



**AUSCYCLING**  
**MTB**

2021 National Cup  
Host Organisers & Participant Guide

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## Introduction

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The AusCycling MTB National Cup ('National Cup') is a national competition which has a season that starts on January 1 and concludes on December 31.

The National Cup is designed to encourage participation and recognise individual rider achievements across the disciplines of:

- Cross-Country (including stage races and short course)
- Downhill
- Marathon
- Gravity Enduro

Throughout the season, riders add their best eligible results from up to twelve (12) races which are added together towards their MTB National Cup points tally.

The National Cup includes events held across Australia at varying levels including – Club (Bronze), Regional, State/Territory (Silver) and National (Gold/Platinum).

### Benefits of the AusCycling MTB National Cup for Hosts

- An accessible way to be a part of a nationally recognised competition.
- Provides events that will provide a wide variety of participants with national recognition.
- Ensures significantly reduced cost to conduct a recognised national event with reduced exposure to high costs or financial loss.
- Provides the ability for riders to be a part of a national competition, regardless of the location, size and/or level of the event.
- Ability of the host to use of the AusCycling MTB National Cup brand and logo to promote events.
- Enables listing of event on the AusCycling Calendar and website.
- Enables association with a national event model which may assist to secure local government funding/support and sponsors.
- Provides inclusion of events on AusCycling EDM's, promotions, marketed as a "AusCycling MTB National Cup" event.

AusCycling affiliated clubs and private organisers can apply to host AusCycling MTB National Cup events throughout the year.

# Hosting a National Cup Event

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## Event Tiers and Hosting Fees

### Tier 3 – Bronze

- Introductory (Club) level events
- \$130 (\$55 if an AusCycling approved entry system is used) for calendar listing and sanction\*)
- Eligible Riders receive 0.5 worth of points as per the points table (Table 1)
- AusCycling Accredited Club/Regional Commissaire required as PCP
- Host to appoint and cover associated costs for appointed PCP and any other Commissaires
- Bronze events are exclusively delivered by the club, and while there are no other sanctioning fees attached, the club is responsible for all facets of event delivery and must meet the required delivery standards.

### Tier 2 – Silver

- Emerging (Regional) level events
- \$565 (\$440 if using an AusCycling approved entry system) hosting fee\*
- Eligible Riders receive 1.0 x points as per the points table (Table 1)
- AusCycling Regional Commissaire required as PCP
- Host to appoint and cover associated costs for appointed PCP and any other Commissaires/officials

### State/Territory Championships

- State/Territory level events
- \$1250 hosting fee\*
- An approved AusCycling approved entry system must be used
- One event per MTB sub-discipline will be recognised by AusCycling as the State/Territory Championship event per calendar year
- Eligible Riders receive 1.5 x points as per the points table (Table 1)
- AusCycling National Commissaire required as PCP
- AusCycling to appoint and cover associated costs for appointed PCP

### Tier 1 – Gold

- Established National Events
- \$1250 hosting fee\*
- Must use an approved AusCycling entry system
- Eligible Riders receive 1.5 x points as per the points table (Table 1)
- AusCycling National Commissaire required as PCP
- AusCycling to appoint and cover associated costs for appointed PCP

### National Championships – Platinum Level

- National level events
- Fees agreed upon with the Host
- Eligible Riders receive 2.0 x points as per the points table (Table 1)
- AusCycling Accredited National Commissaire required as PCP
- AusCycling to appoint and cover associated costs for appointed PCP

\* For private organisers these fees are in addition to the Private Organiser insurance fees.

### Multiple Event Discount (Clubs only. Does not apply to private organisers)

- Host organisers listing 3-4 events at a time will receive a 10% discount
- Host organisers listing 5+ events at a time will receive a 15% discount

**TABLE 1: POINTS TABLE**

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	200	11 <sup>th</sup>	110	21 <sup>st</sup>	90	31 <sup>st</sup>	70	41 <sup>st</sup>	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	186	12 <sup>th</sup>	108	22 <sup>nd</sup>	88	32 <sup>nd</sup>	68	42 <sup>nd</sup>	48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	176	13 <sup>th</sup>	106	23 <sup>rd</sup>	86	33 <sup>rd</sup>	66	43 <sup>rd</sup>	46
4 <sup>th</sup>	168	14 <sup>th</sup>	104	24 <sup>th</sup>	84	34 <sup>th</sup>	64	44 <sup>th</sup>	44
5 <sup>th</sup>	160	15 <sup>th</sup>	102	25 <sup>th</sup>	82	35 <sup>th</sup>	62	45 <sup>th</sup>	42
6 <sup>th</sup>	152	16 <sup>th</sup>	100	26 <sup>th</sup>	80	36 <sup>th</sup>	60	46 <sup>th</sup>	40
7 <sup>th</sup>	144	17 <sup>th</sup>	98	27 <sup>th</sup>	78	37 <sup>th</sup>	58	47 <sup>th</sup>	38
8 <sup>th</sup>	136	18 <sup>th</sup>	96	28 <sup>th</sup>	76	38 <sup>th</sup>	56	48 <sup>th</sup>	36
9 <sup>th</sup>	124	19 <sup>th</sup>	94	29 <sup>th</sup>	74	39 <sup>th</sup>	54	49 <sup>th</sup>	34
10 <sup>th</sup>	116	20 <sup>th</sup>	92	30 <sup>th</sup>	72	40 <sup>th</sup>	52	50 <sup>th</sup>	32
								51 <sup>st</sup> ~	30
								DNF	20
								DNS	0

## When can events be hosted

The 2021 AusCycling MTB National Cup Competition will run from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. National Cup events may be conducted simultaneously throughout Australia under the following conditions:

- National Championship dates will be reserved as block-out dates. No other Gold vent will be included in the National Cup over these dates in Australia. Additionally, no State/Territory and Club (Silver or Bronze) events in the same discipline will be accepted in the same State/Territory in which the Championships are held.
- State/Territory Championships must be held within the set months of January to March for Downhill and between September to December for Cross-Country and Gravity Enduro. No AusCycling MTB National Cup events can be held in the same State/Territory at the same time for the discipline contested. Exceptions may be considered on merit subject to extenuating circumstances (e.g local climate conditions).
- Only one National Cup (Gold) event in the same discipline can be held on a day.
- Only one State/Territory (Silver) event in the same discipline can be held on the same date within each State or Territory.
- Club (Bronze) events can be held at any time.
- AusCycling has the right to refuse or negotiate event listings. Listings will be completed on a first in, first preference basis.

## 2021 Block-Out Dates

The following dates have been reserved for 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championship events. Please note: no other event, in the same discipline, will be included in the National Cup over these dates.

Dates	Event	Venue
8 – 14 March	2021 Cross-Country, Downhill, PUMP, Trials, Adaptive & E-Bike National Championships	Maydena Bike Park, TAS
15 May	2021 Fat Bike National Championships	Broome, WA
August/Sept TBC	2021 Cross-Country Marathon National Championships	TBC
14-15 August	2021 Schools National Championships	Gold Coast, QLD
23-24 October	2021 Gravity Enduro National Championships	Red Hill, VIC
TBC	2021 24 Hour Solo National Championships	TBC

## Race Categories

The National Cup categories are based on a riders age as at the 31 December 2021. The AusCycling MTB National Cup will recognise rankings based on UCI category age categories (i.e. U19, W2, M5) as per the participant's age at the 31 December in the year of competition.

Participants may have both an elite ranking and age-group ranking for the AusCycling MTB National Cup year if they have competed in each category.

Riders in any applicable age category may elect to race in the Elite Category for any event throughout the year, however they will only earn National Cup points for their elite category ranking from that event. These points cannot be merged into one category at a later date.

Events are to utilise UCI Categories where possible; this is mandatory in Gold and Platinum listed events. Categories may be combined (Masters 1-3, Master 4+ etc) based on individual event requirements or due to low category numbers. Result files will need to be submitted to AusCycling with results in UCI category.

AusCycling will recognise the following categories in the MTB National Cup for each discipline:

**TABLE 2: NATIONAL CUP CATEGORIES**

Age Category^	Code	Age	XCO National Cup	DHI National Cup	GE National Cup*	XCM National Cup*
Elite Men/Women	ME/WE	19>	X	X	X	X
Expert Men/Women	MX/WX	19-29	X	X	X	X
Under 23 Men/Women	MU/WU	19-22	X			
Junior Men/Women (U19)	MJ/WJ	17-18	X	X	X	X*
Under 17 Men/Women	M17/W17	15-16	X	X	X	X*
Under 15 Men/Women	M15/W15	13-14	X	X	X*	X*
Under 13 Men/Women	M13/W13	11-12	X	X	X*	
Masters 1 Men/Women	M1/W1	30-34	X	X	X	X
Masters 2 Men/Women	M2/W2	35-39	X	X	X	X
Masters 3 Men/Women	M3/W3	40-44	X	X	X	X
Masters 4 Men/Women	M4/W4	45-49	X	X	X	X
Masters 5 Men/Women	M5/W5	50-54	X	X	X	X
Masters 6 Men/Women	M6/W6	55-59	X	X	X	X
Masters 7 Men/Women	M7/W7	60-64	X	X	X	X
Masters 8 Men/Women	M8/W8	65-69	X	X	X	X
Masters 9 Men/Women	M9/W9	70-74	X	X	X	X
Masters 10 Men/Women	M10/W10	75-79	X	X	X	X
E-Bike Men/Women		19+	X		X	
Adaptive Men/Women		19+	X			
E-Adaptive Men/Women		19+	X			

\* The Under 23 (MU & WU) (19-22 years old) category are included in the National Championships. The 'Expert' category will therefore be 23-29 years old. National Cup Gold and above that offer an U23 category, points will be awarded and combined to the participants Under 23 National Cup point score.

## Event Organiser Responsibilities

The following are required for all events listed within the AusCycling MTB National Cup:

- Events must be conducted in accordance with the AusCycling Technical Regulations.
- All events which are registered as part of the AusCycling National Cup must be run by an affiliated club or private event organiser.
- All event organisers must utilise an acceptable timing system/method for the specific discipline being hosted.
- Within 48 hours of the event completion, the event organiser is to provide AusCycling with a full participant list, including email address, gender, DOB, telephone, state and member status in the specified format.
- Results must be sent to AusCycling within 48 hours of the event being completed in the specified format.
- For Silver (State/Territory) and Bronze (Club) events, an AusCycling accredited Commissaire must be appointed by the host for the event and confirmed by AusCycling before the event (21 days). Payment of Commissaires including PCP as approved by AusCycling in line with AusCycling Commissaire Reimbursement Schedule.
- For National Cup Gold or above events (Platinum), AusCycling will appoint and cover payments for the appointed PCP.
- The number of Commissaires appointed will be respective of the level of event.
- All riders must be covered by AusCycling insurance whilst participating in the event through either a AusCycling Off-Road Membership or AusCycling All Discipline Membership, or the purchase of an AusCycling Temporary Race Membership Licence.
- All applications for listing a State/Territory (Silver) or Club (Bronze) event in the AusCycling National Cup must be received at least 2 months prior to the proposed event date to allow time for processing of the application and promotion of the event.
- The AusCycling National Cup logo is to appear on all event related documentation and promotional material. AusCycling must approve the use of the logo prior to finalisation and distribution of any marketing material.
- AusCycling is to be provided with an Event Guide / Plan a minimum of 8 weeks before the event including (a template is available from <https://www.auscycling.org.au/page/resources>)
  - Event personnel roles & responsibilities
  - Emergency management procedures
  - First aid and medical information
  - Event safety measures
  - Communication procedures
  - Risk management plan
  - Course Maps showing:
    - Full course
    - Location of course marshals
    - Evacuation points
    - First aid location
    - Emergency access points
- First Aid is to be supplied to AusCycling standards appropriate for the level of the event. (Refer to the AusCycling First Aid Policy on the AusCycling Website listed under the 'About' and 'Governance, Rules & Policies' tab

- Event organisers are responsible for obtaining any permits required to deliver the event from external stakeholders including local council, landowners, state/territory police and/or state/territory road departments.
- Event organisers are responsible for the provision of all event infrastructure and event communication.
- Event organisers are responsible for the provision any prizes (money, podium prizes or winner jerseys).
- AusCycling may provide event organisers with AusCycling MTB National Cup signage to display at events. Signage should be displayed in a prominent position and is required to be returned to AusCycling within 14 days of the event.

## Summary of Responsibilities and Benefits of AusCycling MTB National Cup Events

Description	Bronze	Silver	Gold	State Championships	National Championships
Target Level	Club	Regional	State/ National	State	National
AusCycling National Cup Points	0.50	1.00	1.50	1.50	2.00
PCP Appointed By	Event Host (AusCycling must approve)	Event Host (AusCycling must approve)	AusCycling	AusCycling	AusCycling
PCP Payment	Club	Club	AusCycling	AusCycling	AusCycling
PCP Travel	n/a	n/a	AusCycling	AusCycling	AusCycling
Bunting provided to Host	No	No	12 Rolls	12 Rolls	12 Rolls
AusCycling National Cup EDM Newsletter for all listed events promoted to AusCycling Database	Yes	Yes	Yes ****	Yes ****	Yes****
Promoted on AusCycling website	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to use National Cup logo/s	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Post Event Participant survey	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Season	Jan to Dec	Jan to Dec	Jan to Dec	DHI State Champs held Jan-Mar  XCO & GE State Champs held Sept to Dec	Jan to Dec
Listing Fee – AusCycling National Cup (per event)	\$130	\$565	\$1,250	\$1,250	As per Expression of Interest Form
Listing Fee – If using AusCycling approved entry system	\$55 Save \$75 p/event	\$440 Save \$125 p/event			

### Table notes:

- Prices do not include the Private Event Organiser Insurance Fees. Further information is available at: <https://www.auscycling.org.au/page/eventorganisers>. These DO NOT apply to clubs.
- Prices stated above are GST inclusive.
- Double-header weekends incur 2 listing fees in the above table. Training days do not incur a fee.
- Practice days do not incur any fees.
- National (Gold and Platinum) above will have access to AusCycling EDM and social media channels for event promotion (subject to content and scheduling approvals).
- XCO SR1 and XCO SR2 are options for Stage Race Events to be listed as a National Cup event, allowing participants to earn points towards their Cross-Country National Cup Ranking.
- For XCC events to be included in the National Cup, it must be held in conjunction with an XCO event of the same or higher tier unless exemption is granted.
- State/Territory Championships (Silver) and National Championships (Platinum) are automatically listed as part of the National Cup.
- AusCycling reserve the rights to amend the structure, rules and guidelines of the National Cup as necessary. Appropriate notice will be provided prior to any changes.



## Submitting results

Final results are to be submitted via email to [offroad@auscycling.org.au](mailto:offroad@auscycling.org.au) as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the event using the prescribed template.

Results are to be submitted to AusCycling on the prescribed template with all required information provided.

AusCycling will upload the approved results with National Cup points being allocated to each individual riders National Cup points tally as displayed on the AusCycling website.

AusCycling does not have the authority to change results at the request of individual queries from riders. If an enquiry is received by AusCycling regarding results at a National Cup event it will be referred to the event host for clarification and an update of the submitted results.

## Event Cancellation or Postponement

In the scenario that a listed National Cup event must be cancelled due to bad or extreme weather conditions:

- All refunds must follow the AusCycling event entry policy.
- AusCycling also suggest that if an alternate date can be secured for the event to be rescheduled, riders must be given the option of a refund if they are unable to attend on the new date.
- National Cup points will not be awarded to entrants of a cancelled event.
- AusCycling will not refund event listing fees unless an event is cancelled due to force majeure and an alternate date cannot be established.

## Prizes and Awards

Prizes may be awarded to the riders at each individual competition at the discretion of the Host. Prizes are not mandatory.

AusCycling will award prizes to the top three-point scorers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) of the AusCycling MTB National Cup for each category in each discipline at the end of the 2021 National Cup competition year.

## Quality Control

Control of the quality of events within the AusCycling MTB National Cup will be managed by:

- All National Cup events are to adhere to the AusCycling Technical Regulations.
- All AusCycling National Cup events will be required to meet a minimum set of requirements and standards. AusCycling will appoint a President of the Commissaire Panel known as a "PCP" for all National Cup Gold and above events, unless the event is listed with the UCI, where the UCI will appoint the PCP. All PCP's for all AusCycling National Cup events will be required to submit a post-event report to AusCycling.
- AusCycling will provide event hosts with support services and resources to help develop the overall quality of the National Cup.

## Communications & Marketing

- To assist with the promotion and development of the series and sport AusCycling requires high quality photos to be used for AusCycling social media and media release within 24 hours of events. Any photos provided to AusCycling should be clean with no watermark. AusCycling will credit the photographer when posting/using these images.
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- Any promotion on social media for your event will need to include the National Cup logo which can be downloaded from the AusCycling website.
- Use of AusCycling social media tags to be used on ALL promotion of event:  
Facebook - @auscyclingaus  
Instagram - @auscyclingaus  
Hashtags: #AusCycling #MTBnationalcup #liveyourlifeoffroad #LetsRideTogether

## Sponsorship, Event Branding & Official Partners

AusCycling will seek to appoint a National Cup Naming Rights sponsor along with several supporting partners. These partners will be permitted to activate at any AusCycling National Cup listed event throughout the year with prior consultation of the host club/organiser.

### Local Event Sponsorship:

Local host clubs and private promoters may engage additional sponsors for their events at their discretion:

- Where there is a conflict of interest between AusCycling and the local Sponsor, it will be the local sponsor that takes precedence for that event.

## Timelines

Nominations for events to be listed as part of the 2021 AusCycling MTB National Cup are now being accepted.

Event organisers must complete the online [APPLICATION FORM](#) for each event to be listed as part of the AusCycling MTB National Cup.

Applications for Gold and State Championship (Silver) will close on **19 March 2021**.

AusCycling will announce National Cup Gold events for 2021 AusCycling MTB National Cup once confirmation between AusCycling and Host Organiser has been agreed upon.

Event organisers may continue to list Silver and Bronze up until 2 months prior to the proposed event date.

