



Licensing Insurance & National Ranking and Points System

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Dear Cycling enthusiasts and members,

1. We have, over the past weeks, received feedback on how we can better encourage greater participation at SCF organised and/or sanctioned events. Thanks very much - Joyce Leong from Joyriders, Megan Kinder from ANZA Cycling and Lizzie Hodges from Specialized Mavericks, Kent McCallum of Cycosports, Bryan and Kenneth from IM Events, Loh Kheng Wah, our veteran ex-national cyclist, and several others who have been in touch with the SCF.

We hear you and will act on most, if not all, of your feedback.

2. This is specifically in regards to the licensing and insurance arrangement for SCF organised and sanctioned events as well as the national ranking and points arrangements. In summary, the following new rules will be in force, with immediate effect:

LICENSING AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The licensing and insurance arrangement will be lifted for all cyclists who register to take part in the "Sports Category," for all Road and MTB events listed in the 2017 National Ranking and Points System. We understand that there are many recreational cyclists who wish to experience the thrills of an organised race and you now will only need to pay the registration fee for the event AND,

- a. Sign-off on an indemnity that you shall not hold SCF or the event organiser liable for any accident (involving medical claims) or incident (involving legal liabilities) that you may be involved in.
- b. Complete a Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q) as provided by the event organiser. This will certify that you are feeling well and will be ready to take part in a physical activity.
- c. While it is not compulsory, it will be good if you have some kind of personal accident cover for yourself.

3. With the lifting of the licensing and insurance requirement, do, however, note that the "Sports Category" will no longer be an event which can attract national ranking points or a yellow/pink jersey at the end of the 2017 racing season.

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To Start a Race - Minimum number of registered cyclist or team per event category

4. In order for an event category to "start," there will no longer be a requirement for a minimum of three (3) cyclists or teams in that category. Even if there is only one (1) registered cyclist or team, arrangements will be made for this cyclist or team to start in an appropriate "wave" of cyclists. A medal will also be presented to the lone registered cyclist or team who completes the race.

5. However, do note that, in order to be considered for national ranking points or a yellow/pink jersey at the end of the 2017 racing season, there must be a minimum of at least three (3) cyclists or teams registered, for a particular category, in at least two (2) SCF National ranked events.

Youth and Sports Categories

6. No ranking points will be awarded in the Youth (12 years and under) and Sports Categories. For the Sports Category, it will be for anyone from 13 years old and above. If the confirmed participation numbers in the Sports Category, for any one event for those between 13 and 18 years of age, is 15 or more, the SCF in consultation with the event organiser will split the Sports Category into a Sports A (19 years of age and above) and B Category (13 to 18 years of age). Do, however, note that the final decision on this will be made taking into consideration the event schedule and time available for the completion of all race categories.

Team Events/Races

7. This is in regards to the IM Event Criterium on 5 Feb 2017, the OCBC Cycle Team Time Trials on 26 Mar 2017 and the OCBC Cycle Speedway Club Championship on 1 July 2017. That is,

- a. A team of four (4) or a team of two (2) may comprise cyclists from various age/event categories and a mix of gender. If the team finishes in the Top 10, all cyclists in that team can secure a ranking point in accordance to the National Ranking and Points Table.
- b. However, do note that by the end of the 2017 racing season, there must be a minimum of at least three (3) cyclists registered in a particular category in at least two (2) SCF National ranked events before ranking points can be accorded in accordance to the National Ranking and Points Table or yellow/pink jerseys be presented.

c. IM Events Criterium – 5 Feb 2017

Four (4) cyclists to start in a team and the total time of the four (4) cyclists will be added for final ranking/positions.

d. OCBC Cycle Team Time Trials – 26 Mar 2017

Four (4) to start in a Quad team event. The third (3rd) cyclist's time across the finishing line will be taken to compute the final ranking/standing of the team. All four cyclists will be accorded ranking points if they finish in the Top 10.

Two (2) to start in a Duo team and the timing of the second cyclist across the finishing line will be taken to compute the final ranking/standing of the team. Two (2) men Duo, Two (2) women Duo and Mix Duo team events will be offered. Both cyclists in the team will be accorded ranking points if they finish in the Top 10.

a Quad mixed gender team of four (4) where all four (4) riders must complete the race and the time of the fourth rider who crosses the finish line will be taken to compute the final ranking/standing of the team. All four cyclists will be accorded ranking points if they finish in the Top 10.

e. OCBC Cycle Speedway Club Championship – 1 July 2017

Total of four (4) cyclists shall form a team. Two (2) cyclists to start per wave x 2 waves and the total time of the four (4) cyclists will be added for final ranking/positions. All four cyclists will be accorded ranking points if they finish in the Top 10.

National Champion Jersey

8. A National Champion jersey will be awarded to the winner in each category, except Youth and Sports, in the OCBC Cycle National Road and MTB Championships. However, there must be at least three (3) participants in each of the category before the National Champion jersey will be awarded. In a situation where there is only one (1) participant, a medal will be awarded if the cyclist completes the race.

9. SCF's policy document, to reflect these upgrades, can be found on the SCF website.

The SCF's Management Committee and Secretariat wishes everyone a Happy Lunar New Year and we look forward to your support and participation of our events in 2017.

Yours sincerely

SCF Secretariat