2027 AUSCYCLING CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL SERIES GUIDE

National Series
AusCycling

Foreword & Welcome

Welcome to the 2027 AusCycling XCO National Series!

This season brings six rounds of national-level cross country racing across three of Australia's most iconic venues – Lysterfield MTB Park in Victoria, Mt Stromlo MTB Park in the ACT and Hidden Vale Adventure Park in Queensland. From the high-intensity action of XCC short track to the tactical, demanding battles of XCO, every weekend gives riders the chance to test themselves against the best in the country.

Every point counts on the road to becoming a Series Champion. The battle for the title will build across all six rounds before the 2027 Series Finale at Hidden Vale Adventure Park. This season will also feature two UCI continental series rounds with riders going head to head to earn UCI points on home soil at Mt Stromlo, Canberra.

Whether you're chasing a podium result, a personal best or simply the thrill of racing on world-class trails, we're proud to have you on the start line. A huge thank you to our host clubs, officials, volunteers and partners who make this series possible. I look forward to seeing you out on course.

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What is Cross Country “XCO”?

XC or XCO stands for Cross Country Olympic and is the only mountain biking discipline that is currently in the Olympic games. XC is a combination of climbing and descending. Combining technical climbs with rapid sharp descents and longer flowing sections of trail. XC is raced in a lap format with average race times between 30 minutes and an hour. The course is between 4km and 6km and is often staged around a race village.

What is Cross Country Short Track “XCC”?

Short Track or XCC is a quick, technical and snappy race with a shortened course length and race time. Riders will often take to a shorter course with sharp climbs and quick descents with passing opportunities readily available throughout the course. XCC races take between 15 and 30 minutes and often make use of sections of the XCO course to follow the next day.

Series Information

MTB National Calendar

Race	Round	Date	Location
XCO	Round 1 & 2	Friday 5 – Sunday 7 February 2027	Lysterfield MTB Park, Lysterfield South, Melbourne, VIC
XCO	Round 3 & 4	Friday 19 – Sunday 21 February 2027	Mt Stromlo MTB Park Wright, Canberra, ACT
XCO	Round 5 & 6	Friday 9 – Sunday 11 April 2027	Hidden Vale Adventure Park Grandchester, QLD

National Series Hub Page

The AusCycling XCO National Series Hub is a central website which offers immediate access to all the relevant Event Listings, links to results from events as well as access to the National Series standings.

Eligibility & Membership

The AusCycling MTB XCO National Series is an exclusive competition available only to AusCycling members. This competition represents the best of the best around Australia whilst showcasing mountain biking opportunities for riders of all levels.

To race in the AusCycling MTB XCO National Series riders must hold a current and valid AusCycling Race membership.

Riders can purchase memberships here. If you are unsure about your current membership or have questions about the 2026 AusCycling Membership framework changes, please contact membership@auscycling.org.au.

All events will also offer supported races (participation events). The specific membership requirements for these events will be listed on the entry portal for that event.

Safety Equipment

Riders are required to have a suitable helmet to participate in this event. Suitable helmets are considered to be any helmet, fitted correctly and meeting AS2063, or international equivalent standard, and comply with any relevant AusCycling technical regulations.

Categories

The categories below are the official AusCycling National Series categories. Age categories are determined by the riders age as at the 31st of December 2027.

Category	Year of Birth	Category	Year of Birth
Under 15	2014, 2013	Masters 4	1982 - 1978
Under 17	2012, 2011	Masters 5	1977 - 1973
Junior (Under 19)	2010, 2009	Masters 6	1972 - 1968
Elite	2008 or earlier	Masters 7	1967 - 1963
Masters 1	1997 - 1993	Masters 8	1962 - 1958
Masters 2	1992 – 1988	Masters 9	1957 - 1953
Masters 3	1987 - 1983	Masters 10	1952 or earlier

As per the AusCycling Junior Policy (Section 1.1.1), riding up is **not permitted** in these series events for any age categories.

Race Groups

Group	Categories
1	Elite, Under 23*, Junior, Masters 1 – 4 Men
2	Masters 5 – 10, Under 17, Under 15 Men
3	Elite, Under 23*, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Masters 1 – 10 Women
4	Supported Race Categories

**Under 23 Men & Women will only feature at the UCI Continental series rounds. Points for this category will be awarded in addition to the Elite points table and will be posted to the Elite leaderboard.*

Race Day Schedule

This overarching schedule applies to all XCO National Series rounds and should be used as a guide only. Specific race times may fluctuate slightly each weekend. **Participants must check the specific event page on the AusCycling website to confirm final, accurate timings**. Please note: National Series Championship presentations will take place during the final race weekend.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Day 1 **Friday**	1200 – 1600	Open Practice & Registration
	1500 – 1900	Friday Program – *Published on the Series web page*
Day 2 **Saturday**	0800 - 0900	Open Practice & Registration
	0915 – 1045	Group 3 Races
	1100 - 1215	Group 2 Races
	1230 – 1400	Group 1 Races
	1415 - 1500	Group 1, 2, 3 Presentations
	1515 - 1600	Group 4 Races
	1600 - 1630	Group 4 Presentations
Day 3 **Sunday**	0730 - 0830	Open Practice & Registration
	0845 - 1015	Group 3 Races
	1030 – 1145	Group 2 Races
	1200 – 1330	Group 1 Races
	1345 – 1415	Group 1, 2, 3 Presentations
	1430 – 1515	Group 4 Races
	1530 - 1545	Group 4 Presentations

Race Program

Below is the AusCycling MTB XCO National Series race program which outlines the three race weekends and the race opportunities for riders.

Round 1 & 2 | Lysterfield, VIC		
Day	**Format**	**Points**
Friday Races	National XCC Sprint Racing	70
Saturday	National Series XC Racing	200
Sunday	National Series XC Racing	200

Round 3 & 4 | Mt. Stromlo, ACT		
Day	**Format**	**Points**
Friday Races	National XCC Sprint Racing Host Supported Races	70
Saturday	National Series XC Racing UCI Continental Series XC Racing UCI Junior Series XC Racing OT Championships	200 UCI Points UCI Points UCI Points
Sunday	National Series XC Racing UCI Continental Series XC Racing OT Championships	200 UCI Points UCI Points

Round 5 & 6 | Grandchester, QLD		
Day	**Format**	**Points**
Friday Races	Host Supported Races	
Saturday	National Series XC Racing	200
Sunday	National Series XC Racing National Series Champion Presentations	200

Points Scale

XCC	
Position	Points
1st	70
2nd	65
3rd	62
4th	59
5th	56
6th	53
7th	50
8th	48
9th	43
10th	41
11th	39
12th	38
13th	37
14th	36
15th	36
16th	35
17th	34
18th	34
19th	33
20th	32

XCO					
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	200	21st	90	41st	50
2nd	186	22nd	88	42nd	48
3rd	176	23rd	86	43rd	46
4th	168	24th	84	44th	44
5th	160	25th	82	45th	42
6th	152	26th	80	46th	40
7th	144	27th	78	47th	38
8th	136	28th	76	48th	36
9th	124	29th	74	49th	34
10th	116	30th	72	50th	32
11th	110	31st	70	51st~	30
12th	108	32nd	68	DNF	20
13th	106	33rd	66	DNS	0
14th	104	34th	64		
15th	102	35th	62		
16th	100	36th	60		
17th	98	37th	58		
18th	96	38th	56		
19th	94	39th	54		
20th	92	40th	52		

Series Points Calculation

The series standings will be calculated on a rolling basis after each race weekend. Standings will not be recalculated after each round. The series standings will be published to the National series hub page after each race weekend. Series standings will be determined by tallying the best 5 XCO results for each rider with all XCC points added in addition.

Tie Break Rules

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.

National Series Championship Podium Eligibility

The National Series Podium will be determined by ranking the eligible riders in order of most to least points.

To be eligible for the series championship podium and prizes, riders must race a minimum of three XCO rounds. XCC rounds do not count towards the minimum requirement.

Series Champion & Prizing

The rider with the most points, overall in each category will be crowned the Series Champion and be issued the 2027 Series Champion Jersey, eligible to wear in the following year's series. The series will also award a second and third place podium for eligible riders. The overall 2027 National Series Champion and podium will be awarded and presented at the final rounds of the Series - rounds 5 & 6 at Hidden Vale (Grandchester) QLD, 9th-11th of April 2027.

The 2027 competition will feature the following prizing;

Age Category	Prize	Qualification
Elite, Masters 1 - 10	National Series Champion Jersey National Series Champion Trophy Collectable Individual round medal	Minimum 3 rounds Minimum 3 rounds None
Under 15, 17, 19,	Bike Sportz Vouchers Collectable Individual round medal National Series Champion Jersey National Series Champion Trophy	None None Minimum 3 rounds Minimum 3 rounds

Seeding Order

Seeding orders will not change between rounds that occur on the same weekend. For example, the seeding order for round 3 will be the same as round 4.

Round 1 & 2	Rounds 3 - 6
1. 2026 AusCycling XCO Series Champion 2. 2026 National XCO Champion 3. 2026 National XCO Series rankings 4. Order of entry	1. 2027 AusCycling XCO Series Rankings 2. 2026 National XCO Champion 3. 2026 National XCO Series rankings 4. Order of Entry

For UCI level events, the UCI technical regulations will supersede this seeding order. Please consult the event specific technical guide for more information.

Rules and Regulations

This National Series is governed by the AusCycling Technical Regulations and UCI Technical Regulations where the event is also UCI sanctioned. These events are also subject to the relevant AusCycling Policies.

- AusCycling Technical Regulations General
- AusCycling Technical Regulations Mountain Bike
- UCI Technical Regulations General
- UCI Technical Regulations Mountain Bike
- AusCycling Event Entry Policy
- AusCycling Refund Policy
- AusCycling General Technical Regulations
- AusCycling Discipline-Specific Regulations
- National Integrity Framework
- Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport

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.

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.

Media and Content Capture

Cameras are permitted to be used in accordance with Section 1.03.06 of the AusCycling Technical Regulations - General.

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