



Series Regulations

Eligibility

- 1.1. Series rounds of this competition shall be open to any rider who qualifies by age and who holds a valid competition licence issued by British Cycling or by any other national federation recognised by the UCI. Day licences are not available for this competition.
- 1.2. A rider may only compete in the category for which he/she qualifies by age. Dispensation to ride in a different category is not available for this competition.
- 1.3. Only British Nationals are eligible to progress to the finals which shall be run as the British Cycling National Omnium Championships for the eligible age categories.

Series Format

- 2.1 The competition shall be organised with due regard for track location. No two rounds will take place on the same day within a reasonable distance of each other.
- 2.2 A rider may enter any event, regardless of location, however must not enter two events on the same weekend.
- 2.3 Points shall be awarded to the first twelve placed riders in each round as follows:

<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	18	4	12	7	6	10	3
2	16	5	10	8	5	11	2
3	14	6	8	9	4	12	1

- 2.4 The overall results shall be determined by the total achieved by each rider, with the best three rounds to count.
- 2.5 The top 24 placed results in the overall standings will qualify for the National Final.
- 2.6 Where there is a tie on points within the first 24 places, then all such placed riders shall be eligible to enter the National Final.
- 2.7 The next placed 10 riders will be invited to enter the National Final as reserves. Places will be allocated in order of series ranking.
- 2.8 Venues may include supporting races within their event, however priority must go to the National Omnium Series races where an event must be shortened.

Dates and Venues

- 3.1. All qualification rounds shall be run as one day meetings on dates agreed by British Cycling. Venues will be published on the British Cycling website. The 2020 dates are:
 - 21st/22nd March – indoor rounds
 - 25th/26th April
 - 2nd/3rd May
 - 6th/7th June
 - 13th/14th June
 - FINAL 25th July
- 3.2. Riders may only enter one qualification round per weekend.

Rider Entry

- 4.1 All entries shall be via the British Cycling online entry system.
- 4.2 Entry for all qualification rounds shall have a minimum closing date of seven days prior to the event.
- 4.3 Entry on the day shall not be permitted except in respect of any supporting events for younger age categories. Organisers may choose to accept entries on the day for all categories that are not at capacity.
- 4.4 Riders who qualify for the national final are subject to a further entry fee with a minimum closing date of fourteen days prior to the event. Entry on the day shall not be permitted.
- 4.5 **Riders must not enter more than one round per weekend. Riders found to have done so will be disqualified from both events.**

Programme of Events

- 5.1 Where practicable, separate races shall be organised for each category. Exceptionally, where the number of entries is low, categories may be combined in bunch events, subject to the prior approval of British Cycling. Where categories are combined the distance of the race shall be that of the oldest category
- 5.2 Organisers have the option of running events for younger categories. These should be run towards the end of the meeting giving priority to the category A and B competition.
- 5.3 Support races at the National Final must be approved by the BCHQ.
- 5.4 Category A and B competitions shall comprise five events scheduled in the order listed below:
 - i) **1 Km Standing Start Time Trial.** Hand held start may be used, but with no push permitted. Multi station may be used where needed, up to a maximum of 4 riders according to track size.
 - ii) **Scratch Race.** Distance 8 – 10 km for youth A, 5 – 6 km for youth B.
 - iii) **Elimination Race.**
 - iv) **500m Sprint.** Seeding is based on that day's omnium standings after the first three rounds. **Previously split groups should be combined.** Where necessary for the seeding of the sprint or keirin event, the result of the last completed event shall be used to determine the placing of riders equal on points in the current standings.
 - 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 up to five riders.

or

 - v) **1500m Keirin.** Seeding is based on that day's omnium standings after the first three rounds. **Previously split groups should be combined.**
 - 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 up to eight riders.

Notes:

The pacer must pull out with approx. 500 metres remaining at a point agreed by the chief commissaire.

Note - Where an appropriate derny machine and/or driver is unavailable the sprint option shall be used

vi) **Points Race.** This shall be open to the top 24 placed riders in each group of that days Omnium Standings after the keirin/sprint competition. In the case of a tie at this point the higher placed rider(s) in the keirin/sprint competition shall take preference
 Distance 10 – 12 km for youth A, 8 – 10 km for youth B. There shall be six sprint laps per race on pre-determined laps equally spread out by distance, with the first four riders over the line gaining 5, 3, 2, 1 points respectively except for the final sprint on the last lap where points of 10, 6, 4 and 2 points respectively shall be awarded. Riders gaining a lap on the main field shall be awarded 10 points per lap gained. Riders losing a lap on the field shall be deducted 10 points per lap lost. Where two age groups are combined, the race distance shall be as close to (but not less than) 10km. Where two age groups or both genders of the same age group are combined, sprint lap points shall be allocated separately to each group.

5.5 Any pre meeting rider briefing should be timed to conclude at least 15 minutes prior to the start of competition. This must be attended by all participating competitors. The Chief Commissaire has the power to place last in the time trial event, any rider who fails to attend this briefing.

5.6 In order to assist the smooth running of competition, race distances may be rounded up or down to suit the length of the facility.

Omnium Points Structure

6.1 A full result shall be produced for all races,

i) The points schedule for the first three races will be as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	40	6	30	11	20	16	10
2	38	7	28	12	18	17	8
3	36	8	26	13	16	18	6
4	34	9	24	14	14	19	4
5	32	10	22	15	12	20	2

Riders placed 21st and below shall each be awarded 1 point.

ii) The points schedule for race iv) (sprint or keirin) will be as follows:

Sprint -

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 Match A	40	3 Match B	32	1 Match D	28	3 Match E	20	1 Match G	12
2 Match A	38	4 Match B	30	2 Match D	26	4 Match E	18	2 Match G	10
3 Match A	36	1 Match C	32	3 Match D	24	1 Match F	20	3 Match G	8
4 Match A	34	2 Match C	30	4 Match D	22	2 Match F	18	4 Match G	6
1 Match B	36	3 Match C	28	1 Match E	24	3 Match F	16	1 Match H	4
2 Match B	34	4 Match C	26	2 Match E	22	4 Match F	14	2 Match H	2

Riders placed 30th and below shall each be awarded 1 point.

Keirin-

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 Match A	40	1 Match B	34	1 Match C	28	1 Match D	22	1 Match E	16	1 Match F	10
2 Match A	38	2 Match B	32	2 Match C	26	2 Match D	20	2 Match E	14	2 Match F	8
3 Match A	36	3 Match B	30	3 Match C	24	3 Match D	18	3 Match E	12	3 Match F	6
4 Match A	34	4 Match B	28	4 Match C	22	4 Match D	16	4 Match E	10	4 Match F	4
5 Match A	32	5 Match B	26	5 Match C	20	5 Match D	14	5 Match E	8	5 Match F	2
6 Match A	30	6 Match B	24	6 Match C	18	6 Match D	12	6 Match E	6	6 Match F	1

In the last match, where necessary, the 7th and 8th placed riders will receive 2 and 4 points less than the 6th placed rider respectively. Riders placed 36th and below shall each be awarded 1 point. If time constraints do not allow for matches to be run for all riders, organisers may choose to only run keirins for the top 36 placed riders.

iii) Points Race - See Regulation 5.3 v)

- 6.2 Where categories have been combined under the provision of regulation 5.1, a separate result shall be produced for each constituent category, and separate points schedules applied.
- 6.3 In any race where riders cannot be placed individually, all such riders shall be awarded the same number of points as the highest placed rider in that group.
- 6.4 For the final event (the points race) the actual points attained by each rider in the race shall be added to their cumulative score for the first four events. Riders failing to finish the points race shall be awarded the same number of points as the last placed finishing rider.
- 6.5 The rider with the highest cumulative points total shall be declared the winner. In cases of equality of points, the placing of each rider in the final completed event run shall determine the final overall placing of those riders.
- 6.6 Riders not contesting all races shall be placed in the overall standings in order after those who started all the races. This order will be dependent on 1) the number of races started and 2) points scored.
- 6.7 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 race.

Exceeding Track Limits

- 7.1 Where the entry for any category exceeds the track limit for bunch races, the elimination and scratch races may be split equally into two heats. Heat allocation shall be based upon the points standings after the time trial, viz: riders placed 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and so on to heat 1; riders placed 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th 10th and so on to heat 2. The full points tally listed in regulation 6.1 shall apply to both heats. The points race shall not be split into heats, but shall be restricted to the top 24 riders in the standings after the completion of the sprint/keirin round. In the event of a tie the time in the time trial shall determine the order of ranking.
- 7.2 Where the entry for any category exceeds the track limit for two heats, the bunch races may be split equally into three heats. Heat allocation shall be based upon the points standings after the time trial, viz: riders placed 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th and so on to heat 1; riders placed 2nd, 5th, 8th 11th and so on to heat 2; riders placed 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th and so on to heat 3. The full points tally listed in regulation 6.1 shall apply to all heats. The points race shall not be split into heats, but shall be restricted to the top 24 riders in the standings after the completion of the sprint/keirin round. In the event of a tie the time in the time trial shall determine the order of ranking.
- 7.3 Where the entry for any category exceeds the track limit and time constrains prevent the inclusion of all entrants under the provisions of regulation 7.1, then the following schedule of prioritisation shall be used:
- i) Current ranking in the national omnium series.
 - ii) Member of the promoting club.
 - iii) Current ranking in the BC road and track national rankings.

Incomplete Meetings

- 8.1 All omnium races shall be run within the same track meeting.
- 8.2 In circumstances where an omnium round is not completed, the chief commissaire shall declare the result to be the cumulative score after the last fully completed discipline for each category.
- 8.3 Where a round is postponed with no result declared, and it is possible to rearrange the meeting, additional entries may be accepted.

Equipment

- 9.1 Youth B riders may only use cycles which conform with BC Technical Regulation 3.2.6: Wheels shall have a maximum rim depth of 35 mm, have 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.
- 9.2 All riders shall be subject to the maximum gear restrictions laid down under BC Technical Regulation 3.3.2:
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Youth A – 6.93 metres | Youth B – 6.45 metres |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
- 9.3 Gear checks shall be conducted both prior to and at random during each meeting for all categories.
- 9.4 An official measuring jig shall be used to check all cycles at the National Final.

Event Administration

- 10.1 **Fees.** The organiser is liable for the standard HQ registration fee (£10), which shall be payable when registering the event online. Organisers must ensure that their meeting is submitted online no later than 1st February 2019. The standard levy of £1.50 per entrant is payable no later than seven days after the event.
- 10.2 **Meeting Permits.** Permits shall be issued by BCHQ under the conditions laid down in the BC Technical Regulations upon request.
- 10.3 **Results and Standings.** Full results for each round shall be submitted to BCHQ within 48 hours of completion of the meeting. BCHQ shall ensure that the overall group points tables are maintained.
- 10.4 **Commissaires.** BCHQ shall appoint the chief commissaire and at least one assistant commissaire for all meetings. Every effort shall be made to obtain suitable officials who live within reasonable travel distance of the event. Organisers shall pay adequate travel and other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to these officials. (current rate is 40p per mile).

Event Management

- 11.1 **Qualified first aid.** Attendants must be present throughout the meeting, including any time allocated to pre-meeting warm up sessions.
- 11.2 **Announcer.** An announcer with appropriate PA equipment must be provided to keep spectators and competitors informed.
- 11.3 **Results management.** The use of transponders, photo finish or other supporting equipment such as video cameras is encouraged in order to assist the placing of riders. Organisers must have staff specifically dedicated to the processing of results and maintenance of the various event standings throughout the day. A result board giving up to date information to riders as to current standings etc. should be made available in the riders' area.
- 11.4 **Awards.** Awards for group rounds shall be at the discretion of each organiser. Awards for youth support races must not be in the form of cash. For the National Final British Cycling shall provide jerseys and medals in accordance with the national championship regulations.
- 11.5 **Anti-doping control.** Organisers 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. The anti-doping control station should be positioned within the grounds of the meeting facility. There should be separate administrative and waiting areas equipped with tables and seating. An adjacent toilet is required for the sole use of the doping control. Particularly important is the security of the station and the privacy afforded to competitors. The anti-doping control station may need to remain open for at least three hours following the finish of the meeting. A supply of non-alcoholic drinks in sealed containers must be available for the riders. Event organisers 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 shortly before the event. No prior announcement should be given that there is to be a control at the event.
- 11.6 **Event branding.** Meeting programmes, posters and web pages 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). At all meetings 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 track side and on flag signs. In the case of televised events, these facilities shall be the subject of individual negotiation between BC and the event organiser.

February 2020