



2026 JUNIORS + MASTERS ROAD NATIONALS – FAQs

Event status

Q: Is the 2026 Junior & Masters Road National Championships going ahead?

A: Yes. The Championships will proceed on the Sunshine Coast from 17-20 September, with the Nationals Road Race now being held around the Caloundra Racecourse precinct and the Time Trial will take place in Yandina, as previously planned. The Criterium remains at the Girraween Sport Complex as planned.

Q: What has changed?

A: The road race course has changed from the originally proposed Yandina location to the industrial precinct in Corbould Park. Whilst the revised road course would not be our first preference for Nationals, we are pleased to be able to secure a location to deliver this event safely.

Q: Why was the course changed?

A: Significant community backlash regarding the proposed road closures has resulted in Council being reluctant to grant the necessary permit for the course as originally planned. Our priority now is the safety of our riders, officials, volunteers and community. Given the strength of the community response, we could not simply proceed with a course where there are concerns about compliance with traffic management arrangements and serious threats and risks to our athletes, staff and volunteers.

Event schedule

Q: Is the Time Trial still going ahead?

A: Yes. The Time Trial will take place in Yandina on Thursday 17 September from 9am-2pm. Please visit the [event website](#) for further course information.

Q: Is the Criterium still going ahead?

A: Yes. The Criterium will proceed at Girraween Sport Complex on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 September. Please visit the [event website](#) for further course information.

Q: Is the Road Race still going ahead?

A: Yes. The Road Race will proceed on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September around the Corbould Park precinct on a revised course that meets the full National Championship requirements. Please visit the [event website](#) for further course information.

Q: Why can the Time Trial proceed when the original Road Race course couldn't?

A: Each event operates on a different course and has its own traffic management and approval requirements. The Time Trial has an approved permit, while the revised



2026 JUNIORS + MASTERS ROAD NATIONALS – FAQs

Road Race course around Corbould Park has been developed to meet the necessary requirements and provide a viable pathway for the event to proceed. AusCycling had to split the event across three locations to minimise impact on communities and businesses across the region.

Community questions

Q: Has AusCycling listened to community concerns?

A: Yes. The significant community concern and hostility regarding the original Road Race course was taken seriously. AusCycling worked with Council, Queensland Police (QPS), and The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) and other stakeholders to explore alternative options and identify a course that allows the Championships to proceed while meeting the requirements of a National Championship and maintaining the safety of all riders.

Q: Why couldn't you just use the original course?

A: The required approval for the original course could not be secured. Rather than risk the event not proceeding, AusCycling worked with Council, QPS, DTMR and other stakeholders to identify an alternative course.

Q: Will there be road closures around Caloundra?

A: Yes. As with any National Championship Road Race, appropriate traffic management arrangements will be required to provide a safe racing environment on fully closed roads. Detailed information about any impacts, road closures and access arrangements will be communicated to affected communities and provided on our [event website](#).

Q: What are the plans and impacts for Yandina residents?

A: The Time Trial will take place only on one day - Thursday 17th between 9am and 2pm - to minimise impacts to families and businesspeople. Whilst road closures will take place during this time, residents will still be able to enter and exit their properties with a motorbike escort to ensure the safety of all our juniors and masters riders. (Clear instructions will be provided to residents on how to enter and depart their properties in this window). This arrangement has the full support of Council and AusCycling request lawful compliance from residents for this short window.



2026 JUNIORS + MASTERS ROAD NATIONALS – FAQs

Rider questions

Q: Do I need to do anything if I'm entered in the Road Race?

A: No. Your Road Race entry remains valid. The event will proceed on the revised Corbould Park precinct course. Riders should monitor AusCycling communications for updated course and event information.

Q: What if I no longer want to ride given the changes? Can I scratch?

A: Yes. We have extended the window to be able to withdraw/scratch until 11 September, 11:59pm. A registered rider can do this through the EntryBoss themselves.

Q: Does the change affect my category or race?

A: No. The Road Race will continue as a National Championship event, with the competition program proceeding as planned.

Q: When will riders get the new course details?

A: Updated course and technical information will be provided to riders as soon as it is finalised and ready to publish.

Q: Where can I find the latest information?

A: Updates will be published through AusCycling's event communications and the official [2026 AusCycling Junior & Masters Road National Championships event page](#).

Q: Why didn't you have the Corbould Park course from the start?

A: The original Yandina course was identified and planned around the requirements of the event when the Sunshine Coast was announced as host location in March. Once it became clear that the original course could not proceed, AusCycling and its stakeholders worked urgently to assess alternative options and develop a suitable course at Corbould Park. This course was deemed the best (and only) alternative that did not meet community resistance or impact major State arterial roads or impact local businesses or residents.

Q: Does this mean there will be fewer road closures?

A: Correct. This is an industrial area, still under construction, which was identified to minimise impact on the community. The traffic management requirements will be specific to the revised Corbould Park course. Detailed information about road closures, access and timings will be communicated to the community and available on our [event website](#).