



## 2021 WA Cyclocross (WACX)

### Season Guidelines

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## 1. Objectives

The key objectives of the WA CX Season are:

- To develop the sport of cyclocross in WA;
- To provide a calendar of events which are of high interest to various levels of participants;
- To raise the standard of competition amongst WA's cyclists;
- Increase participation of Cyclo-Cross here is WA, focusing on Women's and junior development
- Host WA Cyclocross State Championships;
- Have fun, yes racing elbows out between the tape is tough but leave it there and enjoy each other's comradery.

## 2. WACX 2021 Provisional Calendar.

The following rounds will make up the WA Cyclocross Season:

Event	Location	Organiser	Date
Party in the Park	Perry Lakes Reserve 5 & 6	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 28th March 2021
Numbat Cup 1 WAPC Trofee 1	Garvey Park	PMBC/WACX	Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
SuperCross21	Claremont Showgrounds	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 1st May 2021
Numbat Cup 2	Fishmarket Reserve	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 23rd May 2021
Numbat Cup 3 WAPC Trofee 2	Edgewater Quarry	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 13th June 2021
Numbat Cup 4	TBA	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Numbat Cup 5 WAPC Trofee 3	TBA	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Numbat Cup 6	TBA	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
AusCycling WA State Cyclocross Championships	Garvey Park	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 8th August 2021
Numbat Cup 7 WAPC Trofee 4	Iho Park	PMBC/WACX	Sunday, 29th August 2021

Beverley Heroic CX	Beverley Showgrounds	PMBC/WACX	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Graeme Brown Gravel Cross	Gloucester Park	PMBC/WACX	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2021

### 3. WACX 2021 Regulations & Guidelines.

The UCI Cycling Regulations (Chapt 5), WA Cyclocross Technical Regulations must be followed to when holding a WACX cyclocross event.

### 4. WACX 2021 Events.

#### **The Numbat Cup**

The Numbat Cup, The Ladies Plate and Numbat Cup Series are the exclusive property of WACX.

Is contested over a number of events (six race series in 2021) where points are allocated according to finish position are per table XX

All races count, DNF's and DNS' will be awarded 0 points.

- The overall winner in Men's Elite will be awarded The Numbat Cup, a perpetual trophy, this shall be displayed prominently at the winners home until the last Numbat Cup Race the follow season, so it can be once again presented to the overall series winner.
- The overall winner in Women's Elite will be awarded The Ladies Plate, a perpetual trophy, this shall be displayed prominently at the winners home until the last Numbat Cup Race the follow season, so it can be once again presented to the overall series winner.

#### **The WAPC (WA Planning Commission) Trofee**

- Racers are ranked according to their finish time in each of the four races in the series. The lowest cumulative time wins. If there's a tie-on overall time, the racer's overall placing are taken into account. If the overall placing is tied, then the placing in the final race of the series decides the winner.
- If a racer fails to start, fails to finish, or is pulled from a race, they're given a five-minute time penalty in the overall series.
- The completion of the first FULL lap into the men's and women's elite races, time bonuses are awarded to the first three riders. The time bonuses are worth 15 seconds, 10 seconds, and five seconds.

#### **SuperCross**

- Mens and Womens Elite grades are to be free of any light source on their bike – after all it is cyclocross under lights, ride to the speed that you are comfortable racing at.

- Is a one off cyclocross race, winner is crowned the Champion. Completely independent of the Numbat Cup or the WAPC Trofee.
- Held at RASWA, Claremont Showgrounds on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May

### **Gravel Cross**

- An event held on grass and gravel, under lights.
- Held at Gloucester Park, on a Saturday afternoon/evening in November
- With a number of different event
  - Hot Lap (one lap of the Gravel Cross Course)
  - Hot Mile (two lap of the trotting track)
  - Gravel Cross (multiple laps of the Gravel Course, time dependent)

## 5. Series Structure

### 5.1. Age and Membership requirements

*Age categories in the 2021 Series are defined by the rider's age on December 31st 2021.\**

*Riders who are born on or before the 31st of December 2007 (U17) are eligible to compete in the Elite categories.*

Younger riders may be allowed to enter the Young Guns category and race on the whole course at any event if they can prove suitable experience.

'Young Guns' category which will be open to U16 (born in 2005, 2007 or 2007) and experienced J13 (born in 2008) riders.

Riders in all categories must present a current and appropriate 2019 race membership. Riders must have the following membership as minimum:

- **Cycling Australia RACE Membership\*\***
- **MTBA Australia Competition Membership**
- **AusCycling      Race: All Disciplines, or**
  
- **International riders must hold the relevant international license and insurance.**

Interstate Participation is encouraged in the series. These individuals will be provided a grade upon their first event entry. They are required to provide proof of their ability level at the time of event registration.

\*Age categories at State Championships in August will defined by the rider's age on December 31st of 2022. (e.g. U17 for riders born in 2005 and 2006)

\*\*Temporary trial memberships (4 weeks) offered by AusCycling is allowed for WACX cyclocross racing.

## 5.2. Entry and Scratching Process

Entries for all events will be taken via [Entryboss](#). Entries for all categories and events will close at midnight on the Thursday prior to the event.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of WACX Race Admin on race day.

- A late entry fee of **\$10.00** will be charged in such a case.

Riders can scratch (with a full refund) from a race via Entryboss until entries close. A refund after the cut-off can be granted if a rider provides a medical certificate within 7 days of the event.

Numbat Cup Series Entry will be offered, no refunds will be offered if races are cancelled due to inclement weather or current COVID advisories

## 5.3. Categories

The following categories (target race time) for each event:

<b>Grades Men</b>	<b>Target Race Time</b>
Elite (*SuperCross & State Championships)	50mins (*60mins)
B, Masters B (+40), Single Speed	40mins
Young Guns (U16), C, Masters C (+40), Open	30mins

<b>Grades Women</b>	<b>Target Race Time</b>
Elite	50mins
B	40mins
Young Guns (U16), C, Open	30mins

Minor alterations on race time may be required based on course length.

## 5.4. Field Size and Category Combination

WACX events have a maximum set in each event of 75 riders; this may vary based on risk assessment. The event organiser has final discretion with regards to field size.

The following considerations will influence the maximum field size within a given race time slot:

- \* number of grades within a timeslot
- \* start order
- \* use of wave starts
- \* time gaps between groups
- \* venue
- \* course design (particularly feature placement, call up area and design of first corner)
- \* experience with large fields

In the case that the maximum field size is met the following prioritization schedule will be used (unless otherwise notified) for waitlisted riders:

- Last year's winner of the event and current State WACX Champion
- Ranking of riders in the current series standings at the close of entries
- All other riders in order of entry

Categories may be combined if there are fewer than 10 entries in any single category. Any category combination will occur from lowest to highest (e.g. B with A). Where categories are combined results will still be generated separately for each grade and individuals entered in the lost category will be awarded series points for their category (e.g. the first B Grade rider will still receive B Grade points).

## 5.5. Grading

All riders will be graded before their first series event. At the start of the year riders will have the right to query their grade however after the first event it will not change unless it is changed by WACX or the change occurs in relation to sections A, B or C in this paragraph.

- A) Riders may be upgraded automatically if their lap times would place them in the top half of a higher category if racing in the same or similar conditions (min.10 riders required in higher grade).
- B) Riders may request a downgrade if their lap times (mechanical mishaps excluded) would regularly place them in the bottom half of a lower grade (minimum 10 riders required).
- C) A rider that is upgraded (downgraded) during the season will retain half of the Series points to the next ability category.



D) No mandatory upgrades based on organize discretion will be made after the second last Numbat Cup round.

\*Category changes may be made at the discretion of WACX anytime.

Please always check your category on the provisional start list which is published the day after entries close (more than likely Saturday).

**PLEASE NOTE: Any grading inquiries need to be sent in writing to the following email address: [iamsandbagging@wacyclocross.com.au](mailto:iamsandbagging@wacyclocross.com.au)**

## 5.6.Series Points

The following process will be used for allocation of points:

1. Points will be awarded for each event in the series.
2. Individuals will be able to accumulate points for their own ranking by placing at each event. Riders who DNF or are DQ are not eligible for points.
3. In case of a points tie the rider who has had more wins (then second-place finishes and so on) will be ranked higher.

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1	80	21	30	41	10
2	70	22	29	42	9
3	65	23	28	43	8
4	60	24	27	44	7
5	55	25	26	45	6
6	50	26	25	46	5
7	48	27	24	47	4
8	46	28	23	48	3
9	44	29	22	49	2
10	42	30	21	50	1
11	40	31	20		
12	39	32	19		
13	38	33	18		
14	37	34	17		
15	36	35	16		
16	35	36	15		
17	34	37	14		
18	33	38	13		
19	32	39	12		
20	31	40	11		

Table 2: WACX Numbat Cup Series points

## 5.7.Numbat Cup Leader and Champion

Riders who are leading the Numbat Cup for their grade will not be awarded a series leader's jersey.

After the final race of the final Numbat Cup event the person who has the highest overall points for their grade will be the winner.

## 6. Racing

The following are matters specific to the series and may be different to the National Cyclo-cross regulations:

### 6.1.Call-up Order and Procedure

Call-ups for Round 1 will be based on:

- Final 2020 Numbat Series Standings (top 20)\*
- Upgraded riders will be called up after the top 20
- Time of entry

Subsequent round call-ups for subsequent will be done based on:

- 2021 Series Standings (top 20)\*
- Upgraded riders will be called up after the top 20
- Time of entry

All riders will be numbered in call-up order (late entries will be called up last)

The top 20 riders as well as upgraded riders will be individual call-ups. Afterwards riders will be called up in groups (e.g. rider no. 31-40 etc.).

Please note: Elite riders in Women's and Men's grade who haven't raced in previous rounds may be seeded and called up at the discretion of WACX independently from Series points for safety reasons.

Riders need to be ready for call-ups at least 10min before their start time. Riders who turn up late will lose their call-up position.

\*The 20 highest WACX ranked riders will be called up. e.g. someone ranked outside of the top 20 in the series may be called up if riders ranked in the top 20 do not enter.

## 6.2.Race Schedule and Duration

The following event schedule is a typical Numbat Cup race day:

Main Activity	Start Time	Duration	Finish Time
Arrive - and general chin wag	0800	15	0815
Course outline and construction tips	0815	15	0830
Course set up - the best part of the day	0830	2:30	1100
Kids (U13) any bike - must wear helmet (please write names on number plate)	11:00	20	12:25
Kids (U13) - Presentations Course adjustment and free practice	11:30	20	1150
<b>CX C CX Bike Only</b> , <b>CX-Masters C +40 CX Bike Only</b> and <b>Open any bike with +35mm tyres</b> (30mins)	12:00	30	12:30
Single Speed CX Men <b>CX Bike Only</b> (flat or drop bars), <b>CX B CX Bike Only</b> and <b>CX-Masters B +40 CX Bike Only</b> (40 mins)	12:50	40	13:30
<b>CX W Elite CX Bike Only</b> (45 mins) & <b>CX WB CX Bike Only</b> (approx 40 mins), <b>CX WC any bike with +35mm tyres</b> (30 mins)	13:45	45	14:30
<b>CX Elite CX Bike Only</b> (50 mins)	14:45	50	15:35
Course pull down - all help appreciated	1540	35	1615
Mens, Womens & Masters Presentations - All grades, so hang around and heckle some more	1620	10	1630
Relax, reflect and enjoy and help finish pack-up/clean-up	1630	45	1715

Subject to change depending on entry numbers.

Please refer to section 3.3 for target race times.

Where multiple categories are racing at the same time the starter will separate grades and send them away in waves. All grades will then finish at the same time.

The number of laps/race duration will be calculated based on the leader(s) of the first category. Lap boards will indicate the last 3 laps, a bell will be used for the last lap.

All riders will cease racing upon receiving the chequered flag. Please note that the bell lap starts when the outright leader crosses the finish line and ends when the outright leader receives the chequered flag. This means it is possible that some riders may only receive the chequered flag (if they were lapped by the outright leader on his last lap prior to receiving the bell themselves).

### 6.3.Course Length and Practice Times

Course length: organisers should provide a course that is 2.5-3.5km long with a target lap time of 7-10mins. Please refer to the WACX Technical Regulations for further information

The event organiser should provide one practice times during the day: one before the start of the racing, so head down early, help build the course and get your practice in.

Riders are only allowed on the race course during designated program

Any riders seen on the course whilst a race is underway risk the likelihood of an instant DQ.

All transgressions are to be reported to race administration as soon as possible after the occurrence is witnessed.

### 6.4.Tyre Width

**CX bikes must run CX tyres** - 33mm max width (as written on tyre with tiny allowance for tyre flare on wide rims). Definitely no

Open Category Riders can race in with any width tyre, any style of bike.

i.e. Gravel grinder or Monster Cross tyres in CX Race Category ie + 35mm.

Random checks may be undertaken at WACX events

### 6.5.80% Rule

The 80% rule will not be applied unless there is a genuine safety concern.

## 6.6.Race Numbers and Transponders

Race numbers need to be worn and **must be clearly visible at all times**.

WACX will be once again using MTB style number plates (with an RFID tag incorporated) and a single rear bib.

In case shoulder numbers are supplied, one on each shoulder and facing forward.

Please ask at registration if unsure. Riders who fail to wear their numbers correctly may not be listed correctly in the results.

Additional RFID tags may be supplied to assist with timing, please follow mounting instructions

## 6.7.Presentations

Held at the end of the days racing and first pass course pull down, the organisers would like to get home as well during day light.