

UniSport Australia Guideline

Cycling

Men and Women

UniSport cycling competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [AusCycling](#) except where these differ from UniSport completion guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to the UniSport *Breach of Competition Requirements* guideline for penalties related to breaches.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered cyclists – 1
- Maximum registered cyclists – no limit

- 1.1. All riders will be required to hold a [AusCycling Race All Discipline membership](#).
- 1.2. Teams competing in the pair time trials will consist of two riders per team.
- 1.3. There is no limit to the number of teams a university can enter within the pair time trials; however only the top placed team will contribute to the point score, per rule 3.4.

2. Competition format

- 2.1. The following race categories will be contested for both men's and women's competitions:
 - a) Individual time trial
 - b) Pair time trial
 - c) Criterium
 - d) Road race
- 2.2. Course length
Course lengths will be set with consideration given to the difficulty of the course and the below guidelines. The competition manager reserves the right to adjust course lengths due to the selected competition venue.

Event	Course length
Individual Time Trial (men)	30 – 40 km
Individual Time Trial (women)	20 – 30 km
Pair Time Trial (men)	30 – 40 km
Pair Time Trial women)	30 – 40 km
Road Race (men)	80 - 90 km
Road Race (women)	60 - 70 km
Criterium (men)	1 hour + 3 laps
Criterium (women)	40 minutes + 3 laps

- 2.3. Criterium events:
 - a) If field entries are greater than 50, two heats, followed by a final, will be conducted in a 25 minutes + 3 laps competition format.
 - b) A minimum break of one hour between the completion of the last heat and the commencement of the final is required.
 - c) Lapped riders must pull out of race, unless a breakaway bunch laps the main bunch.
 - d) Punctures, mechanical failures or falls: riders affected by one of these incidents are to report to the race director at the start / finish line and may be allowed to re-join at the discretion of the race director.
- 2.4. Participants must obey all road rules and heed directions and instructions from all race officials and police.

3. Points score

3.1. Points will be awarded on the following basis:

Individual events		Pairs events	
1 st	9	1 st	18
2 nd	7	2 nd	14
3 rd	6	3 rd	12
4 th	5	4 th	10
5 th	4	5 th	8
6 th	3	6 th	6
7 th	2	7 th	4
8 th	1	8 th	2

3.2. Points scored shall be added up to determine an overall individual champion for both men and women.

3.3. In the event that two or more riders have equal numbers of points, the following criteria shall be used in the following order to determine the winner:

- a) The number of first places in separate events.
- b) The order of finishing in the time trial.
- c) The order of finishing in the road race.

3.4. The overall men's and women's champion university will be decided by combining the total number of points scored by each university in the individual and pairs competitions:

- a) Where a university has more than one rider scoring points in the individual competition, only the top three riders will have their points count for that university overall score.
- b) Where a university has more than one pairs team in the pairs competition, only the top pair will have their points count for that university overall score.
- c) In the event that two or more teams have an equal numbers of points, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winning team:
 - i) The number of first places in separate events
 - ii) Next highest place getter in separate events
 - iii) Should the teams still be equal using the above criteria they shall be declared joint champions.
- iv) The overall champion university will be decided by combining the men's and women's point score.

4. Uniform requirements

4.1. The specific uniform requirements for cycling are as per AusCycling standard with the following UniSport uniform requirements:

- a) All team members must compete in matching university-branded jerseys.
- b) Australian standard helmet (sticker on inside of helmet) must be worn at all times during the competition including warm up.
- c) Neat, clean, appropriate clothing and shoes e.g. tight fitting lycra and cycling shoes.
- d) Racing jerseys must cover the shoulders.
- e) Riders will be issued race numbers to be placed over the rear shirt pocket, visible to officials.
- f) Riders will be issued seat post stickers corresponding to their race number to be placed on the bicycle, visible to officials.

Previous amendments

August 2001 | May 2004 | April 2005 | March 2010 | March 2011 | May 2012 | June 2013 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017 | October 2017 | February 2018 | March 2018 | March 2019 | January 2021 | August 2022 | May 2024

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.