



QRTS

QUEENSLAND ROAD TEAM SERIES

2021 REGULATIONS

AUSCYCLING

Regulations

Team Members

All riders and team officials must be members of a club affiliated with AusCycling or hold a current International Licence. All Team members shall be from the U19, U23, Elite or Masters categories for the Elite Series and Women's Series, Masters 2+ (age group 35 – 39) for the Masters Series.

Note: AusCycling Technical Regulation 1.01.13 will apply to Under 19 riders when the distance of an event is above the maximum distance permitted for those riders. This Regulation requires riders to obtain permission from AusCycling to race distances greater than the maximum prescribed for their category.

Composition of Teams

Each QRTS team shall comprise of;

Men's – At least 6 and no more than 10 riders of the U19, U23, Elite & Masters categories. 6 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round and an additional 2 riders with an additional entry fee payable per round. (see fees).

Women's – At least 6 and no more than 10 riders of the U19, Elite and Masters categories. 6 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round and an additional 2 riders with an additional entry fee payable per round. (see fees).

Master's – At least 6 and no more than 10 riders of Masters 2 and older (35 +) categories. 6 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round and an additional 2 with an additional entry fee payable per round. (see fees).

Team members may come from different clubs. A team which registers less than the maximum number of riders may bring the number of registered riders up to the maximum number at any time, providing the new team member is not registered with another team in the Series. The riders once registered cannot be changed unless under extenuating circumstances. Any changes/additions or replacements within the listed team members must be received by AusCycling one (1) week prior to a round.

All members of a team must wear identical team jerseys – with the exception of the riders who are wearing the classification jerseys. **These Jerseys must be registered with AusCycling Queensland for each team member in 2021.**

Guest riders may compete in a team providing they are not registered with another team competing in the series, however they will not receive team ranking points: i.e. they will not be considered as one of the riders contributing to points and will not be awarded bonus points. All requests must be lodged in writing with AusCycling one (1) week prior to the round.

RD 2 ONLY – A team who has riders competing in the NRS Event may use substitute Guest riders in the QRTS Team replacing riders who are in the NRS event who will be eligible for QRTS Team points in this round only.

A guest rider must wear the approved uniform for the team they are representing in that race. A rider will not be allowed to transfer from one team to another during the 2021 Series; however AusCycling will consider individual transfer applications if it is deemed that extenuating circumstances exist.

Collusion by teams will not be tolerated. Time penalties will be applied to teams if found guilty of such offence.

Financial Matters

The following arrangements are applicable to all Teams.

The Team Manager nominated on the official Team Entry Form shall be the only person authorised to manage the Team's financial matters in so far as they relate to the QRTS and AusCycling.

Any variation to Team Management will need to be communicated to AusCycling in writing and signed by a person(s) possessing authenticated authority. Variation will be effective on acknowledgement by AusCycling.

Any changes to Team Managers' contact details are also to be advised to AusCycling by the incumbent.

In the case of monetary penalties (e.g. fines), Invoices will be issued in the name of the Team and not individual riders, and will be emailed to the Team Manager.

Please feel welcome to contact AusCycling if assistance is required with these matters.

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Team Entry Fees

- Men's Team
- Women's Team
- Masters Team
 - **\$3250.00** - 4 Rounds - 6 riders,
 - **\$125.00** - additional fee per round payable for up to (2) two additional riders (these are riders who are registered as part of your team, Cannot include guest riders).

Individual Entry Fees

- Elite Men's Individual Registration Fee - \$175* / Round
- Master Men Individual Registration Fee - \$175* / Round
- Women's Individual Registration Fee - \$175* / Rounds

- If there is a Team Time Trial Individual riders will be placed into a composite team for this stage only

*Individual Registration Fee is for Round 1, 2 and 3 only. There will be no Individual Entries in Round 4. Individual Entries must be made by contacting qld.events@auscycling.org.au to arrange entry & payment.

Note: Teams (individuals) will be charged for **lost or damaged transponders at \$120.00** per transponder. These are to be returned at the conclusion of each round.

All Entries through AusCycling Queensland - Entry Boss Portal: <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/acq>

General Classification

Each QRTS Round will be based on Time.

Where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the fractions of a second registered during individual time trials (including the prologue) shall be added back into the total time to decide the order.

If the result is still tied or if there are no individual time trial stages the placings obtained in each stage, except team time trial stages, shall be added and, if still equal, the place obtained in the final stage shall be taken into consideration.

The following Stage Bonus will apply :

Road Stages	Criterium Stages
1st 10 sec	1 st 6 sec
2 nd 6 sec	2 nd 4 sec
3 rd 4 sec	3 rd 2 sec

Overall QRTS will be based on points which will be allocated to the individuals and teams after each round, The allocation of points is as follows:

Rounds 1, 2 & 3		Round 4	
Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1	100	1	50
2	80	2	40
3	60	3	30
4	50	4	25
5	45	5	23
6	42	6	21
7	40	7	20
8	39	8	20
9	38	9	19
10	37	10	19
11	36	11	18
12	35	12	18
13	34	13	17
14	33	14	17
15	32	15	16
16	31	16	16
17	30	17	15
18	29	18	15
19	28	19	14
20	27	20	14
21	26	21	13
22	25	22	13
23	24	23	12
24	23	24	12
25	22	25	11
26	21	26	11
27	20	27	10
28	19	28	10
29	18	29	9
30	17	30	9

All competitors finishing within the time limit will be allocated 5 points each.

Individual Points

The General Classification will be determined by points won in each round. The points allocated after each round shall be presented as listed above.

Team Points

The Team Classification will be decided by the points of the three best placed riders of each team added together after each round.

When an additional evening Stage is held that does not count towards the Individual GC there will be Team Points accumulated as follows

Place	Team Points
1st	20
2nd	16
3rd	12
4th	8
5th	4

Other Classifications

The series will also include all of the following classifications.

SPRINTS

<i>FINISH</i>		<i>INTERMEDIATE</i>	
<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	25	1	10
2	20	2	8
3	18	3	6
4	15	4	4
5	12		
6	10		
7	8		
8	6		
9	4		
10	2		

Points will be awarded to the rider with the highest number of points accumulated from both Intermediate sprints and the Finish.

KING & QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN

Place	Points
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	4

The King & Queen of the Mountain classification leader will be the rider with the highest number of points accumulated from King & Queen of the Mountain sprints.

YOUNG RIDER CLASSIFICATION

Points will be allocated to the best young rider under the age of 23 (born 1999 – 2004) who has accumulated the most number of general classification points after each round.

MATURE RIDER CLASSIFICATION

Points will be allocated to the best rider over the age of 45 (born 1976 and earlier) who has accumulated the most number of general classification points after each round in the Masters Event.

Classification Jerseys

The leaders in each classification will wear the Leader's Jerseys during the QRTS as long as they remain in the number 1 position. At the completion of each round riders who gain the number 1 position in each classification will compete in this jersey at the next round or will be passed to the next rider in the category.

Order of Classifications

GC by Time

GC by Sprint Points

GC by KOM/QOM

GC by Young Rider

At the completion of the last round of the Series, the winners of each category will be awarded the classification jersey for 2021.

Penalties

Penalties where feasible will be a deduction of Team Points. For serious offences they can also be disqualification and / or fine.

Rounds

Entry to Events

Team entries to **each stage within a round** will be restricted to the same six / eight riders per team.

Team members not selected to ride in a round will not be allowed to enter as individuals.

One week prior to each Round, Team Managers must nominate by completing the Team Sheet, the names of the riders who will be competing in each Round. This will be emailed to all Team Managers

Additionally Guest riders may compete as long as they are not registered with another team but will not be eligible for Team Points.

Round 1 **Moreton Bay Region**

June 19th – 20th 2021

Stage 1 Individual Time Trial

Stage 2 Team Time Trial

Stage 3 Road Race

All TBC

Round 2 **Battle on The Border** - **Note: 3 Days**

August 6th, 7th & 8th, 2021

Round 3 **Gympie** **(To include State Road Championships for U19,U23 & Elite)**

Sept 25 - 26, 2021

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Street Sprint (Team Points)

Round 4 **TBC**

Nov 14, 2021

Stage 1

Stage 2

Note: Individual stages are subject to change until approvals are received by Event Promoters.

Operation of Events and Conduct of Teams

Team Managers

It is expected that all teams competing in a Round of the series will have a Team Manager who shall represent the sponsors of the team, a team mechanic and any other support staff they deem necessary – all of whom **must be licensed** members of Cycling Australia.

The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct, preparation, registration and all associated arrangements for their team, including meals, transport and accommodation.

It shall be the responsibility of Team Managers to ensure that:

- The list of riders for each team must be submitted one week prior to each round.
- The details of the Team Car in the race convoy must be submitted to Cycling Queensland's Event Manager **the day before the Round**. These details shall include:
 - a. Vehicle details, which must comply with the maximum height rule and sight regulations.
 - b. Details of the nominated driver who must hold an unrestricted OPEN driver's licence and be experienced in convoy driving.
 - c. Details of all personnel in the team car and evidence that they have an AusCycling Membership Licence.
 - d. No vehicle is allowed in the Race Convoy **without a mechanic. i.e no driver only vehicles.**
 - e. No guests are to be carried in Team Cars without prior permission.
 - f. Each team car is expected to carry out neutral service where applicable. One team car will be required to start at the front of the race where deemed necessary.
- All competitors' body numbers will be the responsibility of the Team Manager for the series. The Team Manager will ensure the race number on each rider is that allocated to the nominated competitor, who is registered on the timing system to correspond with the allocated transponder.
- The race numbers are securely affixed to each rider and to the rear of their bike frame. Non-compliance with this requirement will incur a penalty.
 - **Note:** A fee of \$10.00 per number will be charged for replacement of lost or forgotten numbers.
 - Transponders are to be returned after each Round – failure to do so will result in a charge of \$100 being levied

A Managers Meeting will be held at the start of each stage. Meeting times will be advised in the program and on the day over the PA. Should a Team Manager not be in attendance at the commencement of the meeting their Team Car will be placed at the rear of the convoy.

Competitors Sign On

Signing on will open 1hr and close 10 minutes before the start of each stage. This process will be confirmed before each Event to fall in line with the current Covid Safe Plan.

Leaders Jerseys

Presentations will be conducted as soon as possible after the finish of each event. Place getters and classification leaders must present to the podium immediately following the race finish in their correct team race attire.

The leading rider in each classification must attend the presentation ceremony not later than 5 minutes after being advised. Failure to comply will incur a penalty.

The leader of each classification must wear the relevant leader's jersey for the following round.

Withdrawal of Riders

Riders who have lagged behind the main field and do not have the protection of the convoy will have to obey the rules of the road and obey all traffic signs. If these riders continue to ride they will not be entitled to the protection/security provided by the race convoy envelope and as such must obey all traffic rules and regulations.

The Commissaires panel reserves the right to penalise any rider for any traffic regulation infringement.

Team Vehicles

To comply with Police requests and to assist in road safety, a maximum of six (6) team vehicles will be permitted to be part of the race convoy. (Any additional vehicles to be confirmed once permits have been issued). These vehicles shall operate as NEUTRAL SPARES and must be prepared to service any rider when required under the direction of a Commissaire. All neutral service must be immediate and professional at all times. Slow and faulty service will result in expulsion of the vehicle from the convoy. Teams are urged to work out a sharing arrangement with other teams. All service to riders must take place on the left hand side of the road to ensure a smooth passage of other convoy vehicles.

It is required that each team vehicle operating in Neutral Mode shall be staffed by no more than a driver and an experienced mechanic. A team guest may travel in a convoy car but only with the permission of the Chief Commissaire and be seated in the front of the vehicle only.

Drivers of all race convoy vehicles must hold a valid driver's license.

All drivers and mechanics in the race convoy must hold a current Cycling Australia membership license.

At no point shall any personnel in a team vehicle be hanging out of the door or window, any team found to be doing this will have their Team Vehicle removed from the Race Convoy and be subject to further disciplinary measures.

All wheels in the team vehicles shall be available to any rider and therefore must be identified and records kept for reclaiming after each stage.

Vehicle Requirements

The 1.70 metre maximum height will apply. Any team car which is over 1.70 metres, or has tinted or covered rear windows will not be permitted inside the race convoy. All team cars in the convoy must be equipped with an amber beacon mounted on the roof, a UHF CB Radio (preferably with an external antennae), and a first aid kit.

Additional Information.

Competitors and officials must observe the local traffic laws and regulations.

- A rider who holds on to a moving vehicle will be Disqualified.
- Riders are reminded that it is unlawful and an offence against public decency to urinate in public places. Penalties apply for offenders.
- In the case of a duly noted fall, puncture or mechanical mishap in the last 3 kilometres, the rider or riders involved shall be credited with the same time of those riders in whose company they were in at the moment of the accident. The riders' placings shall be determined by the order in which they actually cross the finish line. (this does not apply to a hill finish).
- If, as a result of a fall in the last 3 kilometres, a rider is unable to cross the finish line, he shall be placed last in the stage and credited with the same points as the group he was with at the time of the accident.
- During Criteriums, riders must complete the race. If a rider voluntarily withdraws from the race they will be DNF and unable to start the following stage. However if riders are withdrawn by the Chief Commissaire a time penalty will apply.
- There shall be no refreshments on hill climbs and descents, or during the first 30km and the final 20km of a stage.
- All service to riders must take place on the left hand side of the road to ensure a smooth passage of other convoy vehicles. Any riders stopping on the right hand side of the road will be penalised.
- Whilst assistance may be given by the police escort to ensure the smooth passage of the race, competitors and drivers must remember that the racing is being conducted on open roads, and in the interest of rider safety, they must obey any instructions given by race officials and/or police.
- During races the use of radio links or other means of communication with the riders is **not permitted.**

Racing Procedure Individual Time Trial

1. Team vehicles are not permitted to follow the riders.
2. If a rider is caught by another, he may neither lead nor follow in the slipstream of the rider who caught up.
3. A rider when catching another rider shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2m between themselves and the caught rider. After 1km, the caught rider shall ride at least 25m behind the other.
4. If necessary the attending official shall instruct the caught rider to leave the 2m lateral gap and the distance of 25m, and the penalties as provided in the CA regulations may be applied.
5. A rider/s may not provide assistance to one another.
6. A rider who suffers a mechanical incident and is unable to finish the ITT will be placed last.

Racing Procedure Teams' Time Trial

1. **Four (4)** minute gaps shall apply for the Team Time Trial for Men & Masters Teams.
2. **Three (3)** minute gaps shall apply for the Team Time Trial for Women's Teams
3. Teams will start in order of current QRTS standings, (number 1 – 1st, number 2 – 2nd, etc).
4. Except in Round One where the start will be based on Team numbers.
5. Each team is permitted to have a team vehicle to follow.
6. Teams shall line up as decided by team management.
7. Under no circumstance may a team vehicle draw level with the team but shall follow at least 10m behind the team or third man thereof should he have lagged behind. When a team is catching another, the team vehicle of the caught team must drop back behind the team vehicle of the catching team, when the catching team is within 100m of the other team or when instructed to do so by the Commissaire..
8. Food drink and minor repairs may be exchanged by members of the same team or members may wait for a team member who has had an accident or dropped behind. Team members cannot push or tow each other.
9. Riders shall carry their own food requirements. Outside feeding from persons on the course or from the team support vehicle is forbidden.
10. A Team overtaking another team shall pass on the right hand side, leaving at least two metres between the teams. Under no circumstance may the team "sit in" behind the team that has been caught, but remain at least 25 metres behind until it is safe and able to pass.
11. A rider who has been dropped by his team cannot rejoin it by waiting for its arrival on the next leg, or assist in any way another team. A dropped rider must be vigilant at all times with regard to other teams passing; such riders must not in any way interfere with the progress of another team.
12. Dropped riders must complete the distance inside the cut off time to be eligible to start the following stage

Contact Details

If you have any further questions regarding the 2021 AusCycling Queensland Road Team Series please contact AusCycling Queensland office.

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