



2014 NZ AGE GROUP & OMNIUM NATIONALS

5TH – 9TH March 2014

NEWSLETTER: # 2

Planning for the above national event is progressing well and Cycling Southland is looking forward to hosting all cyclists, families, friends and officials, here at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome in Invercargill.

Officials Accreditation

There have been a couple of queries from Centres regarding the numbers of Team Officials permitted to be in the centre of the Velodrome when the competition is running. Each Centre is entitled to have a Coach, a Manager and Assistant Manager, plus one handler per five riders. This is to avoid congestion and each Centre must enter the Official's names on the Official Entry Form for accreditation purposes. We ask for your co-operation with this important matter please.

Master's Events

Bike Road & Track have stipulated that in order for three medals to be awarded, each event must have a minimum of five riders representing at least three different Centres. Further rules applying to the Masters Events are as follows;

- In Master's events, a maximum of six riders per event is permitted
- If fields of 12 or more are not achieved, the event may be reduced in distance
- If the event has less than 8 riders, the event may be combined with another age group.

Entry Eligibility Changes

Just to remind Centres again of the following entry eligibility changes that have been introduced.

- In the MU17 and WU17 500m time trial, all riders who have ridden under the respective qualifying times, are eligible to be selected for their Centre. If a Centre has no time qualifiers, a maximum of 4 non-qualifiers may be entered. If a Centre has two riders who have met the qualifying time, a further two non-qualifiers may be added to make a total of 4 riders. If more than 4 riders have met the qualifying time, all are eligible for Centre selection but no non-qualifiers

can obviously be entered. This is for the time trial only and does not apply to Master's events.

- The same applies to the Individual Pursuits, with all riders who have met the agreed qualifying times, being eligible for selection. In the event of only one or two time qualifiers, a further non-qualifier may be added to make a maximum of three selections.
- WU17 Scratch Race – an increase to six riders per Centre
- WU17 Team Pursuit will now consist of four riders who will ride over a distance of 3km
- Elite and U19 Omniums – an increase to 4 riders per Centre.

Training Times – reminder!

Training sessions will be allocated in 2-hour blocks on Tuesday 4th March. Contact the Cycling Southland office (office@cyclingsouth.org.nz) to request your preferred times. There will be no charge for these training sessions.

Additional times are available prior to this date, plus limited times on Wednesday 5th March, subject to the normal charge, and bookings should be made through the office.

Accommodation

Most Centres will have booked their accommodation but if you are still requiring this, please contact Nikki Buckley at Nikki.Buckley@ilt.co.nz or refer to the Cycling Southland website under Age Group Track Nationals.

Manager's Meeting

A reminder also that the Manager's Meeting will be held in the Sarah Ulmer Lounge, upstairs at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome, at 4.00pm on Wednesday 5th March. All Team Managers are required to attend this meeting. Confirmation of starters and scratchings for the opening sessions should be made at this meeting.

Close of Entries

Remember please that entries for the Championships close on Tuesday 18th February. We look forward to receiving your official entry forms and fees, and seeing you all here at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome in Invercargill for the 2014 Championships.