

What you need to know about 2018 Architecture Unlimited Corporate Pursuit...

Corporate Pursuit Objective

The goal of the competition is to introduce new people to track cycling through a friendly and collaborative team racing environment.

The event provides a unique fun and friendly team-building experience for businesses to allow them to meet, network and connect in an environment outside of the workplace.

Race description

The Italian Pursuit is a four-member team event. The race is held over four laps of the 250-metre track, a total of 1000 metres. Two teams will be on the track at one time. Each start and finish on the opposite sides of the track. The lead rider will ride one lap then pull off as the second rider take over for their lap on the front of the team. The third rider completes their lap before the fourth rider finishes.

Changes will take place between the cones on the respective straights (between the pursuit line and a cone placed 15 metres beyond). The following rider's front wheel may not overlap the leading rider's rear wheel until they are in this zone.

The leading rider must have left the sprinter's lane before the 15metre cone. The time of the team is taken on the final rider crossing the pursuit line.

Two Divisions: Corporate Division and Open Division

Corporate Division: Employees/employers of the competing company or within the same industry e.g. group of dairy farmers, printing industry or health industry etc.

Open Division: This team consists of employees from different industries e.g. small businesses joined together, a group of friends or a social club etc.

Corporate Pursuit Timing System

On competition day, each team rides three races against the clock to produce their average time. There is another team on the track doing the same thing – at this point it doesn't matter who wins; it's about the time.

Once the three rides are completed, teams are re-ranked based on their time into divisions to race a knockout ride against a team of similar average speed – the winning team goes through to a final in that division, the other two teams ride off for third and fourth in that division.

Free Track Coaching sessions

Two FREE coaching sessions are held on Monday 23 April 7:00 - 8:00pm and Thursday 26 April 8:00 - 9:00pm to introduce new riders to the track. Bikes and helmets are provided. These informative evenings include coaching of how to ride on the track and as well as an overview of how Italian Pursuit racing works.

Coaches

Coaches are volunteers and have experience riding on the track. Coaches will have attended a meeting in order to teach teams the intricacies of Italian Pursuit racing. Coaches are paired with teams. Coaches will approve that all bikes are eligible to ride compliant with Corporate Pursuit Rules #8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

Team Briefing

This meeting is held on Wednesday 9 May 7:00pm in Champions Lounge. Teams and coaches are expected to attend this informative evening.

The evening will cover the following information:

Welcome

Corporate Pursuit Rules

Track bookings

- 5x one-hour track allocations
- 2 teams per time allocation
- Each time does not require 2 teams
- Bidding for a time that suits your team to train
- If more than 2 teams bid for the same time, names go into a hat to be drawn
- After work is the most popular time
- Early morning and lunch time is the least popular time
- Additional track times can be purchased (Phone Milly @ the office: 03 219 9325)

Cycling Kit (Action Apparel/Ultimo)

A cycling kit is recommended i.e. cycling shorts and top. Teams can purchase a kit or top with a design that reflects your team's logo/s. Teams liaise directly with Allen Wray (at Action Apparel) and the company works on the team design. Teams make payments directly to Action Apparel. An order form is available online. Kits take approximately two weeks to be made.

Time Trial

Corporate Pursuit event dates

Time Trial

This event is held on Friday 22 June. One team (4 riders including at least one female) is on the track at a time. The first team starts at 6:00pm and is essential to record what seedings each team qualifies. From these recorded times, the race schedule is drawn up. A team photo will be taken before your scheduled track time by James Jubb of Studio Jubb. Please ensure all team members are present for this photo shoot and wear your team kit. A Commissaire will approve bike's eligible to ride complying with Corporate Pursuit Rules #8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. An opportunity to correct your bike to comply with the rules will be offered followed by a second Commissaries' bike check and approval.

Corporate Pursuit Event

This event is held on Sunday 1 July 2018. The velodrome is open for teams to set up and warm up on the track from 8:00am. Race briefing commences at 9:00am; each team and coaches are expected to attend. The track is open at 9:15am for the first round of competing teams to warm up.

Racing Schedule

A race programme can be collected at the Registration table on event day. Riders set up a base area for the day; they need to be at the velodrome 45 minutes before their scheduled race time in order to warm up. The schedule is an approximate guide and may alter throughout the event due to teams racing faster than on Time Trial event or multiple false starts, as these can extend the programme. Throughout the day, a five minute warm up precedes five rounds of racing. The role of Whip is to call up competing teams; your Coach will instruct teams to be ready. The morning programme schedules each team to compete three times. A thirty minute lunch divides the programme. Depending on times recorded, teams are ranked to compete progressing to the final. Please note only riders are permitted in the pit area.

Roll Out

This is a cycling event regulation. A Commissaire will roll out each competitor's bike before racing begins to measure that each bike is within the specified range to ensure a fair competition. A Commissaire will approve bikes eligible to ride complying with Corporate Pursuit Rules #8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

Hand Held Start

Riders mount their bike from high side of the track. Holders will hold the bike steady, under the seat, while the count down proceeds. Riders communicate to the holders by pointing left or right in order to feel balanced. A count down clock starts at 15. It clicks down with a beep. A reminder beep signals 10 seconds then a single beep on 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The holders will release at the beginning of the race and exit the track. A gun is fired by a Commissaire to alert a false start. The race will re-begin.

Presentation of Awards

At completion of the event, awards will be presented in front of the supporters. This includes the winner's jerseys, trophies and medals. All teams and coaches are expected to be present.

Prize Giving

This social event is held at Ascot Hotel at 6:00pm and has the following format:

- Welcome
- Dinner

- Spot Prizes
- Sponsor's speech
- Dessert
- Team framed photos are presented
- Farewells and invitation to compete next year

Additional meal tickets can be purchased at the Office (Phone Milly @ the office: 03 219 9325) or at the door (\$35 per ticket).

2018 Survey

A short survey will be online post Corporate Pursuit. Each team is encouraged to reply as this helps our reflection process and direction for 2019 event.