



AWARDS POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The AusCycling Awards ('Policy') outlines the various award and recognition the community for achievements and contribution to the sport.

The purpose of the Policy is to provide a transparent and consistent process is when determining the recipients of these awards.

AusCycling has three areas of awards and recognition:

- **Impact Awards:** These awards are provided to individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport and are awarded from time to time.
- **Service Awards:** Awarded annually to individuals for service and performance.
- **Performance Awards:** Awarded annually to outstanding Australian athletes based on domestic and international results or achievements.
- **Service & Participation Recognition:** Awarded to individuals for consecutive attendance or supporting performance and participation.
- **State and Territory Performance Awards:** Presented to individuals within a state or territory based on their sport performance.
- **Sport Performance (National):** Performance awards to recognise sub-disciplines of Mountain Bike.
- **Legacy Awards:** Awards which were named after an individual from a legacy organisation continue to be presented.

REQUIREMENTS OF ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Displayed good character and who have not brought the sport into disrepute
- Not currently suspended in any way

SECTION 1: IMPACT AWARDS

A: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest honour which can be bestowed by AusCycling. It is awarded to recognise eminent achievement and merit to a person who has rendered distinguished or significant contributions to the success, reputation, or positive standing of cycling across Australia.

Life membership is an honour presented to a current or past member and is recognised as the highest recognition awarded to a member by AusCycling.

Criteria for Nomination

Life Membership should not be considered a competitive matter and nominees are to be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. The criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated.

There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominee's strengths against the various criteria will vary.

AusCycling staff members are not eligible for Life Membership.

Key Considerations for Life Membership

Cultural Contribution

The extent to which the individual has been a role model for positive behaviours and leadership within the cycling community.

Structural Contribution

The extent to which the individual has helped shape programs, events and/or infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

Governance Contribution

The extent to which the individual has supported cycling in either a board/committee or officiation capacity.

Growth and Development Contribution

The extent to which the individual has supported the growth and development of cycling or specific athletes and consequently had a positive impact on more people riding, racing and watching cycling.

Inclusion and Diversity Contribution

The extent to which an individual has made a positive contribution to inclusion and diversity in the cycling and riding community.

Other Material Contributions

Any other contributions that have enhanced the success, reputation or fame of cycling in Australia.

Nomination Process

Nominations should be submitted in writing to the Awards Committee of AusCycling for consideration and may be made by any individual member.

1. Any individual can be nominated by a current member, with the nomination seconded by at least one other member
2. Nominations should include a summary of the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate.
3. Nominations need to be in writing, using the nomination form provided and submitted by the required due date.
4. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.

5. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with recommendations made to the Board for endorsement.
6. Nominations endorsed by the Board will be presented to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.

Life Membership Benefits

- Membership of choice for life at no cost
- A commemorative Life Membership Certificate
- Inclusion in the Life Membership listing

B. SPIRIT OF CYCLING

This award is available to both members and non-members who have given distinguished or special service to cycling in Australia over a non-specific period of time.

This award honours those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport, irrespective of duration.

Their dedication and commitment coupled with good character will have led to successful achievements that will have enhanced public and/or commercial interest in cycling. This award is a non-annual award which is determined by the CEO from time to time.

It is awarded to any person or organisation who's impact on cycling in Australia has been transformative.

Eligibility

- Any individual who is an individual who is in good standing with AusCycling is eligible for this award.

C. HALL OF FAME

Australian cycling has a rich history comprising of some of the oldest races in the world and international success dating back more than 100 years.

The AusCycling Hall of Fame has been established to recognise the outstanding achievements of the true greats of Australian cycling.

They are the "best of the best" who, through their achievements, have made an enduring or significant contribution to cycling. Induction into the AusCycling Hall of Fame is a public acknowledgement of their extraordinary feats.

The AusCycling History & Heritage Committee (Committee) selects riders and/or officials for induction to the Hall of Fame.

Selection Process

- Any individual can nominate potential members of the Hall of Fame.
- The Committee will also be able to invite nominations.
- Nominations are to be submitted annually, by 30 June, to be considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.
- Any nomination which has been previously submitted, but not selected may be reconsidered by the Committee.
- The Committee is responsible for endorsing all inductees. The AusCycling Board is responsible for the final approval of all inductees.

Selection Criteria for Athlete Nominations

An athlete shall be considered for inclusion into the AusCycling Hall of Fame after a two (2) year period following retirement from competition at the highest level. Athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Nominees must:

- be Australian citizens;
- have achieved at the highest level of competition in their chosen discipline; and
- have the support of their peers.
- have achieved their results as an Australian athlete.

The Committee will consider the degree of difficulty for a Nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.

The Committee will consider the coaching and/or administrative efforts, of an athlete, that has made a significant contribution to the success of Australian cycling and its standing in the community.

The Committee will consider in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.

Two Year Retirement Period

With the establishment of AusCycling and the heightened focus on celebrating all disciplines History and Heritage, the two (2) year period following retirement from competition at the highest level will apply across all disciplines for future inductions.

Athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Ineligible Athletes

Nominations will not be considered for selection to the AusCycling Hall of Fame if the person has been subject to disqualification recognised by the governing body for reasons of use, or consumption of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, use of illegal performance enhancing techniques or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar a person from consideration for inclusion in the AusCycling Hall of Fame unless that misdemeanour, offence or conduct is (in the judgement of the Selection Committee and the AusCycling Board) of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of the AusCycling Hall of Fame and its Members.

Selection Criteria for Non-Athlete Nominations

A person may be inducted into the Hall of Fame for their contribution to the sport when the nominee has:

- provided no less than twenty (20) years of service to the sport;
- served on Australian teams (or equivalent) as a coach or administrator for a time considered appropriate by the Committee;
- coached a rider or riders to medal at Pinnacle events.
- made a significant and enduring positive contribution to the development of cycling and its standing in the community;
- officiated at Pinnacle events.

Pinnacle events include: Elite or Para-cycling category (UCI World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games, X-Games, Commonwealth Games, UCI World Tour, Enduro World Series).

Non-athletes may be nominated posthumously.

Ineligible Administrators

Nominations will not be considered for selection to the AusCycling Hall of Fame if the person has been subject to disqualification recognised by the governing body for reasons of use, or consumption of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, use of illegal performance enhancing techniques or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

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Legacy Hall of Fame Inductions

All previous Cycling Australia, Mountain Bike Australia and BMX Australia Hall of Fame members will be recognised by AusCycling.

Legend Status

The Legends category, reserved for athletes only, is for those who are deemed to have had a significant impact on the sport, at the highest level, above their peers.

Nominees as a Legend must have been retired from the sport for at least ten (10) years.

Legends will comprise a maximum of 15 per cent of the total AusCycling Hall of Fame members.

In elevating an inductee to Legend status only their "cycling" records will be taken into account and not a candidate's other contributions to the sport.

Conditions to Revoke Hall of Fame Memberships

The AusCycling Board has the power to revoke a person's membership in the AusCycling Hall of Fame.

For a person's membership to be revoked:

- A written statement must be provided to the AusCycling Board setting out why the award should be withdrawn and the reasons, facts and evidence why the member/recipient no longer satisfies the selection criteria;
- The Board may refer the submission to the History & Heritage Committee the Ethics and Integrity to consider the recommendation and accompanying material.

SECTION 2: SERVICE AWARDS

Meritorious Awards are presented for distinguished service or outstanding performance.

A meritorious medal is an honour bestowed to current individual members.

MERITORIOUS MEDAL: SPORT

The Meritorious Medal for contribution to sport recognises service in a particular club, location or discipline. These awards recognise anyone who has provided distinguished service to cycling for 10+ years service in one role or a variety of roles.

Recipients will have provided significant positive impact to the sport. Some examples service may include:

- Club Committee Members
- Team Manager (club, team, representative team)
- Commissaires who have actively officiated annually
- Coaches who regularly develop National level riders (or above) or support representative teams
- Coaches who have supported increased participation
- Individuals who have increased inclusion and diversity at any level.

Nomination and Selection

Nominations should be submitted in writing for consideration by the Awards Committee.

1. Any individual can be nominated by a current member, with the nomination seconded by at least one other member.
2. Nominations should include a summary of the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate.
3. Nominations need to be in writing, using the nomination form provided and submitted by the required due date.
4. Meritorious Medals cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
5. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with recommendations made to the Board for approval.

AusCycling will annually set a nomination period for this award.

MERITORIOUS MEDAL: PERFORMANCE

AusCycling recognises performance of individuals who win at the Elite category within their discipline. The following table outlines the requirements for each discipline.

Discipline	Performance Requirement
BMX Freestyle	UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships Olympic Games
BMX Racing	UCI BMX Racing World Championships
Mountain Bike	UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: DH UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: XCO, XCC, XCT, Trials Olympic Games: XCO Enduro World Series: 1st Overall Series
Cyclo-cross	UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships
Gravel	UCI Gravel World Championships
Road	UCI Road World Championships: ITT, TTT, RR Olympic Games: TT, RR Paralympic Games: RR and Time Trial -all categories
Track	UCI Road World Championships: all events Olympic Games: all events Paralympic Games: all events and categories
Para-cycling	UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: ITT, RR & Team Relay UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: all events
ESport	UCI ESport World Championships

SECTION 3: SPORT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The AusCycling Annual Awards recognise excellence in performance by Australian's each year in Elite, Masters and Junior categories.

The awards are:

Overall Awards

AusCycling Cyclist of the Year "Oppy Medal": Overall Cyclist of the Year Award.

Discipline Awards: Annual Performance Awards*

- BMX Racing Rider of the Year
- BMX Freestyle Rider of the Year
- Cyclo-cross Cyclist of the Year
- ESport Cyclist of the Year
- Gravel Cyclist of the Year
- Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Para-Cyclist of the Year (Road)
- Para-Cyclist of the Year (Track)
- Road Cyclist of the Year
- Track Cyclist of the Year

Aged Based Category Awards*

- Masters Cyclist of the Year (BMX Racing, Mountain Bike, Road, Track)
- Junior Cyclist of the Year (BMX Racing, Mountain Bike, Road, Track)

**for all category awards both male and female categories are recognised.*

Eligibility

Nominees and recipients must be:

- Elite: be recognised as an individual who is an Australian citizen and recognised as Australian by the UCI. Only Elite category performances will be considered.
- Junior: be in the Junior 19 category (as defined by the UCI), an Australian citizen and recognised by the UCI as an Australian.
- Masters: must be aged 30+ during the performance period, an Australian permanent resident, and recognised by the UCI as Australian.

Performance Period (all categories)

1. The performance period is from December 1 to 30 November.

Selection Criteria

Cyclist of the Year Award: "Oppy"

The Cyclist of the Year Award is awarded to the most outstanding Australian cyclist during the performance period.

The finalist for the Cyclist of the Year Award are the recipients of the Discipline Performance Award.

This may include individuals from a team or a team (see eligible events below).

Performance: The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered during the performance period. Performances must be within the Elite category of these competitions (if applicable).

1.	UCI Grand Tour GC
2.	Olympic Games and Paralympic Games
3.	UCI World Championships
4.	Commonwealth Games, UCI World Tour: GC, Stages and One-Day Wins
5.	EWS, X-Games
6.	UCI Classified Events
7.	Continental Championships
8.	National Championships

Additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World record performances.

No tied votes or joint winners will be excepted for the Oppy.

Discipline Awards

This award goes to an individual or team (where permitted), for each discipline, who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance. The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered to distinguish performances within the performance period.

Discipline	Pinnacle Performance Order of Priority
BMX Freestyle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olympic Games 2. UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships 3. X-Games, UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup 4. Continental Championships 5. National Championships
BMX Racing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olympic Games 2. UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships 3. UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup 4. Continental Championships 5. UCI Classified events 6. National Championships
Mountain Bike	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olympic Games 2. UCI Mountain Bike World Championships (DH and XCO) 3. Enduro World Series: Overall Series 4. Commonwealth Games 5. UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: Trials, XCC, XCT 6. UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, Enduro World Series events 7. Continental Championships 8. UCI Classified events 9. National Championships
Cyclo-cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships 2. UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup 3. National Championships
Gravel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UCI Gravel World Championships 2. UCI Gravel World Series 3. National Championships

Discipline	Pinnacle Performance Order of Priority
Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UCI World Tour (priority 1 and 2 events – see 2.10.008 of the UCI Regulations) 2. Olympic Games 3. UCI World Tour (priority 3 and 4 events – see 2.10.008 of the UCI Regulations) 4. Commonwealth Games 5. UCI Classified Events 6. Continental Championships 7. National Championships
Track*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olympic Games 2. UCI Track World Championships 3. Commonwealth Games 4. Continental Championships 5. UCI Classified Events 6. National Championships
Para-cycling*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paralympic Games 2. UCI Para-Track & Road World Championships 3. Commonwealth Games 4. Continental Championships 5. UCI Classified Events 6. National Championships
ESport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UCI ESport World Championships 2. AusCycling National Series

*Additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World record performances.

Individual event teams (e.g. Team Sprint, Team Pursuit, Madison, MTB Team Relay, and others) may be awarded discipline based awards.

All performances must be in the Elite, U23 or U21 (EWS) category. There may be co-winners for these awards.

Age Based Awards

One finalists (male and female) will be named in the following disciplines:

- BMX Racing
- Mountain Bike
- Track
- Road

Performance: The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered during the performance period. Performance are only considered when competing in the age category.

1.	UCI World Championships
2.	UCI World Series
3.	Continental Championships (Junior only)
4.	National Championship

Awarding Process:

1. Nominations are sought for each award category by AusCycling management.
2. Nominations will be reviewed and determined by the Awards Committee.

SECTION 4: SERVICE AND PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION

The following apply to all disciplines and age groups.

Consecutive Years

Awards will be provided to any participant who has competed at a State/Territory or National Championships on a consecutive basis for:

- 10 years and every 5-year interval following

Major Event Official/Commissaire

- All appointed Commissaires and Officials at National Championships and UCI events will receive recognition for their appointment through ceremony and certificate.

Major Event Coach

- All coaches who have that rider who receives a Gold Medal at a National Championships or qualifies for an Australia Team will be named to the Coaches Honour Roll for the Year.

SECTION 5: STATE AND TERRITORY PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The AusCycling Annual Awards recognise excellence in performance by AusCycling members at competition over the domestic season. Those who perform internationally are considered in the AusCycling National Awards.

Note: In the case of Masters categories international competition may also be considered.

The following awards will be presented in all States/Territories.

BMX Racing

- BMX Rider of the Year
- Junior BMX Rider of the Year
- Masters BMX Rider of the Year

Mountain Bike

- Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Junior Mountain Bike Rider of the Year
- Masters Mountain Bike of the Year

Road**

- Road Cyclist of the Year
- Junior Road Cyclist of the Year
- Masters Road Cyclist of the Year

Track**

- Track Cyclist of the Year
- Junior Track Cyclist of the Year
- Masters Track Cyclist of the Year

**for all category awards both male and female categories are recognised.*

***including para-cycling (inc, AWII, Transplant, Deaf, Short Statured, and UCI Para-categories)*

BMX Freestyle, Cyclo-cross and E-Sports may be added in the future depending on competition growth in each state/territory.

Eligibility

Nominees and recipients must be:

- A current AusCycling Member.
- **Rider/Cyclist of the Year:** is an Australian citizen and recognised as Australian by the UCI.
- **Junior:** be under 19 during the performance period, an Australian citizen, and recognised by UCI as an Australian.
- **Masters:** over 30 years of age.
- **State/Territory:** Riders can only be recognised in the State/Territory in which their primary club is located. They must have lived in this this State/Territory for at least 6 months during the performance period.

Criteria

The State and Territory Performance awards go to an individual who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance events. The following table outlines the order of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered to distinguish performances within the performance period.

Order of Priority

1. UCI World Championships (Masters only)
2. National Championships
3. State/Territory Championships
4. State/Territory Series

When considering recipients additional weight should also be provided to multiple pinnacle performances and World/Best record performances and the depth of field.

Other Considerations

Individual event teams (e.g. Team Sprint, Team Pursuit, Madison, MTB Team Relay, and others) may be awarded discipline-based awards.

There may be co-winners for these awards.

Eligibility and Selections

1. Individuals must be a primary member of a club within the state/territory. If a rider transfers during the year riders will only be considered for performances while a primary member when in that state.
2. The Performance Period will be from the first day after the National Championships (for each discipline/category) to the finish of the next National Championships (for each discipline/category).
3. Recommendations for each category will be made by the State Operations Manager to the State Advisory Committee.

Announcement of the recipients may vary for each state/territory and discipline based on local requirements.

SECTION 6: SPORT PERFORMANCE - NATIONAL

MTB SUBDISCIPLINE AWARDS

This award goes to an individual, for each sub-discipline, who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance.

- XC Rider of the Year
- DHI Rider of the Year
- Gravity Enduro Rider of the Year
- Trials Rider of the Year

Male and Female Awards shall be awarded in all categories.

The following table outlines the level of priority to each pinnacle performance that should be considered to distinguish performances within the performance period.

Subdiscipline	Pinnacle Performance Order of Priority
XC	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Olympic Games2. UCI World Championships3. Enduro World Series: Overall Series4. Commonwealth Games5. UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: Trials, XCC, XCT6. UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, Enduro World Series events7. Continental Championships8. UCI Classified events9. National Championships
DHI	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UCI World Championships2. UCI World Cup3. Continental Championships4. UCI Classified Events5. National Championships
GE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enduro World Series: Overall Series2. Enduro World Series: Individual Events3. National Championships
TRIALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UCI World Championships2. UCI World Cup3. UCI Classified Events4. National Championships

The Performance Period will be from January 1 to November 30.

Nomination Process:

1. Nominations will be sought one of whom will be nominated as the winner of that category.
2. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with recommendations made to the Board for approval.

SECTION 7: LEGACY AWARDS

AusCycling will award State/Territory legacy awards which have been named after an individual. These include:

BMX State/Territory

- Keith Williams Medal (VIC): The Keith Williams Medal: awarded to the most outstanding Victorian male and female riders at the Victorian State Championships, based on performance during the event.
- John Walzcuk Service to BMX (VIC): Awarded to an individual who has provided significant service to BMX in Victoria.
- Cheryl Vince Memorial Trophy (QLD): Top Male and Female Official of the Year.
- Bill Dunkely Official of the Year (NSW): Top Male and Female Official of the Year.

Track National

- Southcott Cup – Awarded to the winning team in the Elite Men’s Teams Pursuit Championship.
- Australian Women’s Team Pursuit Cup – Awarded to the winning team in the Elite Women Team Pursuit Championship.
- W.J. “Bill” Young Trophy – Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Men U19 Team Pursuit Championship.
- Australian Junior Women 19 Team Pursuit Cup – Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Women 19 Women’s Team Pursuit Championships
- J.J. “Tiny” Nichols Trophy – Awarded to the winning team in the Junior Men U17 Teams Pursuit Championship.
- Australian Junior 17 Team Pursuit Cup - Awarded to the winning team in the Junior U17 Women’s Team Pursuit Championships.
- Robina Joy Trophy – Awarded to the winning state during the National Elite Track Championship. Points awarded for the Norm Gailey Presidential Trophy shall decide.
- Ray Godkin Shield – Awarded to the winning State for overall junior category events during the Australian Junior Track Championship. Points awarded the same as for the Norm Gailey Presidential Trophy shall decide.

LET'S RIDE TOGETHER

