

AusCycling

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Event Sanctioning and

Classification: Road and Track



What We Will Cover and What We Will Cover Another Time

1. What we are focused on:

- **Event Classification:** What level is the event and what are the requirements.

Timeline for implementation is mid to late 2026. Tonight is the start of a process of engagement.

2. Future Discussions:

- Specific event challenges:
 - Volunteers and officials
 - Traffic Management
- Sanction Fees: These are under review – we welcome thoughts on these tonight.



Event Classification and Sanctioning

Background



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Supporting events is a strategic priority of AusCycling. In doing so we seek to inspire more people to ride.

The AusCycling strategy links directly to this project through the **Ambition: One2One Hundred** - *We are seeking to have 1 million participants in cycling events across the H2 cycle.*

This is further specified in the Pillar - Unite and Empower

- Work in partnership with clubs to structure and deliver events that encourage more people to ride competitively and participate in organised events.
- Overhaul the event sanctioning process to improve participant and provider experience.

This project seeks to provide a consistent event classification, operational standards and financial commitments for all cycling events sanctioned by AusCycling.

This project intersects with other strategic projects including:

- Membership Offer
- Membership Platform and Event Platform
- Insurance Review



Current Position 1/3

Inconsistent Financial Frameworks

Fees differ between states and territories, particularly for Road and Track events.

Commissaire per diems remain at their legacy levels which are inconsistent across disciplines.

Event Classification Gaps

Events are often classification at the club/interclub level (Bronze) their impact.



Current Position 2/3

Knowledge Gaps Among Organisers

A lack of understanding of event structures and requirements leads to inconsistent delivery and for organisers who don't meet the expected standards.

Ambiguity in Mass Participation Events (Gravel, Road and MTB XC)

While functioning well overall, guidelines for timed events remain unclear with some organisers conducting races under the term 'mass participation'.

Unknown Risk Profiles

We have also sanctioned events we are unable to quantify risk (e.g. HPV) where organisers seek low-cost insurance options.



Current Position 3/3

Scheduling Conflicts

Overlapping event dates create challenges for coordination and participation largely due to lack of regulations on Date Protection.

Promotion

Inconsistency of promotion of events and lack of clarity (internally and externally) regarding roles and responsibilities of event promotion.

Desired Outcomes



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Clear and Unified Classification

Establish a standardised framework defining event levels, fees (organisers and Commissaires), and delivery requirements to ensure consistency and clarity.

Streamlined Calendar Development (via date protection)

Implement long-term calendar annual process for inclusion on the calendar.

Clarity in Delivery Parameters

Provide clear and easily understood delivery standards for each event level to enhance consistency and professionalism.

Clear Roles and Responsibilities

Develop a clear and consistent approach for roles and responsibilities between AusCycling and organisers.

Desired Outcomes 2/2

Reduced Scheduling Conflicts

Set policies to support the coordination of the calendar minimise event conflicts.

Event Classification: Where are we Now?



Current Position

Code	Description	Features/Eligibility
Platinum	National Championships	<p>Pinnacle Events on the National Calendar</p> <p>AusCycling Race Members, UCI License Holders and Lifestyle Members (Team Time Trial only)</p>
Gold	Interstate Competition	<p>National Series/Cup</p> <p>AusCycling Race Members and Lifestyle Members (Time Trial and emerging disciplines)</p>
Silver	State Open Competition	<p>State/Territory Series and State/Territory Championships</p> <p>AusCycling Race Members and Lifestyle Members (Time Trial and Team Time Trial only)</p>
Bronze	Club and Interclub Competition	<p>Intra-club and Interclub competition</p> <p>AusCycling Race Members, Day Race Membership, Temporary Memberships and Lifestyle Members (Time Trial and Team Time Trial only)</p>



Proposed New Classification Framework

Level	Details	Current Classification
Level 1: National Championships	National Championship events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example: Junior and Masters Road National Championships 	Platinum
Level 2: National Series	National Series events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example: Junior 19 Road National Series 	Gold
Level 3: Nationally Significant	Major events that attract significant interest and participation	Gold, Silver and Bronze
Level 4: State and Territory	State/Territory Series, Championships or State Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cervelo Super Series 	Silver and Bronze
Level 5: Regional	Interclub events	Bronze
Level 6: Club	Club only events	Bronze



Event Classification by Level



Level 3: Nationally Significant

Area	Details
Membership Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AusCycling Race Member or UCI license holder from any National Federation
Prizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Maximum Once prizing is over the maximum for Level 4 (\$10,000) the event is automatically increased to Level 3.
Date Protection	<p>Same Discipline State or above events are not permitted in the discipline and same age group within the same State/Territory on the same day. If National event is conducted within a border region this will apply to both states/territories.</p> <p>Cross Discipline Road – MTB XC – Gravel – CX: Regional or above events are not permitted on the same day in the host state/territory. MTB DH – MTB EDR: Regional or above events are not permitted on the same day in the host state/territory.</p>
Delivery Standard	All events must meet Gold Level event standards for the discipline: Road and Track
Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> News Articles (pre-and-post), including in member EDM, social media posts (min 3).
Roles and Responsibilities	<p>Commissaires: Appointment of all Commissaires Insurance: Provision of insurance for the organiser Listing: Listing of AusCycling Calendar Detailed Roles and Responsibilities</p>

Level 4: State/Territory (inc. State Series, Championships and State Level)

Area	Details
Membership Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AusCycling Racing Member or UCI license holder from any National Federation.
Prizing	\$10,000 across the event or \$5,000 on a single day (whichever reaches the maximum)
Date Protection	<p>Same Discipline State/Territory or above events are not permitted in the discipline and same age group within the same State/Territory on the same day.</p> <p>Should there be an approach on Regional events?</p> <p>Cross Discipline: Road – Track: State Events are not permitted on the same day. MTB XC – Road: State Events are not permitted on the same day.</p>
Delivery Standard	All events must meet Silver Level event standards for the discipline: Road and Track
Promotion	State / Territory Social Media Coverage



Level 5: Regional

Area	Details
Membership Requirement	AusCycling Race Member, Club Member or UCI license holder 4-week trial membership Event License (1 or 7 days)
Prizing	Total prize money of \$250 per category up to \$1500 total for the event. Awards such as medals, trophies, certificates count towards total prizing. Series prizes such as medals, trophies, certificates, sponsored prizes may be provided at the end of a series. This does not count toward total prizing.
Date Protection	No other date protection provided. Clubs are encouraged to collaborate to ensure maximum participation.
Delivery Standard	All events must meet Bronze Level event standards for the discipline: Road and Track
Promotion	Inclusion on the AusCycling calendar.
Annual Registration Deadline	Can be added anytime if no conflicts.



Level 6: Club

Area	Details
Membership Requirement	AusCycling Racing Member, Club Member or UCI license holder 4-week trial membership Event License (1 or 7 days)
Prizing	Awards such as medals, trophies, certificates may be provided. Series prizing such as medals, trophies, certificates, sponsored prizes may be provided. Prize Money is not permitted
Date Protection	No date protection. Event may occur at anytime
Delivery Standard	All events must meet Bronze Level event standards for the discipline: Road and Track
Media and Marketing	None
Annual Registration Deadline	Not required.

What's Working or Makes Sense?



The Model Would Be Better If?



Other Considerations?



Next Steps



What is Next In The Process

- Take on feedback from this session and integrate to model
- Fee Review and Feedback Process
- Engagement with Private Event Organisers

Implementation (2026)

- Update of Organisers Guides, Sanctioning Guide and Resources
- Discipline Specific Support on key delivery issues

Thank you

