

AWARDS POLICY



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INTRODUCTION

The AusCycling Awards ('Policy') outlines the various award and recognition for the cycling community to recognise achievements and contribution to the sport.

The purpose of the Policy is to provide a transparent and consistent process when determining the recipients of these awards. AusCycling has three areas of awards and recognition:

Impact Awards: These awards are provided to individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport and are awarded from time to time.

Service Awards: Awarded annually to individuals for service and performance.

Performance Awards: Awarded annually to outstanding Australian athletes based on domestic and international results or achievements.

Service & Participation Recognition: Awarded to individuals for consecutive attendance or supporting performance and participation.

State and Territory Performance Awards: Presented to individuals within a state or territory based on their sport performance.

Sport Performance (National): Performance awards to recognise the various formats of Mountain Bike.

Legacy Awards: Awards which were named after an individual from a legacy organisation continue to be presented.



REQUIREMENTS OF ALL AWARDS

- Displayed good character and who have not brought the sport into disrepute
- Not currently suspended in any way

Removal of Awards

The AusCycling Board may remove any award retrospectively if in its opinion it believes there is a breach of AusCycling policies which bring the sport into disrepute.

For an award to be revoked:

A written statement must be provided to the AusCycling Board setting out why the award should be withdrawn and the reasons, facts and evidence why the member/recipient no longer satisfies the selection criteria.

The Board may refer the submission to the History & Heritage Committee, Awards Committee or the Ethics and Integrity Committee to consider the recommendation and accompanying material.



SECTION 1: IMPACT AWARDS

A: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest honour which can be bestowed by AusCycling. It is awarded to recognise eminent achievement and merit to a person who has rendered distinguished or significant contributions to the success, reputation, or positive standing of cycling across Australia.

Life Membership is an honour presented to a current or past member and is recognised as the highest recognition awarded to a member by AusCycling.

Criteria for Nomination

Life Membership should not be considered a competitive matter, and nominees are to be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. The criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated.

There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership, nominee's strengths against the various criteria will vary.

AusCycling staff members are not eligible for Life Membership.

Life Members from legacy organisations are not eligible to receive Life Membership again.

Key Considerations for Life Membership

Cultural Contribution

The extent to which the individual has been a role model for positive behaviours and leadership within the cycling community.

Structural Contribution

The extent to which the individual has helped shape programs, events and/or infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

Governance Contribution

The extent to which the individual has supported cycling in either a board/committee or officiation capacity.

Growth and Development Contribution



The extent to which the individual has supported the growth and development of cycling or specific athletes and consequently had a positive impact on more people riding, racing and watching cycling.

Inclusion and Diversity Contribution

The extent to which an individual has made a positive contribution to inclusion and diversity in the cycling and riding community.

Other Material Contributions

Nomination Process

Nominations should be submitted in writing to the Awards Committee of AusCycling for consideration and may be made by any individual member.

1. Any individual can be nominated by a current member, with the nomination seconded by at least one other member. Individuals may not nominate or second themselves. Family members cannot nominate or second another family member.
2. Nominations should include a summary of the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate.
3. Nominations need to be in writing, using the nomination form provided and submitted by the required due date.
4. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
5. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with recommendations made to the Board for endorsement.
6. Nominations endorsed by the Board will be presented to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.
7. Nominations will be kept by the nominations committee in perpetuity. Any unsuccessful nominations will have the ability to add to their nomination on an annual basis.

Life Membership Benefits

- Membership of choice for life at no cost
- A commemorative Life Membership Certificate
- Inclusion in the Life Membership listing

AusCycling will recognise the passing of all Life Members through a public statement.

B. SPIRIT OF CYCLING

This award is available to both members and non-members who have given distinguished or special service to cycling in Australia over a non-specific period of time.

This award honours those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport, irrespective of duration.



Their dedication and commitment coupled with good character will have led to successful achievements that will have enhanced public and/or commercial interest in cycling. This award is a non-annual award which is determined by the CEO from time to time.

It is awarded to any person or organisation who's impact on cycling in Australia has been transformative.

Eligibility

Any individual who is an individual who is in who meets section *Requirements of all Awards* within this policy.



C. HALL OF FAME

Australian cycling has a rich history comprising of some of the oldest races in the world and international success dating back more than 100 years.

The AusCycling Hall of Fame has been established to recognise the outstanding achievements of the true greats of Australian cycling.

They are the “best of the best” who, through their achievements, have made an enduring or significant contribution to cycling. Induction into the AusCycling Hall of Fame is a public acknowledgement of their extraordinary feats.

The AusCycling History & Heritage Committee (Committee) selects riders and/or officials for induction to the Hall of Fame

Selection Process

- Any individual can nominate potential members of the Hall of Fame.
- The Committee will also be able to invite nominations.
 1. Nominations are to be submitted annually, by a date set by the Committee, to be considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.
 2. Any nomination which has been previously submitted but not selected may be reconsidered by the Committee.
- The Committee is responsible for endorsing all inductees. The AusCycling Board is responsible for the final approval of all inductees.

Selection Criteria for Athlete Nominations

An athlete shall be considered for inclusion into the AusCycling Hall of Fame after a two (2) year period following retirement from competition at the highest level. Athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Nominees must:

- be Australian citizens;
- have achieved at the highest level of competition in their chosen discipline; and
- have the support of their peers.
- have achieved their results as an Australian athlete.

The Committee will consider the degree of difficulty for a Nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.

The Committee will consider the coaching and/or administrative efforts, of an athlete, that has made a significant contribution to the success of Australian cycling and its standing in the community.



The Committee will consider in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.

Two Year Retirement Period

With the establishment of AusCycling and the heightened focus on celebrating all disciplines History and Heritage, the two (2) year period following retirement from competition at the highest level will apply across all disciplines for future inductions.

Athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Ineligible Athletes

Nominations will not be considered for selection to the AusCycling Hall of Fame if the person has been subject to disqualification recognised by the governing body for reasons of use, or consumption of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, use of illegal performance enhancing techniques or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar a person from consideration for inclusion in the AusCycling Hall of Fame unless that misdemeanour, offence or conduct is (in the judgement of the Selection Committee and the AusCycling Board) of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of the AusCycling Hall of Fame and its Members.

Selection Criteria for Non-Athlete Nominations

A person may be inducted into the Hall of Fame for their contribution to the sport when the nominee has:

- provided no less than twenty (20) years of service to the sport;
- served on Australian teams (or equivalent) as a coach or administrator for a time considered appropriate by the Committee;
- coached a rider or riders to medal at Pinnacle events.
- made a significant and enduring positive contribution to the development of cycling and its standing in the community;
- officiated at Pinnacle events.

Pinnacle events include: Elite or Para-cycling category (UCI World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games, X-Games, Commonwealth Games, UCI World Tour, UCI World Series/Cup).

Non-athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Ineligible Administrators

Nominations will not be considered for selection to the AusCycling Hall of Fame if the person has been subject to disqualification recognised by the governing body for reasons of use, or consumption of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, use of illegal performance



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Legacy Hall of Fame Inductions

All previous Cycling Australia, Mountain Bike Australia and BMX Australia Hall of Fame members will be recognised by AusCycling.

Legend Status

The Legends category, reserved for athletes only, is for those who are deemed to have had a significant impact on the sport, at the highest level, above their peers.

Nominees as a Legend must have been retired from the sport for at least ten (10) years. Legends will comprise a maximum of 15 per cent of the total AusCycling Hall of Fame members.

In elevating an inductee to Legend status only their “cycling” records will be taken into account and not a candidate’s other contributions to the sport.



SECTION 2: SERVICE AWARDS

Meritorious Awards are presented for distinguished service or outstanding performance.

A meritorious medal is an honour bestowed to current individual members.

MERITORIOUS MEDAL: SPORT

The Meritorious Medal for contribution to sport recognises service in a particular club, location or discipline. These awards recognise anyone who has provided distinguished service to cycling for 10+ years' service in one role or a variety of roles.

Recipients will have provided significant positive impact to the sport. Some examples service may include:

- Club Committee Members.
- Team Manager (club, team, representative team).
- Commissaires who have actively officiated annually.
- Coaches who regularly develop National level riders (or above) or support representative teams.
- Coaches who have supported increased participation.
- Individuals who have increased inclusion and diversity at any level.

Nomination and Selection

Nominations should be submitted in writing for consideration by the Awards Committee.

1. Any individual can be nominated by a current member, with the nomination seconded by at least one other member.
2. Nominations should include a summary of the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate.
3. Nominations need to be in writing, using the nomination form provided and submitted by the required due date.
4. Meritorious Medals cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
5. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with recommendations made to the Board. for approval. AusCycling will annually set a nomination period for this award.
6. Nominations from Life Membership that aren't successful will be considered as a Meritorious Medal nomination.
7. Nominations will be kept if unsuccessful in receiving an award. May provide further information year-on-year for consideration.

AusCycling will annually set a nomination period for this award.

Meritorious Medal recipients from Legacy organisations are not eligible to receive the award again.



MERITORIOUS MEDAL: PERFORMANCE

AusCycling recognises performance of individuals or teams who win at the Elite category within their discipline. The following table outlines the requirements for each discipline. These will be recognised as part of the Cyclist of the Year Awards.

Discipline	Performance Requirement
	Gold at one of the following
BMX Freestyle	UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships Olympic Games
BMX Racing	UCI BMX Racing World Championships Olympic Games
Mountain Bike	UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: DH, XCO, XCC, XCT, Pump, Enduro, Trials, Marathon Olympic Games: XCO
Cyclo-cross	UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships
Gravel	UCI Gravel World Championships
Road	UCI Road World Championships: ITT, TTT, RR Olympic Games: TT, RR Paralympic Games: RR and Time Trial -all categories
Track	UCI Track World Championships: all events Olympic Games: all events Paralympic Games: all events and categories
Para-cycling	UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: ITT, RR & Team Relay UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships: all events



	Paralympic Games (road and track): all events
ESport	UCI ESports World Championships



SECTION 3: SPORT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The AusCycling Annual Awards recognise excellence in performance by Australian's each year in Elite, Masters and Junior categories.

The awards are:

Overall Awards

AusCycling Cyclist of the Year “Oppy Medal”: Overall Cyclist of the Year Award.

*Discipline Awards: Annual Performance Awards**

- BMX Racing Rider of the Year
- BMX Freestyle Rider of the Year
- Cyclo-cross Cyclist of the Year
- ESports Cyclist of the Year
- Gravel Cyclist of the Year
- Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Para-Cyclist of the Year (Road)
- Para-Cyclist of the Year (Track)
- Road Cyclist of the Year
- Track Cyclist of the Year
- Team of the Year

*Aged Based Category Awards**

- Masters Cyclist of the Year (BMX Racing, Mountain Bike, Road, Track)
- Junior Cyclist of the Year (BMX Racing, Mountain Bike, Road, Track)

*for all category awards both male and female categories are recognised.

Eligibility

Nominees and recipients must be:

1. Elite: be recognised as an individual who is an Australian citizen and recognised as Australian by the UCI. Only Elite category performances will be considered.
2. Junior: be in the Junior 19 category (as defined by the UCI), an Australian citizen and recognised by the UCI as an Australian.
3. Masters: must be aged 30+ during the performance period in Masters competition, an Australian permanent resident, and recognised by the UCI as Australian.

Performance Period (all categories)



3. The performance period is from December 1 to 30 November.

In the case where the same pinnacle events occur during this period only the most recent pinnacle event will be considered (e.g. two UCI World Championships) during the performance period.

Selection Criteria

Cyclist of the Year Award: "Oppy"

The Cyclist of the Year Award is awarded to the most outstanding Australian cyclist during the performance period.

The finalist for the Cyclist of the Year Award are the recipients of the Discipline Performance Award. This may include individuals from a team or a team (see eligible events below).

Performance: The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered during the performance period. Performances must be within the Elite category of these competitions (if applicable).

Priority Level	BMX Freestyle	BMX Racing
1	Olympic Games	Olympic Games
2	UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships	UCI BMX Racing World Championships
3	X-Games, BMX Freestyle World Cup	BMX Racing World Cup
4	Continental Championships	Continental Championships
5	National Championships	National Championships
6	UCI Classified Events	UCI Classified Events

Priority Level	Mountain Bike	Road (Men)	Road (Women)
1	Olympic Games	General Classification at UCI World Tour (priority 1 then 2 events – see 2.10.008)	General Classification at UCI World Tour (as equivalent to priority 1)



		of the UCI Regulation)	
2	UCI World Championships	Olympic Games – Road Race and Time Trial	Olympic Games – Road Race and Time Trial
3	UCI World Series	UCI Road World Championships – Road Race and Time Trial	General Classification at UCI World Tour (as equivalent to priority 2)
4	Continental Championships	General Classification / Overall Finish Position: UCI World Tour priority 3 then 4 Stage Wins/Jerseys wins priority 1 and 2	UCI Road World Championships – Road Race and Time Trial
5	National Championships	Commonwealth Games – Road Race and Time Trial	General Classification / Overall Finish Position (as equivalent to priority 3 then 4 events for men).
6	UCI Classified and Continental Series Events	UCI Classified Events Stage Wins/Jerseys for other World Tour Events	Commonwealth Games – Road Race and Time Trial
7		Continental Championships	UCI Classified Events Stage Wins/Jerseys for other World Tour Events
		National Championships	Continental Championships
			National Championships



Priority Level	Esports	Gravel	Cyclo-cross
1	UCI World Championships	UCI World Championships	UCI World Championships
2	UCI Continental Qualifier	UCI Gravel World Series Qualifier	National Championships
3	National Championships	Oceania Championships	UCI Classified Events
4	National Series	National Championships	National Series

Priority Level	Para-cycling	Track
1	Paralympic Games	Olympic Games
2	Commonwealth Games	Commonwealth Games
3	UCI World Championships	UCI World Championships
4	UCI World Cup	UCI World Cup
5	Continental Championships	Continental Championships
6	National Championships	National Championships
7	UCI Classified Events	UCI Classified Event

Additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World record performances.

When there is equivalent performance outcomes additional weight will be given to Olympic and Paralympic events.

Joint winners are permitted for the Oppy however this should only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Discipline and Team Awards



Discipline and Team* awards are presented to an individual/team (where permitted), for each discipline who have achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance. The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered to distinguish performances within the performance period.

The events considered for this award are:

Track

- Team Sprint
- Team Pursuit
- Madison

Road

- Team Time Trial

Mountain Bike

- Team Relay

Para-cycling

4. Track Team Sprint
5. Track Tandem Team Sprint
- Road Team Relay

*The Team of the Year award will be awarded on a cross-discipline basis. Mountain Bike is awarded based on a discipline basis not a format basis.

Priority Level	Team Awards
1	Olympic Games
2	UCI World Championships
3	UCI World Cup & Commonwealth Games
4	Continental Championships
5	National Championships
6	UCI Classified Events

Additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World record performances.



All performances must be in the Elite or U23 category. There may be co-winners for individual awards. The Team of the Year Award must have one winner.

World Record and World Best Performances

World Records and World Best (Masters) Performances will be recognised through a presentation of a certificate.

Age Based Awards

Awards will be presented to:

- Junior 19 and
- Masters (one all ages combined category).

One winner (male and female) will be named in the following disciplines for both Junior 19 and masters:

- BMX Freestyle
- BMX Racing
- Mountain Bike
- Track
- Road

Performance: The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered during the performance period. Performances are only considered when competing in the age category.

1.	UCI World Championships
2.	UCI World Series, World Cup, Nations Cup or equivalent (Junior only)
3.	Continental Championships (Junior only)
4.	National Championship

Awarding Process:

6. Nominations are sought for each award category from AusCycling management.
1. Nominations will be reviewed and recipients determined by the Awards Committee.

The AusCycling Awards Committee may seek input from discipline experts when considering nominations.



There may be co-winners for these awards.



SECTION 4: SERVICE AND PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION

Consecutive Years

Awards will be provided to any participant who has competed at a State/Territory or National Championships on a consecutive basis for:

- 10 years and every 5-year interval on a consecutive basis.

Major Event Official/Commissaire

- All appointed Commissaires and Officials at National Championships and UCI events will receive recognition for their appointment through ceremony and certificate.



SECTION 5: STATE AND TERRITORY PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The AusCycling Annual Awards recognise excellence in performance by AusCycling members at competition over the domestic season. Those who perform internationally are considered in the AusCycling National Awards.

Note: In the case of Masters categories international competition may also be considered. The following awards will be presented in all States/Territories.

BMX Racing

- BMX Rider of the Year
- Junior BMX Rider of the Year
- Masters BMX Rider of the Year

Mountain Bike

- Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Junior Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Masters Mountain Bike of the Year

Road**

- Road Cyclist of the Year
- Junior Road Cyclist of the Year
- Masters Road Cyclist of the Year

Track**

- Track Cyclist of the Year
- Junior Track Cyclist of the Year
- Masters Track Cyclist of the Year

*for all category awards both male and female categories are recognised.

**including para-cycling (inc, AWII, Transplant, Deaf, Short Statured, and UCI Para-categories)

BMX Freestyle, Gravel, Cyclo-cross and ESport may be added in the future depending on competition growth in each state/territory.

Eligibility

Nominees and recipients must be:

- A current AusCycling Member.
- **Rider/Cyclist of the Year:** is an Australian citizen and recognised as Australian by the



UCI.

- **Junior:** be under 19 during the performance period, an Australian citizen, and recognised by UCI as an Australian.
- **Masters:** over 30 years of age.
 7. **State/Territory:** Riders can only be recognised in the State/Territory in which their primary club is located. They must have lived in that State/Territory for at least 6 months during the performance period. In the case of Track, the residency requirement will be exempted for riders who move interstate as part of the AusCycling Performance program if the rider continues to compete for the state/territory of their primary club.

Criteria

The State and Territory Performance awards go to an individual who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance events. The following table outlines the order of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered to distinguish performances within the performance period.

Order of Priority

1. UCI World Championships (Masters only)
2. National Championships
3. State/Territory Championships
4. State/Territory Series

When considering recipients additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World/Best record performances and the depth of field.

Other Considerations

Individual event teams (e.g. Team Sprint, Team Pursuit, Madison, MTB Team Relay, and others) may be awarded discipline-based awards.

There may be co-winners for these awards.

Eligibility and Selections

1. Individuals must be a primary member of a club within the state/territory. If a rider transfers during the year riders will only be considered for performances while a primary member when in that state.
8. The Performance Period will be from the first day after the National Championships (for each discipline/category) to the finish of the next National Championships (for each discipline/category).

Announcement of the recipients may vary for each state/territory and discipline based on local requirements.



SECTION 6: LEGACY AWARDS

AusCycling will award State/Territory legacy awards which have been named after an individual. These include:

BMX State/Territory

- **Keith Williams Medal (VIC):** The Keith Williams Medal: awarded to the most outstanding Victorian male and female riders at the Victorian State Championships, based on performance during the event.
- **John Walczuk Service to BMX (VIC):** Awarded to an individual who has provided significant service to BMX in Victoria.
- **Cheryl Vince Memorial Trophy (QLD):** Top Male and Female Official of the Year.
- **Bill Dunkely Official of the Year (NSW):** Top Male and Female Official of the Year.

Track National

- **Southcott Cup:** Awarded to the winning team in the Elite Men's Teams Pursuit Championship.
- **Australian Women's Team Pursuit Cup:** Awarded to the winning team in the Elite Women Team Pursuit Championship.
- **W.J. "Bill" Young Trophy:** Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Men U19 Team Pursuit Championship.
- **Australian Junior Women 19 Team Pursuit Cup:** Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Women 19 Women's Team Pursuit Championships
- **J.J. "Tiny" Nichols Trophy:** Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Men U17 Teams Pursuit Championship.
- **Australian Junior 17 Team Pursuit Cup:** Awarded to the winning team in the Junior U17 Women's Team Pursuit Championships.
- **Robina Joy Trophy:** Awarded to the winning state during the National Elite Track Championship. Points awarded for the Norm Gailey Presidential Trophy shall decide.
- **Ray Godkin Shield:** Awarded to the winning State for overall junior category events during the Australian Junior Track Championship. Points awarded the same as for the Norm Gailey Presidential Trophy shall decide.