

# Handicapping Policy

As at February 2022



NSW Cycling Handicap policy requires a State Open Gradings, based on a rider's ability, across all Race Licence members including –

- Elites
- Masters
- Under 19's

NSW Cycling does NOT require information on any non-racing Members.

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## Road Gradings

- The strategy for ALL Elite, Master & Under 19 riders based on a 100km country style handicap event across 10 bunches from the front (Limit) bunch back to the last (Scratch) bunch.
- For Under 17 and younger riders the gradings will be maintained by the State Handicappers.

## Track Gradings

- The strategy for only Track riders Elite, Master's & Under 19's will be for 5 Divisions
- For Under 17 and younger riders the gradings will be maintained by the State Handicappers.

## Kermesse / Criterium Gradings

- The strategy for ALL Elite, Master & Under 19 categories over 6 Divisions based on a Kermesse or Criterium race – Open or Club level.
- For Under 17 and younger riders the gradings will be maintained by the State Handicappers.

## Review Process

1. All NSW Club Handicappers (or respective Committee) are requested to review their Race Licence rider listing and submit revised State Gradings quarterly.
2. Track Gradings are to be updated as the season progresses with a view to ensuring all Track riders are suitably ranked for the current Track Season
3. State Codes, based on this policy, shall be forwarded to the NSW State Handicapper when requested or when the Club handicapper (or respective Committee) has reviewed a member/s grading and deems a change is required.

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## Entry Process

Entries for State Opens will close at midnight on the Sunday of the weekend preceding each event.

Event Entry - Rider Self-Assessment

On entry to any NSW State Open event the entrant will have a Self-Assessment Request option. This Self-Assessment Request option allows each rider to request the Division (or handicap Bunch) that complies with their State grading based on their current ability.

The NSW office will produce the entry listing for the State handicapper/s by 10am on Monday preceding the event.

The NSW State handicapper/s will then compare the riders Self-Assessment Request with their State grading and create a Preliminary event grading.

#### Challenge Period

The Preliminary event gradings will be published on the NSW Cycling by close of business Monday before the event is conducted.

Riders will have until the close of business Tuesday (before the event is conducted) to seek a change to their event grading through the Challenge process. The entrant will be required to email the State Handicapper at [nsw.handicapping@auscycling.org.au](mailto:nsw.handicapping@auscycling.org.au) with their request.

The entrant should also liaise with their Club Handicapper (or respective Committee) if they believe their state grading requires amendment.

All challenges will be reviewed and the final event gradings will be published by close of business Wednesday night prior to the event

*NOTE: Event late entries will not be eligible to be challenged.*

#### Final Gradings.

Post publication of the FINAL Grading's no further changes will be made.

The Chief Commissaire or the Event director of an Open event are NOT authorised to make any changes to the gradings without the approval of the State Handicapper/s.

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### Road - Handicap Policy

All Race licence holders are to be allocated a State Open Grading as if that rider is competing in a 100k State Open road handicap.

- Club Handicappers (or respective Committee) are required to supply a state Road grade for every current race license member.
- The state grading is based on a road handicap event with 10 Bunches from Bunch 1 (Scratch Bunch) to Bunch 10 (Limit Bunch).
- This State Open Grading system will be applied to all Category 1 and 2 Open Road events. It does NOT relate to Category 3 or Junior events.

- Each Club Handicapper (or respective Committee) will be required to review/update their State Open Gradings on a regular basis.
- If a rider requires a change their State Open Grading (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicappers (or respective Committee) updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.

Junior grading – explanatory notes

Grading	Notes
Div 1	U09 - Top 5 Finishes - Open events
Div 2	U09 - >10 placing Open events
A1	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 5 Finishes - Open events
A2	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 8 Finishes - Open events
A3	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 10 placing Open events - Exceptional 1st year
B1	Div 2 - 1st yr - >10 placing Open events
B2	Div 2 - 1st yr - >15 placing Open events. 2nd year No opens
B3	Div 2 - 1st yr - >20 placing Open events. 1st year No opens

**Road Graphs – Road Handicap State Open Grading System**

## Men STATE Road Grading Guidelines

State Code	Bunch	Comments
A1	1	Pro cyclists
A2	1	NRS - Tier 1 riders. U19, U23 & Elite Exceptional quality
A3	1	NRS - Tier 2 riders. U19, U23 & Elite lower quality.
B1	2	MMAS Exceptional quality
B2	2	NRS - Tier 2 riders. U19, U23 & Elite lower quality. MMAS Exceptional quality
B3	3	
C1	3	Master's Men 1 to 4 – Guide only based on ability
C2	4	
C3	4	
D1	5	
D2	5	Master's Men 5 to 10 – Guide only based on ability
D3	6	
E1	6	
E2	7	
E3	7	
F1	8	
F2	8	
F3	9	
G1	9	
G2	10	
G3	10	

## Women STATE Road Grading Guidelines

State Code	Bunch	Comments
A1	1	
A2	1	
A3	1	
B1	2	
B2	2	
B3	3	
C1	3	
C2	4	
C3	4	
D1	5	Pro cyclists
D2	5	Women CA National Team
D3	6	NRS Women (Tier 1 higher quality)
E1	6	Master Women Exceptional Quality
E2	7	Women Div 1 (Tier 1 higher quality) – Guide based on ability
E3	7	
F1	8	Women Div 1 (Tier 2 lower quality) – Guide based on ability
F2	8	
F3	9	Women Div 2 (Tier 1 higher quality) – Guide based on ability
G1	9	
G2	10	Women Div 2/3 (Tier 2 lower quality) – Guide based on ability

#### Juniors STATE **Road** Grading Guidelines

Grading	U09G	U09B	U11G	U11B	U13G	U13B	U15W	U15M	U17W	U17M
A1 / Div 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A2			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A3			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B1 / Div 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B2			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B3			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Track –Handicap Policy

All Race licence holders who race on the track are to be allocated a State Open Grading as if that rider is competing on a 250mt velodrome.

- Club Handicappers (or respective Committees) are required to grade all members who race on the Track as if that club member competes in a Track Open similar to the NSW Track Championships at Dunc Gray Velodrome, being 250m.
- This State Open Grading system will be applied to all Category 1 and 2 Open Track events. It does NOT relate to Category 3 or Junior Club events.
- Each Club Handicapper (or respective Committee) will be required to review/update their State Open gradings when requested or when the Club handicapper (or respective Committee) has reviewed a member/s grading and deems a change is required.
- If a rider requires a change their State Open Grading (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicappers updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.

### Track Graphs – Handicap State Open Grading System

#### MEN STATE **Track** Grading Guidelines

State Code	DIVISION	Comments
T1	1	CA National Team CNSW State Team Exceptional Quality Track Riders
T2	1	
T3	1	
T4	1	
T5	2	Club Div 1 Track riders
T6	2	
T7	2	
T8	2	
T9	3	Club Div 2 Track riders
T10	3	
T11	3	
T12	3	
T13	4	Club Div 3 Track riders
T14	4	
T15	4	
T16	4	
T17	5	Club Div 4-5 Track riders
T18	5	
T19	5	
T20	5	
T21	5	

#### WOMEN STATE **Track** Grading Guidelines

State Code	DIVISION	Comments
T1	1	
T2	1	
T3	1	
T4	1	

T5	2	
T6	2	
T7	2	
T8	2	
T9	3	CA National Team CNSW State Team Exceptional Quality Women Div 1 Track Riders
T10	3	
T11	3	
T12	3	
T13	4	Women's Div 1 - 2 Track
T14	4	
T15	4	
T16	4	
T17	5	Women's Div 2 & 3+ Track
T18	5	
T19	5	
T20	5	
T21	5	

Juniors STATE <b>Track</b> Grading Guidelines					
Grading	U09	U11	U13	U15	U17
T01	Div 1a	Div 1a	Div 1a	Div 1a	Div 1a
T02	Div 1b	Div 1b	Div 1b	Div 1b	Div 1b
T03	Div 1c	Div 1c	Div 1c	Div 1c	Div 1c
T04	Div 2a	Div 2a	Div 2a	Div 2a	Div 2a
T05	Div 2b	Div 2b	Div 2b	Div 2b	Div 2b
T06	Div 2c	Div 2c	Div 2c	Div 2c	Div 2c

Junior Grading are stand-alone age events, for combined age categories amendments will be made by the State Handicapper/s.

### Kermesse/Criterium - Handicapping Policy

All Race licence holders are to be allocated a new State Kermesse/Criterium Grading as if that rider is competing in a graded Open or Club Kermesse or Criterium race. There are 6 gradings being K1 – K6

1. Club Handicappers (or respective Committees) are asked to review the Grading of every current Race license member as if that club member competes in an Open or Club Kermesse or criterium (i.e. HEZ, Eastern Creek or Heffron Park)
2. This State Open Grading system will be applied to all Category 1 and 2 Open Kermesse/Criterium events. It does NOT relate to Category 3 or Category 4 events.

3. Each Club Handicapper (or respective Committees) will be required to update their State Open Gradings when requested or when the Club handicapper (or respective Committee) has reviewed a member/s grading and deems a change is required.
4. If a rider requires a change their State Open Grading (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicappers updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.

### **Kermesse Graphs – Handicap State Open Grading System**

MEN STATE Kermesse/criterium Grading Guidelines		
Kermesse Code	Division	Comments
K1	1	Pro cyclists
K1	1	NRS, U19, U23, Elite and Men Masters – Exceptional Quality
K1	1	
K1	1	
K1	1	Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Exceptional Quality
K1	1	
K1	1	
K2	2	Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders
K2	2	
K3	2	
K3	3	Men Club B Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women NRS, Master's Women – Exceptional quality - A Grade
K3	3	
K4	3	
K4	4	



K4	4	Men Club C Grade criterium / Kermesse riders
K4	4	Women - Second Tier - A Grade
K5	5	Men Club D Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women - First Tier - B Grade
K5	5	
K5	5	
K6	6	Men Club E Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women - Second Tier - B Grade & C Grade

#### Additional Information.

##### Club Grades

- This is a Road State based system over 100k and Club grades need to be reviewed. This system is based on an individual riders' ability.
- For example – any "Club" A grader may not necessarily be placed in Bunch 1-Scratch in this system. Generally speaking, a majority of "Club" A grade riders will be on either Chopping Block or Bunch 3 or much lower.
- Where Club riders are graded B grade club, they will invariably drop down to say Bunch 4/5/6 or possibly even lower if a Master's category rider.
- The same applies to Club C grade riders who would invariably drop down to say Bunches 7/8/9/10.

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All State Handicappers email: [nsw.handicapping@auscycling.org.au](mailto:nsw.handicapping@auscycling.org.au)

State Handicapper: Robyn Sprouster

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