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**National Road Series  
Technical Regulations**

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## Section 6

### NATIONAL ROAD SERIES

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- 6.00.01 The following teams may apply to race National Road Series ('NRS') events.
1. UCI Teams
  2. AusCycling Registered Teams
  3. State/Territory Institute Teams
  4. International teams who are registered with their National Federation
  5. Wildcard Teams
- 6.00.02 All teams may contain Elite, U23 and J19 riders.
- 6.00.03 All other entries will be taken as individuals and may be placed into composite teams approved by AusCycling and the event organiser. An individual entry may not be registered in an NRS team.
- 6.00.04 Individual riders may not wear clothing of a team that is participating.
- 6.00.05 A rider of an NRS team may not enter as an individual or compete in a composite team if his/her team is entered in the event.
- 6.00.06 *Domestic Wild Card team entries may be accepted by the event organiser. These teams will not accumulate any NRS team points. Individuals can accumulate individual points.*
- 6.00.07 Wild Card / International teams can enter a maximum of 2 events only without being required to become a registered NRS team.
- 6.00.08 Event Organiser may also accept up to 3 international teams.
- 6.00.09 *Teams wishing to compete in the NRS must complete all the registration details provided by AusCycling.*
- 6.00.10 All NRS registered riders and team personnel must have successfully completed the level 2 Sport Integrity Australia accreditation.
- 6.00.11 *Men's teams may register a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 16 riders. From these, a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 per event. All teams are permitted to add an additional Junior 19 rider who may compete at any event and not count towards teams' maximum numbers (i.e. men's teams may have 9 starters) and are eligible to accumulate NRS Team points. All riders must be contracted until December 31 each year.*
- UCI Continental Teams only; Plus 4 x riders specialising and on the top 150 UCI individual classification in other endurance cycling disciplines. Plus 2 x Trainee (U23) riders after 1st August*
- 6.00.12 *Women's teams may register of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 16 riders. From these, a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 per event. All teams are permitted to add an additional Development Rider\* who may compete at any event and not count towards teams' maximum numbers (i.e. women's teams may have 7 starters) and are eligible to accumulate NRS Team points. All riders must be contracted until December 31 each year.*
- UCI Continental Teams only; Plus 4 x riders specialising and on the top 150 UCI individual classification in other endurance cycling disciplines. Plus 2 x Trainee (U23) riders after 1st August*
- A Development Rider may be an J19 rider, or any rider who has NOT competed at NRS (or above) level racing in previous years. A Development Rider who is not an U19 may be included in a team's allocation of 3-6 riders per event once throughout the season.*
- 6.00.13 Only approved team uniforms are permitted. In-season changes to a team uniform must be submitted to AusCycling for approval at least 14 days prior to the next event.

- 6.00.14 Following each NRS event, the series leader, leading U21 male rider and leading U23 female rider will be awarded the leaders jersey. These jerseys shall be worn in the subsequent event. For those events with a criterium a criterium series leader jersey will be awarded.
- 6.00.15 Guest riders may compete with a team providing they are not registered with another NRS team. A guest rider may only 'guest ride' for one NRS team twice throughout the year. Approval must be granted by AusCycling before the entry is accepted. A maximum of two (2) guest riders will be permitted per team per event. **Guest riders may not be part of another NRS or UCI team.**
- 6.00.16 **Event Entries**
1. Each team may list a maximum of four (4) reserve riders per event.
  2. An Event Organiser may apply to AusCycling to vary the maximum numbers allowed in each event due to Police or local council restrictions or acceptable standards in their respective state.
- 6.00.17 In the event of a sponsorship change or withdrawal, team management must inform AusCycling, the riders and team personnel within 72 hours. Until such notification is received, the riders are not free to join another team.
- 6.00.18 During the season riders can be added to a team at any time if they are not already registered to a UCI or NRS team. AusCycling considers riders to be registered for the NRS season from the date a rider agrees to join an NRS registered team. The team must provide AusCycling with the appropriate documentation as soon as possible subsequent to a rider agreeing to join to the team roster.
- 6.00.19 Riders may be removed from a team at any time upon mutual agreement by both parties and approval by AusCycling. Riders who are removed from a team may not be added back into the same team during the season where they are removed. Riders who are removed may apply to race in an NRS event as an individual. Participation as an individual must be approved by AusCycling and a panel of 3 NRS team representatives and provided 21 days prior to any event the rider is seeking to compete in.
- 6.00.20 Each season, only one (1) rider transfer window will be open to allow the movement of riders between teams. This window is 1 May to 30 June each year. During this period riders, contracted riders may apply to transfer to another team. All riders wishing to transfer, must apply to AusCycling in writing and have letters of support from both the outgoing and incoming teams. All transfer applications will be reviewed and approved by AusCycling.
- Outside of this period, a rider may transfer if they can demonstrate exceptional circumstances. All riders wishing to transfer, must apply to AusCycling in writing and have letters of support from both the outgoing and incoming teams. All exceptional transfer must be approved by AusCycling and a panel team representatives and provided 21 days prior to any event the rider is seeking to compete in.
- Up to 2 riders who transfer to a UCI team, who are initially registered for the NRS, may return the same team and be eligible for series points.
- 6.00.21 Should a race be shortened for any reason, AusCycling reserves the right to reduce the amount of ranking points awarded.
- 6.00.22 Team manager attendance at the Managers meeting is mandatory at each event. Failure to attend will result in a \$250 fine and the loss of any convoy position.
- 6.00.23 Collusion between teams is forbidden.

## **6.01 TIME TRIAL EQUIPMENT**

- 6.01.01 Time Trials of 10 km or less must be ridden on Road bikes without aero or clip-on bars.
- 6.01.02 Time Trials in excess of 10 km may be ridden on Time Trial bikes.

## **6.02 CONVOY**

- 6.02.01 **Convoy order for One Day Races and first stage of Tour Events will be determined by draw:**

**Draw 1: NRS and NRS registered UCI Teams**

**Draw 2: UCI teams not NRS registered**

**Draw 3 (if required): Wild Card and Composite teams**

**Draw 4 (if required): Teams not represented at the Managers Meeting**

Convoy order subsequent to Tour stages will be based on the Individual General Classification.

6.02.05 Vehicles may be no higher than 1.70 m.

## 6.03 SERIES POINTS

### 6.03.01 Points Eligibility

Only NRS registered teams are eligible to score and accumulate NRS Series team points. For clarity this does not include National Teams, UCI Registered Teams, Composite Teams, or Invited Teams.

Teams will only be eligible for points after they have registered for the series.

6.03.01 All riders entered in NRS categories are eligible to score individual points.

6.03.02 Guest riders' points will not count towards the team points however they may accumulate individual NRS points.

### 6.03.05 Individual Rider Points Allocation

Final Standings (Classics) & General Classification (Tours)

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	250	175	150	100	75	50	40	30	25	20

Position	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Points	15	10	9	8	7	5	4	3	2	1

Points will be awarded in the order of riders who are eligible to score series points. For clarity, if a non-eligible rider places 5th and an eligible rider places 6th the eligible rider will take the 5th place points.

### 6.03.06 Tour Event: Prologue, Stage Results (inc. Team Time Trials)

Position	1	2	3
Points	75	50	25

Note: Team Time Trials points will only be awarded to the team not individual riders.

### 6.03.07 Young Rider Individual Classification

The following categories will be awarded the Young Rider Classification:

- Women: Under 23
- Men: Under 21

Leader jerseys are awarded to the rider with the most points in each of the respective categories.

### 6.03.08 Individual Series Points Calculation

All categories leader points are calculated by the addition of:

- Classics: Final Standings Points
- Tour: General Classification Points
- Tour: Individual Stage (including any prologue)

### 6.03.09 Individual Rider Series Point Calculation: Ties on points between riders

All ties will be broken in the following manner:

- Highest total number of General Classification and Classic wins;
- If still tied, then number of stage wins;
- If still tied, then there will be two winners.

### 6.03.10 Team Series Points Calculation

Team NRS rankings points are calculated by adding the individual rider ranking points of registered riders in a team (excluding any guest riders) as follows:

- Classics: Final Standings Points; *plus*
- Tour: General Classification Points; *plus*
- Tour: Individual Stage and Prologue Points

In the event of a tie:

- In the event that the teams are tied it will be broken by the team with the highest number of points obtained by their three best placed riders in the series (excluding guest riders).
- In the event that the teams are still tied it will be broken by the placing of the best rider in the series by the team (excluding guest riders).

### 6.03.11 Criterium Champion Points Calculation

All NRS events that include a Criterium stage (or as a support event) will provide the following points structure:

<b>Position</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Points</b>	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Note: The Criterium Champion classification will provide its own NRS classification results. Points will be accumulated separate from all other classifications.

Events:

Warrnambool Open Men's Criterium – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb (Men only)

King St Crits – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Grafton to Inverell – 30<sup>th</sup> April

Tour of the Tropics – 28-30<sup>th</sup> July

Tour of Gippsland – 24-27<sup>th</sup> August

Cycle Sunshine Coast – 19-22<sup>nd</sup> October

Spirit of Tasmania Cycling Classic – 8-12<sup>th</sup> November

### Related AusCycling and NRS regulations:

[Technical Regulations – General & Road](#) (refer 'Sport Policies & Technical Regulations')

### [NRS Resources:](#)

- 2023 Points Regulations
- Team Changes Form
- Guest Rider Application
- Distance Exemption Form
- Rider Towing Guidelines
- Criterium Timing Regulations