

27 FEB - 1 MAR 2026 | MT STROMLO, ACT

# **2026 AUSCYCLING MTB NATIONAL SERIES (XCO) - ROUND 5, 6 & 7 & UCI CONTINENTAL SERIES - ROUND 3 & 4 TECHNICAL GUIDE**



**National Series**  
AusCycling

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## Event Details

### Dates & Entries

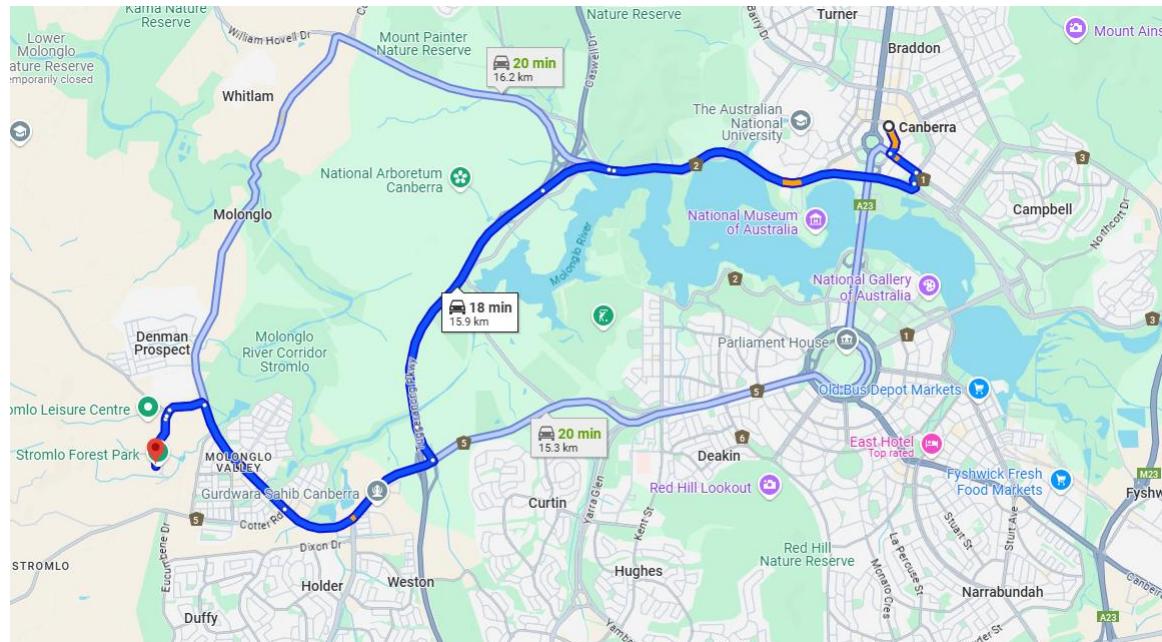
Entries for this event open on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 8:00pm AEDT

Entry Link	Date	Event Name
<a href="#">Round 5</a>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	(XCC) - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026
<a href="#">Round 6</a>	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	(XCO) - (UCI Continental Series, Continental Series Round 3) - Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026
<a href="#">Round 7</a>	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	(XCO) - (UCI Continental Series, XCO Junior Series, Continental Series Round 4) - Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> of March 2026

Entries for **all events close** on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 – 1:59pm AEDT. Any entries made after these closing times are at the sole discretion of event host. Any entries made after these closing times will start from the rear of the starting grid.

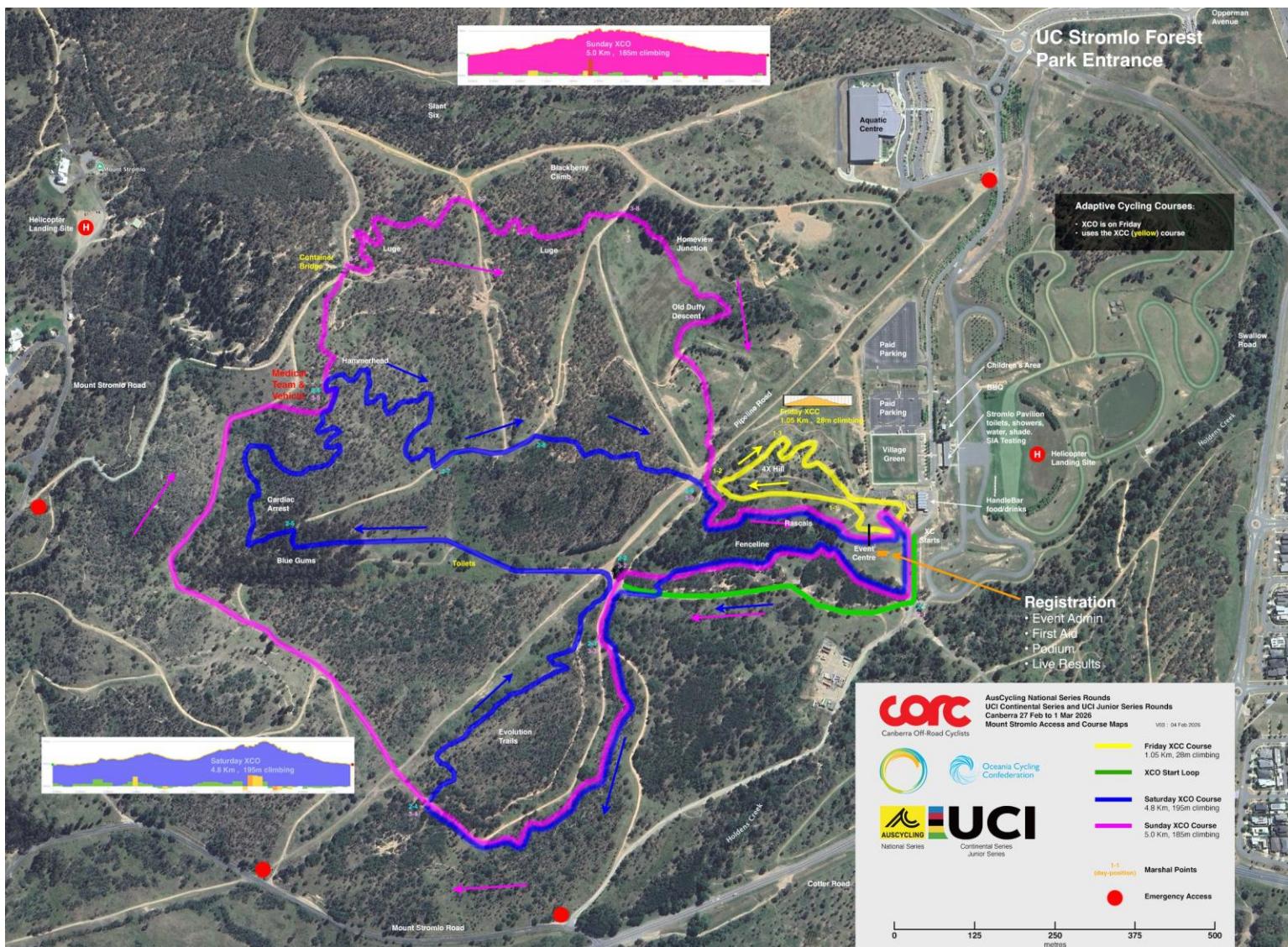
### Event Location & Race Village

Mount Stromlo Mountain Bike Park, Opperman Ave, Stromlo ACT, 2611. Mt. Stromlo is approximately 20 minutes drive from the center of Canberra.



## Course information

### Course Map



Course	Distance	Elevation
Friday (XCC)	1.05km	28 meters
Saturday (XCO)	4.8km	185 meters
Sunday (XCO)	5.0km	185 meters

## Parking

Parking for this event is available at the Stromlo Forrest Car Park. This car park is paid parking. Further information about parking at this location is [available here](#)

## Membership Requirements

Australian Riders	International Riders (inc. NZ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants are required to hold a current and valid AusCycling 'Race – Off Road or All Discipline' membership.</li> <li>Event Licenses and 4 Week Free Trials are not permitted for any category in this event.</li> <li>To explore membership options please visit - <a href="https://auscycling.org.au/membership">https://auscycling.org.au/membership</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Riders are required to have a UCI License as well as a UCI ID</li> <li>Riders for U17 &amp; U15 age categories must provide a UCI ID issued from their National federation.</li> </ul>

By entering into this event you agree to the following conditions;

Participants shall:

- Obey instructions from the Event Organisers, Commissaires and event marshals/officials.
- Employ correct etiquette and ride safely in all situations.
- Be required to wear minimum safety gear including appropriately approved helmet.
- Ensure that their bicycle is in good working order.
- Ensure they have an adequate supply of water, sports drink and nutrition as required for the activity they are to participate in.
- Be responsible for ensuring they are fit enough for the activity.

## Event Contacts

<b>AusCycling Management</b>	
Lukas Matys   Head of Events (MTB & CX)	<a href="mailto:lukas.matys@auscycling.org.au">lukas.matys@auscycling.org.au</a>
Harry Fortune   Manager of Event Operations (MTB & CX)	<a href="mailto:harry.fortune@auscycling.org.au">harry.fortune@auscycling.org.au</a>
<b>Club Contact</b>	
Christoph Grande   Race Director	
Russel Baker   Event Manager	
<b>Commissaire Panel</b>	
Jeremy Christmas   President of the Commissaire Panel (PCP)	
Daryl Cram   Member	
David Kallir Preece   Member	
David Reid   Member	
Andrew Falconer   Member	

## Eligible Age Categories

<b>UCI Continental Series</b>
Elite & Under 23, Under 19 Men & Women
<b>AusCycling XCO National Series</b>
Elite, Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Masters 1 – 10 Men & Women
<b>Supported Races</b>
Under 13, Under 11s, Under 9s, Under 7s, E-Bike & Expert Men & Women
<p>Please note that a rider's eligibility for an age category is determined by the rider's age as at  <b>31<sup>st</sup> of December 2026.</b></p> <p>All categories are open to members of any national federation.</p>

## Rider Registration

Registration/ Event Sign on will be onsite at the Race Village from Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am till 8:00pm.

## Presentations

Presentation ceremonies will take place in the event village after each race. All riders who finish 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in Elite or 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in all other categories must be present at their presentation.

## Awards

<b>AusCycling National Series</b>	<b>UCI Continental Series</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AusCycling National Series points*</li> <li>Medals – 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> (all categories)</li> <li>Podium recognition - 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> (Elite only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 5 Riders will receive a Golden Ticket to any UCI MTB World Series event.</li> <li>UCI Points*</li> <li>Podium recognition - 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> (Elite only)</li> </ul>

**No Cash prizes** are payable for the above races.

### **UCI XCO Junior Series (C3) – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of March ONLY**

- UCI Junior Series Points\*
- Cash Prizes for U19 Men & Women\*\*

1 <sup>st</sup> = €65.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> = €50.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> = €30.00	4 <sup>th</sup> = €25.00	5 <sup>th</sup> = €20.00
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\*Points awarded as per table on page 6 | \*\*Paid out in AUD at exchange rate of 1.7567 AUD to 1 Euro

## Results

Results will be available via the [AusCycling Results page](#).

## Event Schedule

Competition Schedule V1.0 – *Subject to change*

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

Start	Finish	Activity
0800	2000	Race Village Opens
0830	1830	Rider Tent Set Up
0900	1700	Rider Registration
1000	1430	XCO Official Practice
1500	1530	XCC Open Practice
1530	1600	XCC Adaptive Racing
<b>1600</b>	<b>1930</b>	<b>XCC Racing</b>
1600	1630	Group 1 (Men Masters 5-10)
1630	1700	Group 2 (Women U15, U17, Masters 5-10)
17:00	17:30	Group 3 (Men U15, U17)
17:30	18:00	Group 4 (Men & Women, U13, U11, U9, U7)
18:00	18:45	Group 5 (Women U19, U23, Elite, Expert, Masters 1-4)
18:45	19:30	Group 6 (Men U19, U23, Elite, Expert, Masters 1-4)

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

Start	Finish	Activity
08:00	19:00	Race Village Opens
08:30	16:00	Rider Registration
08:30	09:00	XCO Open Practice
09:00	17:00	<b>XCO Racing</b>
09:00	10:30	Group 1 (Men U15, U17, Masters 5-10)
10:30	11:00	XCO Open Practice
11:00	13:00	Group 2 (Women, All categories)
13:00	13:30	XCO Open Practice
13:30	15:30	Group 3 (Men U19, U23, Elite, Expert, Masters 1-4)
15:30	16:00	XCO Open Practice
16:00	17:00	Group 4 (Men & Women, U13, U11, U9, U7)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026

Start	Finish	Activity
08:00	18:30	Race Village Opens
08:30	12:30	Rider Registration
08:30	09:00	XCO Open Practice
09:00	10:30	Group 1 (Men U15, U17, Expert, Masters 1-10)
10:30	11:00	XCO Open Practice
11:00	13:00	Group 2 (Women, All categories)
13:00	13:30	XCO Open Practice
13:30	15:30	Group 3 (Men U19,)
15:30	17:00	Group 4 (Men U23, Elite)

## Series Points – UCI Continental & AC National Series

Series Points to be awarded for final placings.

AusCycling National Series				UCI Jnr Series (U19)		UCI Continental Series			
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Elite	U23	U19
<b>1st</b>	200	<b>27th</b>	78	<b>1st</b>	90	<b>1st</b>	100	60	20
<b>2nd</b>	186	<b>28th</b>	76	<b>2nd</b>	70	<b>2nd</b>	80	40	18
<b>3rd</b>	176	<b>29th</b>	74	<b>3rd</b>	60	<b>3rd</b>	60	30	16
<b>4th</b>	168	<b>30th</b>	72	<b>4th</b>	50	<b>4th</b>	50	25	14
<b>5th</b>	160	<b>31st</b>	70	<b>5th</b>	40	<b>5th</b>	40	20	12
<b>6th</b>	152	<b>32nd</b>	68	<b>6th</b>	35	<b>6th</b>	35	18	10
<b>7th</b>	144	<b>33rd</b>	66	<b>7th</b>	30	<b>7th</b>	30	16	8
<b>8th</b>	136	<b>34th</b>	64	<b>8th</b>	27	<b>8th</b>	27	14	6
<b>9th</b>	124	<b>35th</b>	62	<b>9th</b>	24	<b>9th</b>	24	12	4
<b>10th</b>	116	<b>36th</b>	60	<b>10th</b>	22	<b>10th</b>	22	10	2
<b>11th</b>	110	<b>37th</b>	58	<b>11th</b>	20	<b>11th</b>	20	8	
<b>12th</b>	108	<b>38th</b>	56	<b>12th</b>	18	<b>12th</b>	18	6	
<b>13th</b>	106	<b>39th</b>	54	<b>13th</b>	16	<b>13th</b>	16	4	
<b>14th</b>	104	<b>40th</b>	52	<b>14th</b>	14	<b>14th</b>	14	2	
<b>15th</b>	102	<b>41st</b>	50	<b>15th</b>	12	<b>15th</b>	12	1	
<b>16th</b>	100	<b>42nd</b>	48	<b>16th</b>	10	<b>16th</b>	10		
<b>17th</b>	98	<b>43rd</b>	46	<b>17th</b>	9	<b>17th</b>	9		
<b>18th</b>	96	<b>44th</b>	44	<b>18th</b>	8	<b>18th</b>	8		
<b>19th</b>	94	<b>45th</b>	42	<b>19th</b>	7	<b>19th</b>	7		
<b>20th</b>	92	<b>46th</b>	40	<b>20th</b>	6	<b>20th</b>	6		
<b>21st</b>	90	<b>47th</b>	38	<b>21st</b>	5	<b>21st</b>	5		
<b>22nd</b>	88	<b>48th</b>	36	<b>22nd</b>	4	<b>22nd</b>	4		
<b>23rd</b>	86	<b>49th</b>	34	<b>23rd</b>	3	<b>23rd</b>	3		
<b>24th</b>	84	<b>50th</b>	32	<b>24th</b>	2	<b>24th</b>	2		
<b>25th</b>	82	<b>51st~</b>	30	<b>25th</b>	1	<b>25th</b>	1		
<b>26th</b>	80	<b>DNF</b>	20						
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# Competitor Information

## Rules and regulations

The event will be conducted under the guidance of the Australian technical Regulations both General and Mountain Bike specific. UCI Technical Regulations for Mountain Bike races apply to rounds 6 & 7 only.

These regulations can be read below:

- [2026 Mountain Bike Technical Regulations](#)
- [2026 General Technical Regulations](#)
- [2026 UCI MTB Technical Regulations](#)

## Medical & Hospital

There will be dedicated medical staff present on all 3 days of racing. Medical staff will be located on course in a response vehicle as well as in the event village in a red-top tent with a large First Aid flag adjacent. The nearest hospital to the race location is the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department – Building 5 Hospital Rd, Garran ACT, 2605. Canberra Hospital is a Level 1 Trauma Hospital (the highest level in Australia). Phone (02) 5124 0000.

## Rider Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency riders are to contact an event crew member. This may be the event manager, race director, marshal, or commissaire. Riders can flag down an event crew member or phone 0409 532 994 to receive assistance.

## Trail Access outside of event days

Riders must be aware that all trails will not be staffed outside of official practice and race times. Riders who access the trails at this time do so at their own risk of being unable to access emergency assistance.

## Social Media

Please help us grow the profile of the MTB National Series by using the hashtag #xx

### Aus Cycling

Facebook	@AusCyclingMTBCX
X/Twitter	@AusCyclingAus
Instagram	@auscyclingaus Official

### CORC

Facebook	<a href="#">CORC</a>
Website	<a href="#">CORC</a>
Instagram	<a href="#">CORC</a>

## Technical Information – Cross Country

### Marshaling & Start

Riders are required to be present for a race briefing prior to racing. This briefing will occur during staging for the start of the race. In accordance with the technical regulations, rider staging must commence no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.

Note that riders will be penalized in the event that they are not present when the marshal calls them at the beginning of a stage.

### Race Numbers

For all races, riders will be issued a race plate and timing chip at registration. Race Plates must be clearly visible and unaltered in any way. This race plate must be fixed to the riders bike prior to commencing any practice or racing. UCI categories will also be issued a body number which they will be required to wear during racing. Race numbers must be visible to any official or rider whilst on track in either race or course practice. This means that the race plate cannot be obscured in any way. The race plate must be:

- Displayed flat, not curved.
- Free from visible obstructions such as cables or any other hardware.
- Displayed as provided, not cut, folded or altered in any way.
- Perpendicular to the ground with a slight upwards slant.



## Safety Equipment

### Helmets

As per the 2026 AusCycling Mountain Bike Technical Regulations (Annexure A), riders must have a helmet meeting AS2063 or equivalent international standard. Equivalent international standards include;

- ANSI Z90.4, SNELL B or N Series
- ASTM F-1447
- CAN/CSA-D113.2-M
- US CPSC standard for bicycle helmets
- European CEN standard EN1078

## Rider Equipment

Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame. Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finish line with the same handlebar number plate that they had at the start (UCI Article 4.2.046)

## Race Seeding

Seeding/Plate order is determined as follows for Round 5 (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of February), Round 6 (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of March) & Round 7 (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March). Please note that seeding and start orders **will not change** between races for this event.

Elite, U23, U19 (Conti. Series + Nat. Series)	J15, J17 (Nat. Series)
1. Current UCI rankings 2. 2026 National Series Rankings 3. UCI World Champion 4. AusCycling National Champion 5. 2024/25 National Series rankings 6. Order of Entry	1. 2026 National Series Rankings 2. AusCycling National Champion 3. 2024/25 National Series ranking. 4. Order of Entry.
Masters (Nat. Series)	Supported Races
1. 2026 National Series Rankings 2. AusCycling National Champion 3. 2024/25 National Series rankings 4. Order of Entry	1. Order of Entry

## Technical Assistance Zone (TAZ) & Neutral Race Support

Designated Technical Assistance Zones (TAZ) will be clearly marked and located after the Finish Line. Only in the Technical Assistance Zone (TAZ) are racers allowed to change any part of their clothing or equipment with the assistance from non-racers.

Feeding and Technical support may only be provided within these Zones. Racers are allowed to collect and drop equipment or food in the TAZ. No food is allowed to be prepared or given to a racer by a member of the racer's support crew unless the rider is in an officially marked TAZ.

Racers are only allowed to give any waste equipment to another person (this includes event or team staff and fans) in the TAZ. Racers can gain verbal assistance from anyone during a race but no one other than another racer can physically help a racer, touch their equipment or provide any supplies outside of the TAZ.

## Technical Information - General

### Severe Weather Guidelines

When looking at weather conditions, the safety of the athletes, spectators, staff, and volunteers is the utmost priority. While often providing an additional challenge, adverse weather in its extremes may result in hypothermia, heat exhaustion or other dangerous conditions. In all cases the event will follow the AusCycling Extreme Weather Guidelines.

### Therapeutic Use Exemption

All competitors may be subject to anti-doping testing under AusCycling and Sport Integrity Australia regulations. If you are currently taking any medication (including supplements), please check whether this substance is banned in or out of competition via [www.globaldro.com/AU/search](http://www.globaldro.com/AU/search)

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.

Who needs to complete a TUE in-advance for Cycling? Athletes who are taking, considering taking, or being prescribed any banned or prohibited substances.

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 module.

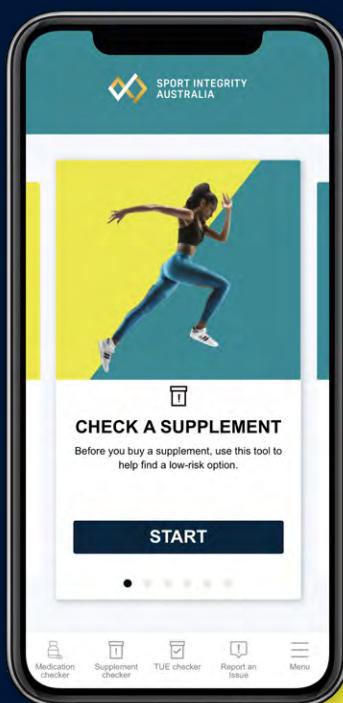


# CLEAN SPORT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

## SPORT INTEGRITY APP

- Check medications on Global DRO
- Find low risk supplements
- Check if you need a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)
- Report an issue
- Give feedback or ask a question

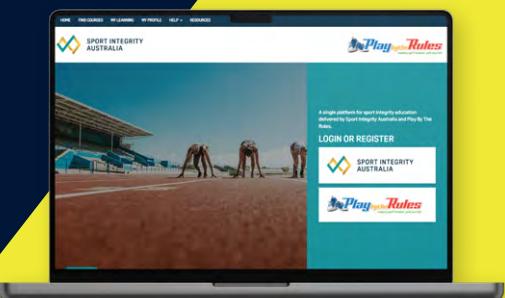
The app also has information on all sport integrity issues, anti-doping rules, testing programs, the health effects of doping, supplement and nutrition advice, overseas travel considerations and more. Just click on the menu icon.



Download the app from the Apple Store and Google Play store [here](#).

## ONLINE EDUCATION

- Sport Integrity Australia's eLearning website: [elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au](http://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.



## Contact Us

Email: [education@sportintegrity.gov.au](mailto:education@sportintegrity.gov.au)  
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Enquiries: 1300 027 232  
[www.sportintegrity.gov.au](http://www.sportintegrity.gov.au)



# ANTI DOPING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



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 risk. 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.



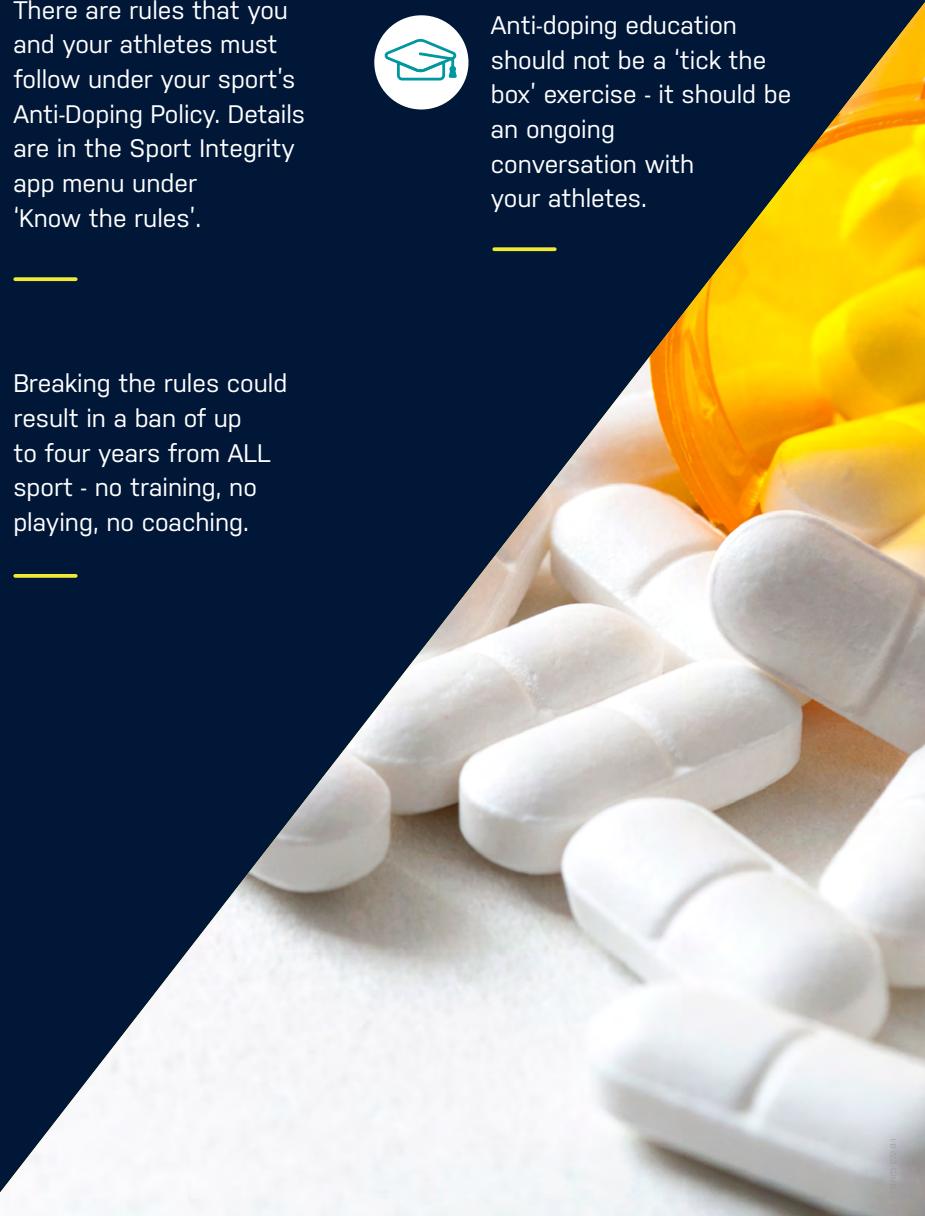
If you are involved in a team sport, and an athlete tests positive to a banned substance, the team could lose competition points and championship placings.



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'.



# COMPETITION COMING UP?

## MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY!

1

Download the Sport Integrity App and use it to make your way through the following steps.



2

### TAKING A MEDICATION?

Use the 'Check a Medication' tab to access Global DRO to make sure your medication isn't banned in sport.



3

### TAKING A BANNED SUBSTANCE FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES?

Use the Therapeutic Use Exemption Checker to see if you need a TUE, and complete the paperwork if required.



4

### USING SUPPLEMENTS?

Use the 'Check a Supplement' tab to check the risk of your product. Supplements are the leading cause of inadvertent positive tests in Australia.



5

### NEVER BEEN TESTED?

Prepare yourself by going through a virtual reality test on the App. (Search for it under the menu icon)



6

### KNOW THE RULES?

A positive test is only one way to be banned from sport. Read up on the 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations.



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### COMPLETED YOUR EDUCATION?

Access the Sport Integrity Australia online courses by clicking on the Get Educated tab.



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### TRAIN AND COMPETE CLEAN!



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#### CONTACT US

Please visit our website [sportintegrity.gov.au](http://sportintegrity.gov.au), contact us at [education@sportintegrity.gov.au](mailto:education@sportintegrity.gov.au), call our Safe Sport Hotline **1800 161 361**, or enquire **1300 027 232**



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