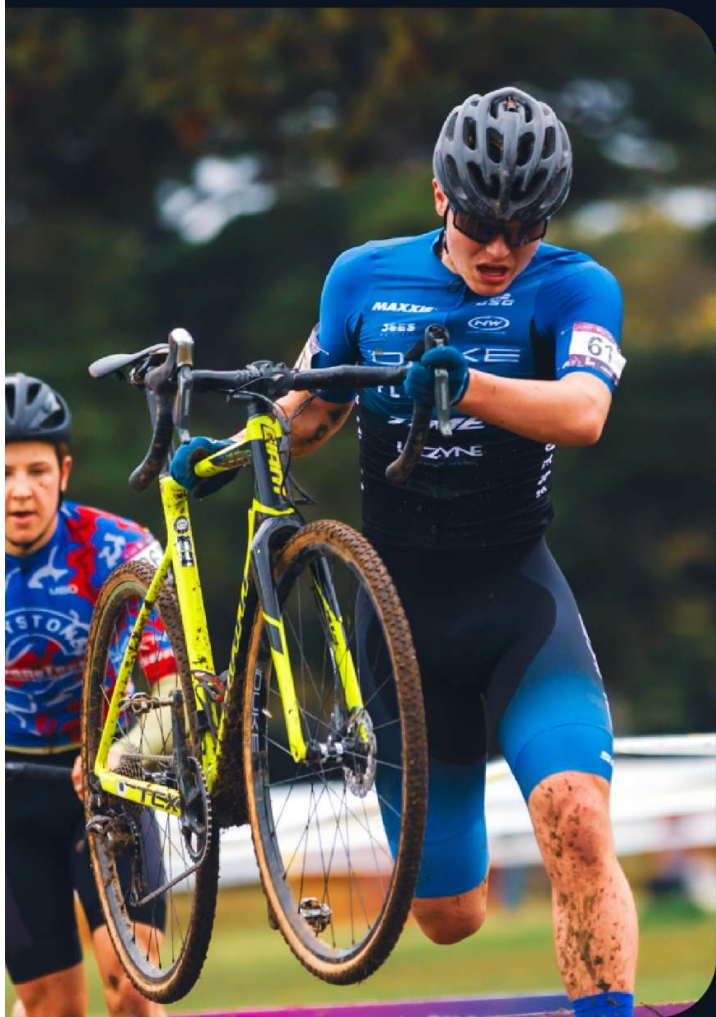


# 2026 AUSCYCLING CYCLO-CROSS NATIONAL SERIES SERIES GUIDE



National Series

AusCycling

## 1 Introduction

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The 2026 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 CX 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 CX, attracting new participants and strengthening the sport's presence in Australia.

The 2026 Series will feature seven (7) rounds across key locations nationwide, culminating in the prestigious Cyclo-cross National Championships weekend, where the final round of the 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

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### Welcome to the 2026 CX National Series

AusCycling acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise their deep connection to the lands on which we race and the contributions First Nations people make to our sport and society.

It is a privilege to welcome you to the 2026 season. As I begin my first year as Head of Events for MTB & CX, I am incredibly excited to work alongside this passionate community to further develop cyclo-cross in Australia.

While the National Series showcases the discipline at its most technical and demanding, it is also a fantastic entry point for anyone looking to try something new. Cyclo-cross is the perfect off-season activity; it's a fun way to improve your fitness and sharpen your bike-handling skills in a supportive environment. Whether you are aiming for the podium or just testing your limits, there is a place for you in this series.

We are incredibly grateful to our host clubs, volunteers, and land managers for their hard work. Their dedication behind the scenes is what makes this series possible and creates the unique racing environment we all enjoy.

Our focus this season is to maintain the high standard of competition while ensuring the series remains sustainable and accessible for the future. Your feedback is vital to this growth, and we look forward to hearing your insights as we shape the direction of Australian CX together.

Thank you for being part of the journey. I look forward to seeing you all on the course.

Lukas Matys  
AusCycling | Head of Events – MTB & CX

### 3 Series Rounds

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION	HOST
<a href="#">Round 1 &amp; 2</a>	23 & 24 May	Garvey Park, Ascot, WA	WA Cyclocross (on behalf of PMBC)
<a href="#">Round 3 &amp; 4</a>	27 & 28 June	Canberra, ACT	Canberra Off Road Cycling Club
<a href="#">Round 5 &amp; 6</a>	11 & 12 July	Ipswich, Brisbane, QLD	Ipswich Off Road Cycling Club
<a href="#">Round 7*</a>	TBC	Victoria Park, Ballarat, VIC	Locale Events & AusCycling

\* Round 7 is offered as part of the Cyclo-cross National Championships weekend.

All entries can be found on the AusCycling Event Listings, hyperlinked in the “Round” column when available.

### 4 National Series Online Hub

An exciting addition to the 2026 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 are a competitor, supporter, or just discovering the sport, the hub makes it easy to access important information and follow the action as it unfolds. Feel free to bookmark the page and check back regularly for the latest announcements, race previews, and insights from across the Series!

## 5 Series Equipment Requirements

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

### **Bike Requirements (Elite, U23, U19, U17)**

- Two wheels of the same diameter.
- 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 by a printed or moulded size on the tyre's sidewall – where there is no printed or moulded size or the tyre has been modified this will revert to an actual 33mm width measured from outside to outside.
  - 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 with a maximum width of 500mm from widest point to widest point.
- 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 (U15 & Masters)**

- Up to 42mm maximum tyre width:
  - Maximum width by a printed or moulded size on the tyre's sidewall – where there is no printed or moulded size or the tyre has been modified this will revert to an actual 42mm width measured from outside to outside.
  - Maximum width measured outside to outside of tyre horizontally, tyre must be inflated and in a condition ready to race when measured.
- Handlebars (any style) may only be a maximum width of 600mm.
- All other requirements are the same as note above.

### **Bike Requirements (Non-Series Categories)**

- There are no equipment requirements for these categories unless otherwise specified in the round-specific event guides.

## 6 Membership Requirements & UCI IDs

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### 6.1 Membership Requirements – Series Categories

Riders must hold a current and valid AusCycling membership to be eligible to race in any event in this series, not including supported races for categories outside the official Series. Riders must hold either a “Race All Discipline” or “Race Off-Road” membership. Please note that the following memberships **do not qualify** for races in this series; Lifestyle Basic, Lifestyle, Free Trial, Non-Riding, Event Single or Seven Day licenses.

### 6.2 Membership Requirements – Non-Series Categories

Riders who wish to participate in non-series categories, where offered by the host club, may purchase a 4-week trial or single day event license to participate in this event. Please note that non-series categories are not eligible for series prizing or points as outlined in the Series Guide. All applicable points and prizing for non-series categories will be noted in the round-specific event guides.

### 6.3 UCI ID

All riders who wish to compete in UCI categories; Junior (U19), Under 23, or Elite at UCI-registered events will be required to hold a UCI ID. To obtain or renew a UCI ID, please [follow this link](#).

**This includes the 2026 AusCycling Cyclo-cross National Championships.**

Please note that the application form must be submitted to AusCycling no less than 3 business days prior to event registration to allow for processing time.

Please note that if you do not provide AusCycling a valid and current UCI ID prior to registration, you will not be eligible to race in the event and your entry may be automatically scratched and refunded.

## 7 Series Points

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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.

### 7.1 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.

## 8 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 Principal of the Commissaires Panel (PCP). As a sample race schedule only and to be referred to as a guide, please see below. Please refer to the AusCycling website and round-specific event guides.

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	

*Please note this schedule is an example only. Actual schedule may differ between events. **Please refer to round-specific event guides for schedules.***

## 9 Race Categories

Series categories will include J15, J17, J19, Elite (incl U23) and Masters. Additional participation categories may also be included however this may vary between events.

### 9.1 UCI Categories

To align with the UCI's approach to age classification, the 2026 AusCycling Cyclo-cross National Series will determine riders for UCI categories by their age as at **31 December 2027**.

Category	Code	Years of Birth
Elite (19 years and over)	ME, WE	2008 or older
Under 23 (19-22 years)	M23, W23	2005 – 2008
Junior – Under 19 (17-18 years)	MJ, WJ	2009, 2010
Under 17 (15 - 16 years)	M17, W17	2011, 2012
Under 15 (13 - 14 years)	M15, W15	2013, 2014

### 9.2 Non-UCI Categories

To align riders with other disciplines as well as state and club level events within Australia, all riders for non-UCI categories will compete in the category that corresponds to their age as of **31 December 2026**.

Category	Code	Years of Birth
Masters 1 (30-34 years)	M1, W1	1992-1996
Masters 2 (35-39 years)	M2, W2	1987–1991
Masters 3 (40-44 years)	M3, W3	1982–1986
Masters 4 (45-49 years)	M4, W4	1977–1981
Masters 5 (50–54 years)	M5, W5	1972–1976
Masters 6 (55–59 years)	M6, W6	1967–1971
Masters 7 (60-64 years)	M7, W7	1962–1966
Masters 8 (65-69 years)	M8, W8	1957–1961
Masters 9 (70-74 years)	M9, W9	1952–1956
Masters 10 (75+ years)	M10, W10	1951 or older

### 9.3 Additional Clarifications

- U23 riders will compete within the Elite category and will not have a separate classification in the Series. U23 riders may be raced in their own category at National Championships and UCI-level events. Points for these races will be awarded in addition to the Elite table.
- 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 Masters age-group ranking for the Series based on the category they compete in each round. Please note this may have implications for events such as UCI Masters World Championships.
- 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.

### 9.4 Riding Up

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

## 10 Starting Order

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Starting order for Round 1 in all Series race categories will be based on:

- Current Cyclo-cross National Champion *then*
- 2025 Cyclo-cross National Series final standings *then*
- Order of entry or by the event host's discretion

Subsequent round call-ups will be done based on:

- 2026 Cyclo-cross National 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 line call-up zone 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

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All National Series races will be awarded with National Series medals.

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

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

## 13 Anti-Doping Testing

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### 13.1 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](http://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.

### 13.2 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

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

## 15 Cameras

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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.