

REGULATIONS

Eligibility

Area Heats of this competition shall be open to riders with UCI recognised competition licences. Only British Nationals who hold a UCI recognised competition licence may compete in the finals which shall be the Omnium National Championships all these age Categories.

Format

The competition will comprise six geographically spread areas.

The top 5 riders overall in each A, B & C Competition Category from each area will qualify for the National Final. Where there is a tie on points for the fifth placed riders in the overall standings in any category/area series, then all such placed riders shall qualify for the National Final. There shall be no substitution of those riders who cannot either start or do not qualify to ride the final.

The Competition Categories will be as follows-

Youth A Boys
Youth A Girls
Youth B Boys
Youth B Girls
Youth C Boys
Youth C Girls
Youth D
Youth E

A rider may only participate within one area competition

All area Series Rounds and the National Final shall be run on dates as dictated by the BC Track Commission. On completion of the Area Series the BC Track Co-ordinator shall advise those who have qualified for the National Final so that they may enter this further event.

The dates available for 2014 Area Round Competitions –

26th/27th April, 17th/18th May, 31st May/1st June, 14th/15th June. The National Final shall be run on Sunday 13th July

West Midland

Newcastle
Halesowen
Wolverhampton

North

Knowsley
Manchester
Scunthorpe

Scotland

Dundee
Edinburgh
Glasgow

South

Bournemouth
Portsmouth
Reading

South East/East

Brighton
Herne Hill
Welwyn

Wales

Cardiff (x2)
Newport

NOTE – Newport, Manchester, Glasgow & Bournemouth venues should, where possible, be the final round within their area respective competitions

National Final & National Championships – Welwyn

Rider Entry

All meetings shall not except entry on the day for A, B or C Category Riders. Day licences shall not be permitted. Entries shall be taken via the British Cycling online entries system. Riders may only compete within one area competition of their choosing

Programme of Events

At each Area round there shall be eight groups of riders, A rider may not compete in any other category than that as specified on his/her licence. Groups of riders may ride together in the bunch events where the number of entries is low. This will be at the discretion of each meeting promoter but subject to the approval of BCHQ on behalf of the BC Track Commission In such cases riders in both groups shall be placed separately in order to produce two separate age/gender group overall results.

Each round of this competition shall include the events detailed below in the following order-

- **Time Trial**
1km for Youth A and B, 500m for Youth C
The time trial can be hand held start, with No Push
Multi Station where needed up to a, maximum of 4 riders
- **Elimination Race** - Maximum distance for Youth C Riders 5km
- **Scratch Race** - Youth C,- 2km, Youth B - 3km - 6km, Youth A - 5km - 10km
- **500m Sprint** – Seeding is based on that day's Omnium Standings at this point
Match A Sprint for 1st to 4th placed riders
Match B Sprint for 5th to 8th
Match C Sprint for 9th to 12th
And so on. The final sprint match may comprise of 5 Riders
Or Keirin - Seeding is based on that day's Omnium Standings at this point
Match A Keirin for 1st to 6th placed riders
Match B Keirin for 7th to 12th
Match C Keirin for 13th to 18th
And so on. The final keirin match may comprise of 8 Riders
- **Points Race** – Youth C - 3km, Youth B - 6km - 8km, Youth A 8km-10km, Sprint every 1km– 5,3,2,1 Points for events of 5km or less, Sprints every 2km– 5,3,2,1 Points for events of 6km or more

In order to assist promoters they may round the distance of each event up or down to suit the length of the facility

Youth D & E

Each area competition meeting shall include a minimum of three events for Youth D & Youth E Riders. Each age category shall be placed separately in each event to produce two separate age category overall results. There will not be a National Final Competition for these Categories.

In order to assist promoters they may round up or down the distance of each event to suit the length of the facility.

Exceeding Track Limits

Where the entry for any category exceeds the track limit **and time restricts the inclusion of all entrants** the following schedule of prioritisation should be used

- Current Ranking in the National Omnium Series
- Member of the Promoting Club
- Current ranking in the BC National Rankings

Where an entry for any gender category exceeds the track limit and **where time allows** then after Time Trial the appropriate omnium points will be awarded in order of time achieved and then the field shall be split equally. The fastest Rider in the Time Trial shall ride in Group A, the second in Group B, the 3rd in Group A, 4th in Group B and so on. For the remaining events each group shall race independently and score omnium points in accordance with the results in each event ridden. To gain the final overall result for the day the points of the two groups shall be combined with the rider with the lowest score declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the quicker rider in the time trial shall be placed higher.

Omnium Points Structure

The results of each event within each Omnium Round will carry the following points-

1st 1 Point; 2nd 2 Points; 3rd 3 Points etc.

Where a number of riders cannot be placed individually, all riders in such a group should be awarded the same number of points as the highest placed rider in that group.

The rider with the lowest cumulative points total will be declared winner of that Omnium League Round. In cases of equality of points, placing of each rider in the final completed event run shall determine the final overall placing of those riders.

Riders not contesting all events will be placed in that round's overall standings in order after those who started all the events. This order will be dependant on 1) the number of events started and 2) points scored.

The Chief Commissaire shall have the option of excluding from the remainder of that day's racing any rider who chooses not to start any event in that Omnium round.

National and Area League Points per round

Points will be awarded for the first twelve placed riders in each round as follows-

1st 30 Points; 2nd 25 Points; 3rd 21 Points; 4th 17 Points; 5th 14 Points; 6th 12 Points; 7th 10 Points; 8th 9 Points; 9th 7 Points; 10th 6 Points; 11th 5 Points; 12th 4 Points.

The Overall result of each Area Series shall be determined by the points total achieved by each rider.

Incomplete Meetings

All National/Area Rounds shall commence and be completed within the same track meeting. In circumstances where an Omnium League round is not completed due to inclement weather or other reason, the Chief Commissaire shall declare the result as at the competition of the last fully completed round of that meeting's competition. In the case if a tie on points at this stage, the placings of those affected riders in their last event shall be used to place such riders in the final overall result. In instances where a league round is postponed it shall be treated as a new event and therefore additional entries may be accepted if received.

Equipment

Youth B and C riders may only use cycles' which conform to the BC Technical Regulation 3.2.6:

- Wheels shall have rims of no greater depth than 3.5cm of a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 40 spokes.
- Spokes can be round, flattened or oval but must not exceed 10mm in width.
- Machines with dropped handlebars shall be used. Tri-bars, arm extensions and/or arm pads shall be prohibited.
- All riders shall comply with those gear restrictions as laid down in the current BC Technical Regulations.

Gear checks should be conducted both prior to and at random during each meeting for all categories.

Organisers are encouraged to work with the Chief Commissaire regarding the measuring of the bike geometry of Youth A Riders (Particularly pursuit bikes). Ideally this should be by way of an official Jig. Commissaires will be able to advise as to the creation of alternative, simpler measuring devices/methods where such a jig is not available.

Commissaire Appointments -

BC HQ shall appoint the Chief Commissaire and one Assistant Commissaire for all rounds of this competition. Every effort will be made to obtain suitable officials who live within reasonable travel distance of the event. Promoters shall pay adequate travel and out-of-pocket expenses to these officials. (Current Rate is 30p pm)

Fees

The standard HQ Registration fee is payable for each meeting (£10) which will be payable when registering the event online. Rider entry on the day is not permitted for this competition. All entries shall be done through the BC online entry system.

Meeting Permits

Permits will be issued by BCHQ under the conditions laid down in the BC Technical Regulations.

Results and Standings

For each qualifying round within each Area these shall be recorded by the Track Competition Coordinator at BCHQ and the relevant standings tables maintained.

Qualified First Aid

Attendants must be present throughout the meeting, including any time allocated to pre-meeting warm up sessions

Awards

For area competitions this shall be at the discretion of each promoter though it is hoped that that income from entry fees can be used for this purpose after the promotion costs have been taken into account.

For the National Final a National Champion's Jersey shall be presented to the winner of each age and gender category along with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Announcer

An announcer with appropriate PA equipment should be provided to keep spectators and all others informed.

Photo finish and Results Service

The use of photo finish or other similar devices such as video recorders is encouraged in order to assist the placing of riders. Promoters are strongly advised to have staff specifically dedicated to the processing of the results and maintenance of the various tables throughout the day. Guidance around software to administer and produce results can be given by BCHQ upon request. A result board giving up to date information to riders as to current standings etc should be made available in the 'rider's area'.

Anti Doping

Promoters for the Finals are advised that an Anti-doping Control may be carried out and arrangements should be made for an Anti-doping Control Station to be available. (Please note that the Sports Council can no longer supply a mobile unit for this purpose) This should be on the track facility site and ideally, comprise of separate waiting and administrative rooms with an adjacent toilet. The Anti-doping Control Station may need to remain open for at least three hours following the finish of the last race. A supply of drinks in sealed containers must be available for the riders. Meeting promoters should make preparations to provide this facility in all cases as notice that a control will take place may only be received by the organiser as late as the day before the meeting is due to take place.

BC Publicity

Race programmes and posters must bear the name of the competition, the British Cycling logo as supplied and the name of the sponsor of the overall competition, (if applicable)

In all Competition Rounds British Cycling and GB Cycling team shall be afforded reasonable facilities, if requested, for publicity or promotion of themselves and their sponsors at the event. BCHQ and the promoter will identify any potential sector clash between BC sponsors and local sponsors of the event, and promoters will be provided with a branding sequence from BCHQ to be agreed. Any Series sponsor or co-sponsors shall be entitled to branding positioned on the barriers in the finish area, and on flag signs in the finish area. In the case of televised events, these facilities shall be the subject of individual negotiation between BC and the event Promoter. As a Promoter of a BC NPS event, it is hoped that you will assist BC's publicity and recruitment by printing a free membership advertisement in your race programme. Copy can be obtained from Headquarters and posters may be available on request.

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