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Regulations

Team Members

All riders and team officials must be members of a club affiliated with Cycling Australia or hold a current International Licence. All Team members shall be from the U19, U23, Elite or Masters categories.

The acceptances of individual team members for each round will be subject to approval by the state handicapper who shall take into account existing grading and recent performances of the competitor.

Note: Cycling Australia's Technical Regulation 3.8.16.3 will apply to Under 19 riders when the distance of an event is above the maximum distance permitted for those riders. This Regulation requires riders to obtain permission from Cycling Queensland to race distances greater than the maximum prescribed for their category.

Composition of Teams

Each QRTS team shall comprise of;

Elite Men – At least 6 and no more than 10 riders of the U19, U23, Elite & Masters categories. A maximum of 6 and a minimum of 4 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round.

Elite Women – At least 5 and no more than 8 riders of the U19, Elite and Masters categories. A maximum of 6 and a minimum of 3 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round.

Masters Men – At least 6 and no more than 10 riders of Masters aged riders. A maximum of 6 and a minimum of 4 riders will be eligible to compete in any given round.

All members of a team must have written approval from their club to allow them to compete in a team. Team members may come from different clubs. A team which registers less than the maximum number of riders may bring the number of registered riders up to the maximum number at any time, providing the new team member is not registered with another team in the Series. The riders once registered cannot be changed unless under extenuating circumstances, which will be determined by Cycling Queensland. Any changes/additions or replacements within the listed team members must be received by Cycling Queensland two (2) weeks prior to a round.

Teams cannot have the same major sponsor unless prior approval is given by Cycling Queensland for the Series; however support sponsorship of more than one team by the same sponsor is permitted.

All members of a team must wear identical team jerseys – with the exception of the riders who are wearing the classification jerseys. **These Jerseys must be registered with CQ for each team member in 2017.**

Guest riders may compete in a team providing they are not registered with another team competing in the series, however they will not receive team ranking points: i.e. they will not be considered as one of the riders contributing to points and will not be awarded bonus points. All requests must be lodged in writing with Cycling Queensland one (2) weeks prior to the round.

A guest rider must wear the approved uniform for the team they are representing in that race, unless approved by Cycling Queensland two (2) weeks prior to a round.

A rider will not be allowed to transfer from one team to another during the 2017 Series; however Cycling Queensland will consider individual transfer applications if it is deemed that extenuating circumstances exist.

Financial Matters

The following arrangements are applicable to all Teams.

The Team Manager nominated on the official Team Entry Form shall be the only person authorised to manage the Team's financial matters in so far as they relate to the QRTS and Cycling Queensland.

Any variation to Team Management will need to be communicated to Cycling Queensland in writing and signed by a person(s) possessing authenticated authority. Variation will be effective on acknowledgement by Cycling Queensland.

Any changes to Team Managers' contact details are also to be advised to Cycling Queensland by the incumbent.

All invoices and financial communications will be emailed to the Team Manager and any payments will be paid to an account nominated by the Team Manager.

In the case of monetary penalties (e.g. fines), all invoices will be issued in the name of the Team and not individual riders, and will be emailed to the Team Manager.

Please feel welcome to contact Cycling Queensland if assistance is required with these matters.

Series Entry Fees

- Men's Team - \$2,880
- Women's Team - \$2,520
- Master' Teams \$2,880

Note: Teams will be charged for lost or damaged transponders at \$80.00 per transponder.



Points Allocation

The QRTS will be won on points which will be allocated to the individuals and teams after each round. The allocation of points is as follows:

General Classification	
<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	100
2	80
3	60
4	50
5	45
6	42
7	40
8	39
9	38
10	37
11	36
12	35
13	34
14	33
15	32
16	31
17	30
18	29
19	28
20	27
21	26
22	25
23	24
24	23
25	22
26	21
27	20
28	19
29	18
30	17

All competitors finishing within the time limit will be allocated 5 points each.

General Classification

The General Classification for each round will be based on points. The outright winner shall be the rider who completes the course in the least time. Where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the fractions of a second registered during the Time Trial shall be added back into the total time to decide the order. If the result is still tied, the placings obtained in each stage shall be added and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the last stage ridden shall be taken into consideration.

The overall Series General Classification will be allocated on points allocated after each round shall be presented as listed above. The rider who gains the most points, will be awarded the Series General Classification. In the event of a tie, the rider who gains the most points on the final stage will be awarded the overall title.

Team Points

The placings for the teams will be decided by the points of the three best placed riders of each team added together after each event. When a Time Trial and a road race (2 events) are part of a round then the points of the team in each event will be added together and will determine a result for that round.

Other Classifications

The series will also include all of the following classifications.

SPRINT POINTS

<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	15
2	10
3	6
4	3

Sprint classification points will be awarded to the rider with the highest number of points accumulated from intermediate sprints and event finishes.

Bonus time at the sprints for the individual general classification for each round will be as follows:

Stage Finishes:

1st – 10 pts, 2nd – 6 pts, 3rd – 4 pts

Intermediate Sprints:

1st – 3 pts, 2nd - 2 pts, 3rd – 1 pt

KING & QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN POINTS

<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	30
2	20
3	12
4	8

The King & Queen of the Mountain classification leader will be the rider with the highest number of points accumulated from King & Queen of the Mountain sprints.

Bonus time at the Mountain Points for the individual general classification for each round will be as follows:

Mountain Champion (all categories):

1st – 3 pts, 2nd – 2 pts, 3rd – 1 pt

YOUNG RIDER CLASSIFICATION

Riders who were born between 1996 & 2002 (inclusive) will be eligible to accumulate points in the Young Rider Classification.

Points in this category will mirror those listed for the General Classification Category.

Women Only – Leading B/C Grade Rider

Women riders whose Cycling Queensland grading is B or C Grade.

Classification Jerseys

The leaders in each classification will have the right to wear the Leader's Jerseys during the QRTS as long as they remain in the number 1 position. At the completion of each round riders who gain the number 1 position in each classification will compete in this jersey at the next round.

At the completion of the last round of the Series, the winners of each category will be awarded the classification jersey for 2018.

Rounds

Entry to Events

Team entries to **each stage within a round** will be restricted to the same six riders per team. None of the riders nominated for each round can be replaced.

Team members not selected to ride in a round will not be allowed to enter as individuals.

One week prior to each Round, Team Managers must nominate by e-mail, the names of the riders who will be competing in each Round plus a minimum of three reserves.

Should a team rider not be available on the day of the event, the Team Manager has the right to name a replacement rider from the reserves submitted up to one (1) hour prior to the starting time of the first stage, with the approval of the Event Manager and the Chief Commissaire.

Three **Wild Card** team entries (1 Men's & 2 Women's) per round may be accepted given approval by Cycling Queensland & the Event Promoter. Cycling Queensland has the rights to increase the number of wildcard teams. Additional entry fees will apply.

Individual riders can enter and will be formed by Cycling Queensland as a composite team in the Women's category only. These riders must not be part of a registered QRTS team.

Round 1	The Moreton Mountain Muster
September 22 nd & 23 rd 2018	
Stage 1	
Stage 2	
Stage 3 Based at Elimbah and surrounding area – Courses for Road Race, TTT, Hill Climb, Criterium being sought. Presentations – Saturday & Sunday – Combined on Site at completion of each race	
Round 2	Warwick – Darling of The Downs
October 6 th & 7 th 2018	
Stage 1	
Stage 2	
Stage 3 Stage 4 Road Race – Start Yangan Hotel TTT Criterium Dash For Cash / Feature Sprint Race in CBD	
Round 3	Gympie – A Gallant Affair
October 27 th & 28 th 2018	
Stage 1	
Stage 2	
Stage 3 Road Race – New Circuit, Pub Hill climb, TTT, CBD Criterium	

ALL 3 ROUNDS ARE STILL WAITING ON ROAD PERMITS with course details to be finalised once these are issued.

Operation of Events and Conduct of Teams

Team Managers

It is expected that all teams competing in a Round of the series will have a Team Manager who shall represent the sponsors of the team, and any other support staff they deem necessary – all of whom must be licensed members of Cycling Australia.

The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct, preparation, registration and all associated arrangements for their team, including meals, transport and accommodation.

It shall be the responsibility of Team Managers to ensure that:

- The list of riders for each team must be submitted one week prior to each round.
- **ALL VEHICLE SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY NEUTRAL SERVICE**
Each team will be allocated one round where they will fulfil this role. The details of the Team Car carrying out this role shall be submitted to Cycling Queensland's Events Manager the day before the each Round. These details shall include:
 - a. Vehicle details, which must comply with the maximum height rule.
 - b. Details of the nominated driver who must hold an unrestricted OPEN driver's licence and be experienced in convoy driving
 - c. Details of the mechanic in the support car and evidence that they have a Cycling Australia Membership Licence. No vehicle is allowed in the Race Convoy without a mechanic.
 - d. No guests are to be carried in Service Cars without prior permission.
- All competitors' body and frame numbers will be the responsibility of the Team Manager for the series. The Team Manager will ensure the race number on each rider is that allocated to the nominated competitor, who is registered on the timing system to correspond with the allocated transponder.
- The race numbers are securely affixed to each rider and to the rear of their bike frame. Non-compliance with this requirement will incur a penalty.
Note: A fee of \$10.00 per number will be charged for replacement of lost or forgotten numbers.
- Labelled spare wheels for their riders are provided to the identified neutral spares vehicles no later than 30 minutes before the start time of each road race stage.

A Managers Meeting will be held at the start of each Round 1 hr before the advertised start time. If additional meetings are required these will be communicated to all team managers by SMS. Should a Team Manager not be in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, then a penalty will apply at the.

Competitors Sign On

All competitors must personally sign on 15 minutes before the commencement of each stage. Riders not signing on or having someone else sign on for them will be DSQ

Leaders Jerseys

Presentations will be conducted as soon as possible after the finish of each event. Place getters and classification leaders must present to the podium immediately following the race finish in their correct team race attire.

The leading rider in each classification must attend the presentation ceremony not later than 5 minutes after being advised. Failure to comply will incur a penalty.

The leader of each classification must wear the relevant leader's jersey for stage 1 of each round.

Withdrawal of Riders

Riders who have lagged behind the main field (this is generally 20% of the riding time of the main bunch) will be withdrawn from the race by the Commissaires, who shall record their numbers. Riders who are withdrawn are then considered not taking part in the race. If these riders continue to ride they will not be entitled to the protection/security provided by the race convoy envelope and as such must obey all traffic rules and regulations.

Riders who are withdrawn by a Commissaire from a road race stage may start in the next stage of a round.

The Commissaires panel reserves the right to penalise any rider for any traffic regulation infringement.

Neutral Spares

To comply with Police requests and to assist in road safety, a maximum of five (5) team vehicles will be permitted to be part of the race convoy. These vehicles shall operate as **NEUTRAL SPARES** and must be prepared to service any rider. All neutral service must be immediate and professional at all times. Slow and faulty service will result in expulsion of the vehicle from the convoy. All service to riders must take place on the left hand side of the road to ensure a smooth passage of other convoy vehicles. One Service Vehicle will start at the head of the race and be under the instruction of Commissaire 2.

It is required that each team vehicle operating in Neutral Mode shall be staffed by no more than a driver and an experienced mechanic who will be seated in the rear of the vehicle. Vehicle staff shall be registered with Cycling Queensland the day before each round.

A team guest may travel in a convoy car but only with the permission of the Chief Commissaire and be seated in the front of the vehicle only.

Drivers of all race convoy vehicles must hold a full driver's license.

All drivers and mechanics in the race convoy must hold a current Cycling Australia membership license.

All wheels in the team vehicles shall be available to any rider and therefore must be identified and records kept for reclaiming after each stage.

Vehicle Requirements

The 1.68 metre maximum height will apply. Any team car which is over 1.68 metres will not be permitted inside the race convoy. All team cars in the convoy must be equipped with an amber beacon mounted on the roof, a UHF CB Radio (preferably with an external antennae), and a first aid kit.

Numbers

A number check will be conducted by the Commissaires 5 minutes prior to race time and riders who line up without their 2 back and frame number will not be permitted to start.

Competitors and officials must observe the local traffic laws and regulations.

A rider who holds on to a moving vehicle will be immediately DSQ.

Riders are reminded that it is unlawful and an offence against public decency to urinate in public places. Penalties apply for offenders.

In the case of a duly noted fall, puncture or mechanical mishap in the last 3 kilometres, the rider or riders involved shall be credited with the same time of those riders in whose company they were in at the moment of the accident. The riders' placings shall be determined by the order in which they actually cross the finish line.

If, as a result of a fall in the last 3 kilometres, a rider is unable to cross the finish line, he shall be placed last in the stage and credited with the same points as the group he was with at the time of the accident.

All riders will be placed with the use of a video camera. Judges will continue to officiate until the sag wagon crosses the finish line.

During Criteriums, riders must complete the race to obtain points. . If a rider voluntarily withdraws from the race he will not be allocated any points, however if riders are withdrawn by the Chief Commissaire, points will be allocated.

There shall be no refreshments on hill climbs and descents, or during the first 50km and the final 20km of a stage. The Chief Commissaire may reduce these distances mentioned above, depending on atmospheric conditions and the category, type and length of the stage. Such a decision shall be communicated to all team managers and riders before the start of the stage.

Each team should make available at least one (1) pair of wheels, food and drink appropriately marked, for each neutral spares and the sag wagon.

All service to riders must take place on the left hand side of the road to ensure a smooth passage of other convoy vehicles.

Whilst assistance may be given by the police escort to ensure the smooth passage of the race, competitors and drivers must remember that the racing is being conducted on open roads, and in the interest of rider safety, they must obey any instructions given by race officials and/or police.

During races the use of radio links or other means of communication with the riders is **not permitted**.

Time Trial Regulations

Notwithstanding the rules of Cycling Australia for Time Trial events, which pertain to the Australian Championships, the following rules shall apply to the Time Trials for the State Road Series.

Eg. The six riders (or no less than 4) representatives of a team who contest an Individual Time Trial shall be the same riders to contest the Road race on the same day.

For the Team Time Trial, the time of the third rider of the team for Elite Women & fourth rider for Elite and Master Men to cross the finish line will be the official time.

Racing Procedure Individual Time Trial

1. A minimum of a thirty (30) second gaps will apply for the Individual Time Trial.
2. Team vehicles are not permitted to follow the riders.
3. If a rider is caught by another, he may neither lead nor follow in the slipstream of the rider who caught up.
4. A rider when catching another rider shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2m between themselves and the caught rider. After 1km, the caught rider shall ride at least 25m behind the other.
5. If necessary the attending official shall instruct the caught rider to leave the 2m lateral gap and the distance of 25m, and the penalties as provided in the CA regulations may be applied.
6. A rider/s may not provide assistance to one another.

Racing Procedure Teams' Time Trial

1. **Four (4)** minute gaps shall apply for the Teams' Time Trial.
2. Teams will start in reverse order of current QRTS standings, (number 1 – 1st, number 2 – 2nd, etc).
3. Each team is permitted to have a team vehicle to follow.
4. Teams shall line up as decided by team management;
5. Under no circumstance may a team vehicle draw level with the team but shall follow at least 10m behind the team or third man thereof should he have lagged behind. When a team is catching another, the team vehicle of the caught team must drop back behind the team vehicle of the catching team, when the catching team is within 100m of the other team.
6. Food drink and minor repairs may be exchanged by members of the same team or members may wait for a team member who has had an accident or dropped behind. Team members cannot push or tow each other.
7. Riders shall carry their own food requirements. Outside feeding from persons on the course or from the team support vehicle is forbidden.
8. A Team overtaking another team shall pass on the right hand side, leaving at least two metres between the teams. Under no circumstance may the team "sit in" behind the team that has been caught, but remain at least 25 metres behind until it is safe and able to pass.
9. A rider who has been dropped by his team cannot re-join it by waiting for its arrival on the next leg, or assist in any way another team. A dropped rider must be vigilant at all times with regard to other teams passing; such riders must not in any way interfere with the progress of another team.

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If you have any further questions regarding the 2018 Queensland Road Team Series please contact Cycling Queensland.

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