

2026 Senior Road State Series Guide – New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory



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1. OVERVIEW

The 2026 AusCycling State Road State/Territory Series (NSW & ACT) is an exciting series across four rounds of racing within the NSW & ACT Regions. The series provides essential racing opportunities for Junior 19, Elite, U23, and Masters cyclists to compete at a regional level. These graded events encompass a variety of disciplines, including time trials, road races, tours, and criteriums, fostering participation and development within the sport.

The Series will offer points for each round to participants, the points gained from (best) three (3) of the four (4) rounds will determine the overall winners.

The following are the series specific regulations for New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory.

2. SERIES ROUNDS

- Round 1 | 12th April | Hayman Classic
- Round 2 | 16th – 17th May | Tour of Orange
- Round 3 | 25th July | Newcastle Hunter Classic
- Round 4 | 5th - 6th September | Brennan Illawarra Tour

- *Championships are not included in this series due to different Championships for NSW and ACT riders respectively taking place.*

- **NOTE:** *Aero Bars or TT Bikes are not permitted in the Prologue/ITT events, this also includes Disc Wheels and Clip on TT Bars. Road Bikes are permitted only. Aero Helmets can be worn.*

3 SERIES QUALIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE:

- To have your place recognised in the NSW/ACT Senior Road Series:
 - a. Riders require an AusCycling “RACE ALL DISCIPLINE” membership to participate in any NSW/ACT event.
 - b. This series is open to all U19, U23, Elite and Masters category riders.
 - c. Participation in all events is open to all riders within the appropriate age groups.
 - d. If a competitor is moved up a grade, then they will take 50% of their points with them to the new grade.
 - e. The rider must have earned points to appear in the series standings.



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:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	25	6 th	15	11 th	10	16 th	5
2 nd	22	7 th	14	12 th	9	17 th	4
3 rd	20	8 th	13	13 th	8	18 th	3
4 th	18	9 th	12	14 th	7	19 th	2
5 th	16	10 th	11	15 th	6	20+, DNF	1

**Riders who are a DNF are given the lowest number of points*

**Only riders eligible for the State Series Qualification will receive points. Series points will be awarded in the order that eligible riders finish.*

4.1 RIDERS NOT COMPLETING TOUR STAGES

Riders who have been permitted to continue in a Tour after DNS/DNF will not earn points on any subsequent stages.

4.2 BONUS POINTS

- For the general classification after point scoring stages at all tours (rounds 1-4) as follows:

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



5 SERIES POINTS CALCULATION

Series points will be calculated by adding the total points earned on each stage and adding all bonus points earned, per rider.

5.1 COMBINED/DIVIDED CATEGORIES

In the scenario where categories have been combined at an event (for whatever reason), points will be awarded separately. For example, if Women's C and Women's D have combined into one race, the combined result will be separated into a result for each category, with the full Series Points allocation applied to each.

5.2 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 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.

5.3 CRITERIUM TIMING REGULATIONS

All competitors must complete the criterium stages.

- Lapped rider must be withdrawn officially by race officials for the above standard to be implemented and an officially withdrawn rider is considered to have completed the stage and is permitted to continue in next stage.
- Rider withdrawing from race under their own will be considered as retiring and will be classified as a stage DNF and is not permitted to continue in the next stage.
- In the case that a rider is pulled from the event they will be given the final time of the final finisher plus calculated additional time.

The calculated time will be implemented as follows:

Winners Average lap time: 3:15

Winners Average lap in secs 195 seconds

Time Behind of final riders: +10 seconds

Rider A pulled at 2 laps. The 110% rule applies = 214 seconds, The Final Rider is 10 seconds behind. Rider A is 3:34 down on GC.



In accordance with the table below – A pulled riders time will be calculated by the following:

Number of Laps Not Completed	% of winners average lap time
1	100%
2	110%
3	120%
4	130%
5	140%
6	150%
7	160%
8	170%
9	180%
10	190%
11+	200%
Genuine effort 50% or less of the race	250%

6 EVENT CATEGORIES

The Event Categories that will be conducted within each Series round and will be recognized accordingly in series points, are as listed below: **Categories may be combined if entry numbers are insufficient*

Category	Years
Men's A	2009 or earlier
Men's B	2009 or earlier
Men's C	2009 or earlier
Men's D	2009 or earlier
Women's A	2009 or earlier
Women's B	2009 or earlier
Women's C	2009 or earlier
Women's D	2009 or earlier



7 GRADING

The Series will offer all riders to be graded based on their previous and recent race results at AusCycling events.

Riders from interstate wishing to participate in the NSW/ACT Road series will be graded after consultation with the Handicapping Committee.

At the start of the series riders will have the right to query their grade, however, after the first event it will not change based on the type of course (e.g. hilly vs flat) unless it is changed by AusCycling.

Riders who haven't raced in a Series event before MUST submit as much information as possible to support the handicapping when entering on EntryBoss.

7.1 GRADING POINTS

Riders may be upgraded upon achieving the requisite grading points during the season as per the table below:

- A) Riders may request to be downgraded if they are clearly outperforming in their category independently from the terrain or recent injuries.
- B) Grading points are not carried down to the next category.

7.2 UPGRADING – DOWNGRADING

Riders may still be upgraded upon achieving the requisite grading points during the season.

Place	5-9*	10-24*	25-49*	50+*
1	5	7	10	15
2	3	5	8	12
3	2	4	6	10
4	1	3	5	8
5	-	2	4	6
6	-	1	3	5
7	-	-	2	4
8	-	-	1	3
9	-	-	-	2
10	-	-	-	1

**Number of starters in each category*

- a) Only races that are part of the events within the NSW/ACT Road Series (current season) will be used as part of the grading points. No grading points will be awarded for any other open, interstate or club and combine events. Grading points will be accumulated for every single stage as well as the overall classification at the end of an event.



Riders who score the number of points in the left column can choose whether they want to move up a grade or stay in their grade until they score the number of points required for a mandatory upgrade.

The following table will be used for determining points need to upgrade:

	Eligible for upgrade	Mandatory upgrade
C grade to B grade	Anytime	25 points
B grade to A grade	20 points	45 points

The updated grading list will be posted on the Series within a week after each event.

- A) AusCycling reserves the right to upgrade (and downgrade) riders at their discretion anytime. This especially applies to riders who haven't scored the necessary amount of grading points yet but clearly outperform in their category.
- B) A rider that is upgraded during the season will retain 50% of their Series points from the previous grade (rounded up to the next whole number) to the next ability category. Grading points are not carried to the next category.
- C) Riders who are members of a registered PSL (or above) team are automatically moved to A-grade
- D) Riders may request to be downgraded if they are clearly outperformed in their category independently from the terrain.
- E) Riders (incl. first year J19 riders) that have not scored enough points yet to be promoted may be allowed to enter and race in A grade if they meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. earned selection to an Institute/Academy of Sport within the National Institute Network or.
 - b. finished amongst the top 5 in the National Championship Road Race in their category or.
 - c. finished amongst the top 3 in the National Championship Time Trial in their category or;
 - d. are registered with a PSL/UCI team or.
 - e. received approval from AusCycling.

PLEASE NOTE: Any grading inquiries during the year need to be sent in writing to the following email address: nsw.info@auscycling.org.au

8 SERIES AWARDS

Final places in the NSW Road Series will be awarded as follows:

Prize	Placing
Trophies	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place for each Grade

8.1 AWARD PRESENTATIONS



The overall NSW/ACT Series winners' category awards will be presented at the Final Round, The Brennan Tour of Illawarra

9 EVENT AWARDS

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

10 OTHER INFORMATION

- All events will be conducted in accordance with the AusCycling Technical Regulations:
 - [General](#)
 - [Road](#)
- This Series is only open to members of AusCycling who hold a Race All-Discipline membership and meet Event Category eligibility.