Penrith Cycling Club

Club Racing – Administration, Rules & Guidelines

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1. Introduction

These race rules and racing administration policies and procedures have been developed and adopted by the Penrith Cycling Club.

They have been created to ensure that the club runs in accordance with its obligations, and with Race Rules specified by Cycling Australia and Cycling NSW.

Riders and Officials must be familiar with and observe these rules, and are not authorised to act outside them.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the Penrith Cycling Club Constitution, Cycling New South Wales and Cycling Australia rules, technical regulations and other guidelines.

2. Definitions

Category 4 Race - is a club combined or open invitation race. Riders from other clubs may participate and race entries may be taken on the line.

Category 5 Race - is a club only event. Riders from other clubs may not participate. Entries may be taken on the line.

These policies and procedures should be read in conjunction with:

- NSW Technical Regulations (May 2008) http://www.nsw.cycling.org.au/site/cycling/nsw/downloads/Files/technical/regulations/NSWCF_Tech_Regs.pdf
- Cycling NSW By-laws (29 March 2009) http://www.nsw.cycling.org.au/site/cycling/nsw/downloads/Files/technical/regulations/CNSWBY-LAWSApproved24March2009.pdf

3. Club Racing - Pointscore Series

The Penrith Cycling Club runs Pointscore Series Races. These include the Winter Road Race Series (Sunday mornings in Winter) , the Spring Criterium Series, (Monday evenings Oct-Dec) and the Summer Series (Monday evenings, January to April).

In these series, prizes +/or prize-money is offered for each race, and, if so advised, there may be prizes +/or prize-money for overall series performance. (series prizes are normally offered for summer series, but not usually for winter series, due to lower competitor numbers)

3.1 Race Format & Rules

3.1.1 The race rules will be those defined in the Cycling NSW Technical Regulations and other relevant CNSW documentation.

3.1.2 Where there are, in the opinion of the commissaire, insufficient riders to form a competitive category (eg, typically less than 8 riders in one category), the commissaire may, at his/her discretion, merge categories, or otherwise change the race format to promote fair and safe competition.

3.1.3 Not more than half the riders in a category can earn series points or earn prize money. (i.e.: if there are 8 riders in a category, only places 1 to 4 will earn points and prize money)

3.1.4 Where there are insufficient riders signed on race (eg: less than 35 in total) the commissaire may elect to run the race as a handicap. In this case, the first 5 riders to finish may receive points, (6,4,3,2,1) and all competing riders may earn a competition point. The points allocation is at the discretion of the commissaire and the handicapper.

3.1.5 The commissaire may elect to include a priem within the race. If included this will be announced at the start line, and the line judge will blow a whistle one lap ahead of the priem. Only the priem winner will receive prize-money or a prize and there are no series points awarded for the priem.

3.2 Race Grading

3.2.1 Races will include A, B, C, D and E grades. Other Grades may be introduced at the Committee discretion.

3.2.2 Initial grading of riders will be done by the Club Handicapper.

3.2.3 A rider must move up to the next grade when he/she accumulates 20 points or has 3 wins in a grade.

The VP-Racing, and/or the Club Handicapper may at their discretion make exceptions to this rule, to ensure riders are reasonably competitive in the grade in which they race.

3.2.4 Riders moving up a grade (whether moving up voluntarily or in accordance with 2.1.3 above) will take half their accumulated points with them into the higher grade. (excepting rule 2.2.5)

Riders moving up from E grade do not take and points with them to their new grade. E-Grade its treated as a separate race series.

3.2.5 If a rider in B grade elects to go up to A grade voluntarily, then that rider can take all points with him/her, but he is then not able to drop back to B grade within the current series.

3.2.6 If a rider in B grade gets to 20 points or 3 wins and is 55 years of age or older, then that rider may elect not to go up into A grade (with the agreement from the Club Handicapper). In this case, the rider will receive no further prize money for weekly placings, but will keep ½ of any further points gained by these placings towards their final points tally in the point score competition. They will still be eligible for an overall prize at the completion of the Series.

3.2.7 Riders who have earned any points in a grade may not drop back to a lower grade during a series.

3.3 Individual Race Prizes / Prizes

At each round there will be prizes allocated. The usual allocation will be as per the tables below.

Please also refer to race rules section above.

(The difference between winter and summer series prize-money is due to the different SIRC fees and different average rider numbers)

Grade/Place	Summer Series Crit Races				
	A	B	C	D	E
1	$60	$60	$50	$50	$25
2	$40	$40	$25	$25	$20
3	$25	$20	$20	$20	$-
4	$20	$20	$15	$15	$-
5	$15	$15	$-	$-	$-
Prem	$15	$10	$10	$10	na

Grade/Place	Winter Series Road Races				
	A	B	C	D	E
1	$60	$60	$50	$50	$25
2	$40	$40	$25	$25	$20
3	$25	$20	$20	$20	$-
4	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
5	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Prem	$10	$10	$10	$10	$10

3.4 Series Points Allocation / Prizes

3.4.1 At each race round, placegetters earn series points. The allocation is as follows, (excepting as per Race Format and Rules section above)

- 1st: 6 points
- 2nd: 4 points
- 3rd: 3 points
- 4th: 2 points
- 5th: 1 point

3.4.2 Series points are tallied, and at the end of the series the top 10 points scorers in A to D grade (combined) and the top 3 points scorers in E grade will be awarded cash prizes.

3.4.3 The Series Prizes are allocated from a pool, which is a total amount equal to $1 per rider for each race in the series. The approximate allocation is as follows - the final amounts are rounded.

3.4.4 The committee may vary the allocation of prize amounts at their discretion, including where there are riders on equal points.

3.4.5 The Committee will review the series points and allocation of prize money at the first committee meeting after the conclusion of the series. The series prize money will be distributed at or before the first race of the next club series.

Series Placing	% of Pool
(A-D) 1	20.0%
(A-D) 2	15.0%
(A-D) 3	12.0%
(A-D) 4	10.0%
(A-D) 5	9.0%
(A-D) 6	7.0%
(A-D) 7	6.0%
(A-D) 8	5.0%
(A-D) 9	5.0%
(A-D) 10	5.0%
(E) 1	5.0%
(E) 2	5.0%
(E) 3	5.0%

4. Club Racing - Open Road Series

To encourage and acknowledge our riders who compete at higher levels of road racing - the Penrith Cycling Club tracks the results of Club riders competing in specified Road Open events, which are a selection of the state level races listed on the CNSW calendar and administered by CNSW. The points are published on the club website during the season.

Here's the rules and how it works:

1) PCC will keep a pointscore for the NSW Open Road Series, comprising about 50 races in the road series. The eligible races are taken from road and TT events on the CNSW Open series calendar.

2) Every PCC rider finishing a eligible event gets a point.

3) Riders get additional points for places from 1st down to 10th, provided that CNSW reports the places. (At some events CNSW reports only the first 3 places. In that case we'll award for the first three, but not the next 7).

4) Points are 15 for 1st then 13,11,9,7,5,4,3,2,and down to 1 point for 10th place and beyond.

   A rider might be competing in an age group, or in a grade, or in a combined age group - regardless, the finishing position earns points for the rider in his/her age group.

5) The categories are as follows:

   - Elite Men
   - Under 23 & Under 19 Men
   - MM1&2
   - MM3
   - MM4
   - MM5&6
   - MM7+
   - Junior Men (U17 and below)
   - Junior Women (U17 and below)
   - Women (all except juniors)

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5. Club Racing - Club Championships

The Penrith Cycling Club runs a number of Club Championship events during the year. Winners and placegetters in Championship Races are awarded Club Championship trophies at annual award events. The usual events, categories and awards are as follows:

Event	Categories	Places
Individual Time Trial Club Championship	This award is for the fastest times in the Club TT event. Categories awarded are: • Elite & U23 Men • Under 19 Men • Junior Men (U17 and below) • Masters Men 1-4 • Masters Men 5+ • Elite & U23 Women • Under 19 Women • Junior Women (U17 and below) • Masters Women – all	1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category
Club Road Championship (Road Race)	This award is for the fastest Penrith Cycling Club rider in this road race event. A number of categories are raced on the day, but only the first three in the fast category are awarded.	1st, 2nd & 3rd One Category only
Club Handicap Race	One Category Only - this award is for the first three finishers in the Club Road Handicap event. Any club member can participate.	1st, 2nd & 3rd One Category only
Open Race Awards	These awards are for points earned in Open Racing events during the season. Categories include: 1) Elite Men 2) Under 23 & Under 19 Men 3) MM1&2 4) MM3 5) MM4 6) MM5&6 7) MM7+ 8) Junior Men (U17 and below) 9) Junior Women (U17 and below) 10) Women (all except juniors)	1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category (subject to numbers)
Hector Salas Cup	This is the Club's annual Criterium Championship event. It is run in parallel with a regular club Criterium race, and the Award goes to the first three in A grade. This race is usually run in the December of the previous Club year. (so 2011 award is raced in Dec 2010)	1st, 2nd & 3rd in A-Grade
Most Improved Rider	One club rider chosen by the committee (and or those appointed by committee) on the basis of improvement in results in the past year, in club and open races	
President's Trophy	The Club President selects one club member, (not necessarily a rider) for this award, in recognition of the person's contribution to the club and the sport.	
Juniors Awards	Each year each junior (up to and including under 15) receives an award for participation.	

6. Race Entry Refund Program

The Penrith Cycling Club supports riders competing in Open races through the year, by contributing to the rider's race entry fees.

In August of each year riders may apply to the Club for a refund of their open race fees for the previous year (August to July). The committee will review the claims in total, and allocate a certain amount of club funds against those claims. The usual amount allocated depends on the funds available within the club, and is determined and allocated at the discretion of the committee.

The program and the rules are as follows:

6.1 The applicant must be a financial member of the club, at the time of the race and at the time of the claim, and must not owe the club any money.

6.2 Rider Refund Claims must be made in writing, to the committee, using the standard form provided by the Club, before the end of August each year, for the previous August/July period. (1st August to 31st July)

6.3 Claims can only be for races where the rider has competed in current Penrith Cycling Club clothing.

6.4 Races/events must be part of the State or National Cycling Australia Program or be a UCI Event.

6.5 The refund pool will be distributed pro-rata to applicants, and no claimant will be paid more than their race fee.

6.6 From time to time the Club may nominate events where it will register riders and pay riders entry fees in advance. (eg State Team Time Trial).

7. Rider Incentive Program

The Penrith Cycling Club provides cash incentives to encourage riders to compete and perform well in National level races through the year. It is acknowledged that National races usually involve significant travel and accommodation costs which may be a barrier to participation. The rules and guidelines are as follows:

7.1 The applicant must be a financial member of the club, and must not owe the club any money.

7.2 Claims must be made in writing, to the committee, using the standard form provided by the Club, before the end of August each year, for the previous August/July period.

7.3 Claims can only be for races where the rider has competed in current Penrith Cycling Club clothing, except where the rider competes in the uniform of AIS, NSWIS, WSAS or a registered trade team.

7.4 Claims may only be made events which are part of the State or National Cycling Australia Program or a UCI Event

7.5 Incentive points are awarded for riders placing in the top 5 at Metropolitan, State, National and World Titles for approved State, National or UCI events.

7.6 For track events, a rider may only claim incentive points against one event per Championship. (eg: at the State Track Championship the rider may win a time trial and come second in a points race. The rider can only earn incentive points for one of these results - and in this case would claim the first place).

7.7 If a rider claims a team event, they will receive a proportionate point share. Incentive points are awarded as per below table. One incentive point will not exceed one dollar.

Place	Men/Women (Elite, U/23 and U/19)				
	Metro	**State**	**National**	**Oceania**	**World**
1	100	300	600	800	1000
2	50	150	300	400	500
3	30	90	180	240	300
4	20	60	120	160	200
5	10	30	60	80	100

Place	Men/Women (Masters, Juniors (U/17 and Below) and Other)				
	Metro	**State**	**National**	**Oceania**	**World**
1	50	150	300	400	500
2	25	75	150	200	250
3	15	45	90	120	150
4	10	30	60	80	100
5	5	15	30	40	50

8. Club Rider Travel Support Program

The Penrith Cycling Club supports riders competing in State and National (Cycling Australia) level races through the year, by contributing to the riders travel expenses.

The program and the rules are as follows:

8.1 The program is intended to support travel to Cycling NSW State Championship and Cycling Australia National Championship events.

The Committee will nominate certain races and events for which riders may make claims for support. Riders may also request support for State or National events which have not been nominated by the Committee.

The level and allocation of support funding will be determined by the committee at a club meeting.

Riders must be deemed by the committee to be competitive in their selected event.

8.2 Riders must lodge their claims with the committee within two weeks of the event being held.

8.3 Riders must wear current approved club jersey.