

2024 MTB SCHOOLS SERIES GUIDE VICTORIA

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1. OVERVIEW

This is Mountain bike Cross Country (XC) racing, just like you can see on TV, and at the Olympics, but in a more relaxed environment.

You race for points in a series for yourself, as well as your school. Racing is based on Age groups, you can be the only one from your school racing, or you can get some other kids from your school to join you. It's all about having fun, riding your bike, and keeping active.

2. ROUNDS

Only Mountain Bike XC will be conducted as part of this series.

- Round 1: June 23rd Dromana (Red Hill Riders Mountain Bike Club)
- Round 2: July 14th Lysterfield (Lysterfield District Trail Riders)
- Round 3: August 4th You Yangs (Geelong Mountain Bike Club)
- Round 4: September 7th Castlemaine (Castlemaine Rocky Riders)
- Round 5: September 8th Bendigo (Bendigo Mountain Bike Club)

The full series schedule & venue information will be available at the [Auscycling website](#) or EntryBoss portal.

3. SERIES POINTS

Points are awarded to all finishers in each age category AND novice and racing classes, and every rider receives points towards their school for the following placings:

Place	Points
1 st	15
2 nd	12
3 rd	10
4 th	8
5 th	6

Place	Points
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th onwards	1

These points accumulate throughout the series. At the conclusion of the series, the winners will be announced for overall School, age group and class.



4. EVENT CATEGORIES

The Event Categories that must be conducted within the series, are as listed below:

Category	Class	Year of Birth
U9	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2017 - 2016
U11	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2015 - 2014
U13	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2013 - 2012
U15	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2011 - 2010
U17	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2009 - 2008
U19	Male/Female - Novice/Racing	2007 - 2006
<i>Age categories are decided as at 31st December of the year of the event.</i>		

There will be a Novice and Racing sub-category in each age category:

- Novice - this category is about fun and fitness and suitable for a rider who is new to MTB racing or has limited experience racing before. Novice available for all age groups - U11, U13, U15, U17, U19
- Racing – this category is suitable for a rider who is for those faster kids who are a little more serious about racing and have experience racing at either Club, State or National levels. They will have an AusCycling race license. Racing available for all age groups - U11, U13, U15, U17, U19

Please note: Riders may be promoted or demoted during the series at the discretion of AusCycling (published on the series page after each round).

5. ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entry for each Series event will be via [EntryBoss](#). Please refer to the specific event entry portal for specifics on Fees, Entries closure dates & scratchings.

It is the rider/rider's guardian's responsibility to ensure that their entry is correct.

Riders who have entered and are no longer able to attend, can use the EntryBoss scratching mechanism prior to the Scratching Cut Off listed above. After this date has passed, in order to obtain a refund, riders must submit a medical certificate to events@auscycling.org.au, in line with the AusCycling Refund Policy.

Cost of entry includes your race plate, a marked-out course with marshals and officials, start and finish, first aid and officials. Note that it is advised that all riders have family ambulance cover, as we will not hesitate to call an ambulance if the First Aid provider deem it necessary.

6. MEMBERSHIP

As this is a Mass Participation (Schools) event, AusCycling Personal Accident & Public Liability insurance covers each rider, but only for the duration of the round event.

Non-AusCycling members are encouraged to sign-up for a 4-week Free Trial Membership or Race Membership with their local Club if interested in participating in other MTB events outside of the Schools Series. Click here for further information > <https://www.auscycling.org.au/membership>



7. RACE INFORMATION

We will be racing on a loop course, completing laps of courses suitable to ride for the age and category of racing. You don't have to complete all your allocated loops, you can stop at any time, just make sure you tell the guys doing the results at the start finish.

Estimated distances are as listed below

Category	Distance (approx.)
U9	At the discretion of the Host Club
U11	5 kms
U13	7 kms
U15	12 kms
U17	15 kms
U19	20 kms
<i>Please note that depending on event conditions the course may be shortened due to weather.</i>	

Please note, it may not always be possible to hit the target race time depending on the track, and as the age groups get older, we may have longer race distances for Racing categories.

As we are running these events to a schedule, we may combine categories to make the racing more fun, and it is possible slower riders might not have time to complete their entire number of laps.

Racers must have a suitable mountain bike, with bar end plugs and an Australian standards helmet that fits correctly. This is for the safety of all riders. Volunteers will be on site to assist checking these things prior to race commencement.

7.1 AWARDS & PRIZING

The following awards will be provided for all categories:

Prize	Placing
Medals	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place – Series Overall

Presentations will occur as per the published round schedule.



8. EQUIPMENT

For each round of the State Series the Host Club will provide the awards. Information pertaining to the exact awards being issued for each round will be outlined in the Technical Guide.

8.1 BICYCLES – MOUNTAIN BIKE

Bicycles designed for off-road use including Mountain bikes, Cyclo-cross bikes and BMX bicycles may be used (see below for some examples). Off road designed tyres are recommended to increase traction.

All bicycles must have two efficient and independent hand brakes, or one hand brake accompanied with a foot brake. Handlebars must be plugged.

Free (single ratchet/coaster) or variable geared bicycles may be used. Fixed sprockets (fixed wheel/no ability to coast) shall be forbidden from competition.





8.2 HELMETS

A securely fitted approved helmet must be worn at all times while riding.

All helmets must be Australian Standards approved (AS/NZ 2063) and carry one of the following stickers.



Any modification to an approved helmet is strictly prohibited.

8.3 RACE NUMBER & TRANSPONDER

Race numbers need to be worn on the left and right rib cage and must be clearly visible at all times. Please ask at registration if unsure. Riders who fail to wear their numbers correctly may not be listed correctly in the results.

9. OTHER INFORMATION

- All rounds will have an external first aid medical services on site.
- All attendees of the AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series - Victoria are required to adhere to the AusCycling Code of Conduct. Failure to do so, or to follow any reasonable direction provided by AusCycling, or appointed officials at the event, may result in removal from the venue or exclusion from competition. The BMX State/Territory Series is only open to members of AusCycling.
- All events will be conducted in accordance with the AusCycling Technical Regulations:
 - a. General
 - b. Mountain Bike
 - c. Child Safe

For further information please contact events@auscycling.org.au

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