Winter Track Series at DISC 2025



AusCycling is pleased to announce the launch of the Winter Track Series at DISC for 2025.

The Winter Track Series will be held over three races in June, July and August. This will provide graded track racing through the winter months for U15 and older, and help riders develop and maintain their track racing skills during the off-season.

Winter Track Series Racing Format

The racing format will consist of:

- Three rounds held on Saturday afternoons
- Coach-Led session for riders up to U13, and U15 new to track or developing their skills
- Graded racing for U15 and above
- Minimum of three races per round, with an optional fourth race nominated by the competitor when they register.

Registration for the Coach-Led session will open at 1:00pm and remain open until 4:00pm. Warm-up for the Coach-Led session will commence at 1:00pm, the session will start at 1:30pm and finish at 3:30pm.

Warm-up for graded racing will be from 3:30pm to 3:55pm with racing commencing from 4:00pm. The event should conclude around 7:30pm – 8:00pm, allowing regional competitors to get home at a more reasonable time.

Coach-Led Session

This will consist of providing race and riding skills for riders up to U13. U15 riders who are new to riding indoors or developing their track skills may take part.

Track skills such as rolling turns, riding in bunches and held or handicap starts will give riders the confidence ahead of the 2026 track season.

The session will include some race simulations.

Riders and parents/guardians can pick up tips including roll-out, communicating with commissaires and held starts. These skills will mean riders and family will be race-ready for events at DISC, club and community events and Christmas Carnivals.

The Coach-Led session is a great opportunity for coaches building up their hours or levelling up their skills and remit. Coaches interested in running these sessions can contact Steven at steven.nicol@auscycling.org.au.



Graded Racing

U15 to U19, Elite, and Masters will compete in graded racing based on skill and ability rather than age. This will avoid the predictability of racing against the same people based on age and/or gender.

A variety of strategies come into play in grade-based racing. Some will try and get an early break, while others will try and control the pace. Riders will have the option of going up or down grades, which should provide close, competitive racing.

Note that U15 riders will not be able to select A-grade when registering.

Assistance from club coaches with grading of riders will be appreciated.

Junior Gearing

Spot checks of gearing for U15 and U17 riders will be conducted.

All U15 and U17 riders competing in the graded races will be restricted to gearing and equipment requirements for the 2025 track season.

This is the age category that the rider competed in from the 1 October 2024.

For more information about age categories go to Age Classifications and Event Categories in the <u>Technical</u> <u>Regulations – General</u>.

Optional Fourth Race

Riders will have a minimum of three races per round and must nominate to take part in the fourth race on the event program.

The bonus race (fourth race) for each round will be:

- Round One: Team Sprint. Teams starting on the front and back straight, all hand held (no gate start)
- Round Two: Keirin : All roll from outside fence at Pursuit line
- Round Three: Italian Pursuit : all roll from outside fence at Pursuit line

Entries

Entries for Winter Track Series is at the AusCycling Victoria page on EntryBoss: EntryBoss – AusCycling (Victoria)

Riders wishing to compete in the optional fourth race should note this in the comments section. For the team sprint, event riders can help by listing the two other riders on their team.

Entries will close at midnight on the Tuesday prior to each event. Late entries may be permitted at AusCycling discretion.