

BAXTER AND NEILSON OMNIUM SERIES 2012

The Baxter and Neilson Omnium series is the major track event of the year for junior riders. It happens due to the generous sponsorship of Ray and Trish Galt of **Baxter and Neilson Plumbers** for which we are immensely grateful.

It is a series of eight sessions throughout the latter half of the year, building into the main track racing season, and gives juniors the opportunity to test their skills over a number of sprint and endurance events ("the Omnium")

Each race evening will consist of three (3) competition races. In addition to this (time permitting) there will be fun racing. Fun races include: kielIn, match sprints, team sprints etc ...

OMNIUM RACES:

FLYING LAP

- 250m timed from the white start/finish line
- Fly in from the top of the banking or blue line (depending on skill levels).

POINTS RACE

- 5,3,2,1 points awarded for each sprint (ie: 5 points for 1st, 3 points for 2nd etc).
- If riders are tied on points at the end of the race – the winner is the rider who places highest in the final sprint.
- Distance will depend on number of riders - aim for U13 – 5 or 6 laps (2 sprints); U15 - 12 (G) or 15 (B) laps (3 sprints); U17 – 15 or 20 (G) or 20 or 25 (B) laps (3, 4 or 5 sprints).

INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT

- Distances will vary throughout the year and across the age groups.
- The standard for U17 is 2000m (8 laps) – this will be shortened for the younger children and for all age groups during the winter.
- U13 – 3 or 4 laps; U15 - 4 or 6 laps; U17 - 6 or 8 laps.
- Aero bars - U17 only (optional).
- Aero helmets - all (optional).

ELIMINATION

- Last person across the line gets eliminated (measured from the back wheel) on the bell laps.
- Elimination every 2nd lap down to 2 riders.

SCRATCH RACE

- Mass start race with fixed number of laps.
- Distance will depend in number of riders/age group.
- Aim for: U13 - 3 or 4 laps; U15 - 6 or 8 laps; U17 - 12 or 15 laps.

INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

- U13 - 250m (1 lap)
- U15/17 - 500m (2 laps)

Nb: Grades may be combined (ie girls and boys or U15/U17) if numbers are small. Categories will still be judged separately.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

POINTS AWARDED

- Individual races: points are awarded as per official omnium format (1 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd etc) – the person with least points wins that race.
- Overall points for the evening are awarded as follows: 1st = 6; 2nd = 4; 3rd = 3; 4th = 2; 5th and below = 1 (every child attending gets one point even if they don't complete all the races due to injury etc..).
- In event of a tie in points for the evening racing - the higher placing is awarded to the rider who has the fastest time (or sum of times) in the timed event(s).

PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING (INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS)

- Winners for each category receive a yellow jersey and a voucher (Cycle Surgery).
- The yellow jersey will be kept until the next Baxter and Neilson session and must be worn during the racing.
- Spot prizes – there will be some spot prizes each session for categories such as most improved, personal best time, outstanding race skills etc..
- We will have pizza at the prize giving.

PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING (OVERALL)

- Overall winner for each category receives the yellow jersey (to keep) and a framed photograph).
- Other riders selected for good performance/achievement receive a framed certificate.
- All participants receive a certificate.
- There will be a supper at the prize giving.
- All riders who have attended a minimum of SIX of the eight sessions will be in the spot prize draw (two iPods or similar)

RACING SCHEDULE:

- The racing schedule for the series is outlined in the tables below (note that the U17 are doing different races to the U13 and U15 categories each week).
- If you have your own bike – make sure you have the correct gearing (U13 – 5.6m roll out, U15 – 6m roll out, U17 – 6.6m roll out)
- **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY (5.30pm)** for registration, bike checks and warm up – we are on a very limited time schedule and have a big programme to get through.
- Warm up on the track will be 6-6.10pm. If you have rollers or a wind trainer – it would be advisable to bring them.
- The whistle will be blown by the race managers every time your attention is required – please report promptly to the manager when you hear the whistle.
- Refer to the racing schedule on the whiteboard/registration table and report for your race on time (there will be parent helpers to guide the younger children).



PARENT HELPERS:

- The success of this series depends on the numbers of helpers that we can get to run it.
- For example – for each session we will need people to do bike checks and roll out, registration, manager, holding or gates, judging, lap board and bell, timing, starting, whip (the person that musters the children for the race!), results and pizza ordering.
- It is fun to learn to do these jobs and be part of the event. Many parents who started off as lap board assistants have gone on to become qualified coaches and commissaires!
- There will always be experienced helpers around to train and assist in the different tasks

U13

Session	Date	Flying lap	Points	IP	Elimination	Scratch	TT
1	29-Jun				X	X	X
2	20-Jul	X	X	X			
3	10-Aug				X	X	X
4	7-Sep	X	X	X			
5	28-Sep				X	X	X
6	26-Oct	X	X	X			
7	9-Nov				X	X	X
8	16-Nov	X	X	X			

U15

Session	Date	Flying lap	Points	IP	Elimination	Scratch	TT
1	29-Jun				X	X	X
2	20-Jul	X	X	X			
3	10-Aug				X	X	X
4	7-Sep	X	X	X			
5	28-Sep				X	X	X
6	26-Oct	X	X	X			
7	9-Nov				X	X	X
8	16-Nov	X	X	X			

U17

Session	Date	Flying lap	Points	IP	Elimination	Scratch	TT
1	29-Jun	X	X	X			
2	20-Jul				X	X	X
3	10-Aug	X	X	X			
4	7-Sep				X	X	X
5	28-Sep	X	X	X			
6	26-Oct				X	X	X
7	9-Nov	X	X	X			
8	16-Nov				X	X	X

We look forward to seeing you on 29 June 2012!!!

Marie Muhl, Alan Strong and Paul Sexton (Junior Division Convenors)

If you have any questions – please email: marie.muhl@gmail.com