

# Handicapping Policy

As at 31 May 2019



## Introduction to the 2019 Handicapping Policy

Cycling NSW seeks the support of clubs in updating each club's State Open Rankings for all senior Race members, namely:

- Elites;
- Masters; and
- Under 19s.

Cycling NSW does NOT require information on Ride Basic, Ride Plus or Non-Riding memberships.

### For 2019:

#### Road Rankings

- The strategy for Elites, Masters & Under 19s remains unchanged based on a 100km country-style handicap across 10 bunches from the front (Limit) bunch to the last (Scratch) bunch.
- For Under 17s and younger, their grading will be maintained by the Assistant State Handicapper for Juniors.

#### Track Rankings

- The strategy for Elites, Masters & Under 19s will be for 5 Divisions from the front (Limit) bunch back to the last (Scratch)
- For Under 17s and younger, their grading will be maintained by the Assistant State Handicapper for Juniors.

#### ***Kermesse / Criterium Rankings (NEW)***

- The strategy for Elites, Masters & Under 19s is based on a Kermesse or Criterium race at Open or Club level
- The new grading will not be applicable to Under 17s and younger as they do not ride with Seniors at Open events.

#### Review process going forward

- To ensure a successful 2019 Road Season, all Club Handicappers are requested to review their current Race licence rider listings and submit revised State rankings as soon as possible
- Track Rankings are to be updated as the 2019 season progresses with a view to seeing all Track riders suitably ranked for the current Track Season
- State Codes based on the Cycling NSW handicap formula shall be forwarded to the State Handicapper on the ***1st of January, April, July and October of each year or as requested.***

Can Club Handicappers please review their club listing and make any suggested changes to the State Rankings by:

- highlight **changes in RED.**
- highlighting **new memberships in BLUE.**

## Road – 2019 Handicapping Policy

All Race licence holders are to be allocated a State Open Ranking as if that rider is competing in a 100km State Open road handicap.

1. Club Handicappers (or respective Committees) are required to rank every current Race licence member as if that club member competes in a 100km State Open road handicap similar to the Coonabarabran-Gunnedah Handicap conducted each year.

NSW country road handicap events have traditionally been conducted with 10 Bunches from Bunch 1 (Scratch Bunch) to Bunch 10 (Limit Bunch). The Coonabarabran-Gunnedah Handicap is the State handicap benchmark event.

2. This State Open Ranking system will apply to all State Open road race events. It does NOT apply to Club Open, Club or Junior events.
  3. Each Club Handicapper will be required to review and update their State Open rankings each quarter and forward them to the State Handicapper as per Cycling NSW By-Law 6.3D.
  4. If a rider requires a change to their State Open Ranking (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicapper's updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.
  5. State Open Rankings (State Codes) for each rider are available on the Cycling NSW website.
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## Road Graphs – Road Handicap State Open Ranking System

Men STATE Road Grading Guidelines		
State Code	Bunch	Comments
A1	1	Pro cyclists only - e.g. Caleb Ewan, Richie Porte etc.
A2	1	NRS - Tier 1 riders. U19, U23 & Elite Exceptional quality
A3	1	NRS - Tier 1 riders. U19, U23 & Elite Exceptional quality
B1	2	NRS - Tier 2 riders. U19, U23 & Elite lower quality. MMAS Exceptional quality
B2	2	NRS - Tier 2 riders. U19, U23 & Elite lower quality. MMAS Exceptional quality
B3	3	Master's Men 1 to 4
C1	3	
C2	4	Master's Men 1 to 4
C3	4	Master's Men 5 to 10
D1	5	
D2	5	
D3	6	
E1	6	
E2	7	
E3	7	
F1	8	
F2	8	
F3	9	
G1	9	
G2	10	
G3	10	

Women STATE Road Grading Guidelines		
State Code	Bunch	Comments
A1	1	
A2	1	
A3	1	
B1	2	
B2	2	
B3	3	
C1	3	
C2	4	
C3	4	
D1	5	
D2	5	Women CA National Team
D3	6	NRS Women (Tier 1 higher quality)
E1	6	Master Women Exceptional Quality
E2	7	Women A grade (Tier 1 higher quality)
E3	7	
F1	8	Women A grade (Tier 2 lower quality)
F2	8	
F3	9	Women B grade (Tier 1 higher quality)
G1	9	
G2	10	Women B grade (Tier 2 lower quality)
G3	10	

## Track – 2019 Handicapping Policy

All Race licence holders who race on the track are to be allocated a State Open Ranking as if that rider is competing on a 250-metre velodrome.

1. Club Handicappers (or respective Committees) are required to rank every current Track Race licence member as if that club member competes in a 250-metre Track Open similar to the Clarence Street Cup at the Dunc Gray Velodrome.
  2. This State Open Ranking system will apply to all State Open Track events. It does NOT relate to Club Open, Club or Junior events.
  3. Each Club Handicapper will be required to review and update their State Open rankings and forward them to the State Handicapper each quarter as per Cycling NSW By-Law 6.3D.
  4. If a rider requires a change to their State Open Ranking (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicappers updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.
  5. State Open Rankings (State Codes) for each rider are available on the Cycling NSW website.
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## Track Graphs – Track Handicap State Open Ranking System

Men STATE <b>Track</b> Grading Guidelines		
State Code	DIVISION	Comments
T1	1	CA National Team CNSW State Team Exceptional Quality Track Riders
T2	1	
T3	1	
T4	1	
T5	2	Club Div 1 Track riders
T6	2	
T7	2	
T8	2	
T9	3	Club Div 2 Track riders
T10	3	
T11	3	
T12	3	
T13	4	Club Div 3 Track riders
T14	4	
T15	4	
T16	4	
T17	5	Club Div 4-5 Track riders
T18	5	
T19	5	
T20	5	
T21	5	

WOMEN STATE <b>Track</b> Grading Guidelines		
State Code	DIVISION	Comments
T1	1	
T2	1	
T3	1	
T4	1	
T5	2	
T6	2	
T7	2	
T8	2	
T9	3	CA National Team CNSW State Team Exceptional Quality Women A Track Riders
T10	3	
T11	3	
T12	3	
T13	4	Women's Div 1-2 Track riders
T14	4	
T15	4	
T16	4	
T17	5	Women's Div 2 & 3+ Track riders
T18	5	
T19	5	
T20	5	
T21	5	

## Junior Graphs – Road & Track Handicap State Open Ranking System

Juniors STATE Road Grading Guidelines										
Grading	U09G	U09B	U11G	U11B	U13G	U13B	U15W	U15M	U17W	U17M
Div 1	X	X								
Div 2	X	X								
A1			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A2			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A3			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B1			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B2			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B3			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Explanatory notes for above graph:

Grading	Notes
Div 1	Generally, 2nd year - exceptional 1st year
Div 2	Generally, 1st year
A1	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 5 Finishes - Open events
A2	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 8 Finishes - Open events
A3	Div 1 - 2nd yr - Top 10 placing Open events - Exceptional 1st year
B1	Div 2 - 1st yr - >10 placing Open events
B2	Div 2 - 1st yr - >15 placing Open events. 2nd year No opens
B3	Div 2 - 1st yr - >20 placing Open events. 1st year No opens



Juniors STATE <b>Track</b> Grading Guidelines										
Grading	U09G	U09B	U11G	U11B	U13G	U13B	U15W	U15M	U17W	U17M
T01										
T02										Div 1
T03										Div 1
T04										Div 1
T05										Div 1
T06										Div 1
T07										Div 1
T08										Div 2
T09								Div 1		Div 2
T10						Div 1		Div 1		Div 2
T11						Div 1		Div 1	Div 1	Div 2
T12						Div 1		Div 2	Div 1	Div 2
T13						Div 2		Div 2	Div 1	Div 2
T14				Div 1		Div 2	Div 1	Div 2	Div 1	
T15				Div 1	Div 1	Div 2	Div 1	Div 2	Div 2	
T16		Div 1		Div 1	Div 1		Div 1		Div 2	
T17		Div 1	Div 1	Div 2	Div 1		Div 1		Div 2	
T18	Div 1	Div 2	Div 1	Div 2	Div 2		Div 2		Div 2	
T19	Div 1	Div 2	Div 1	Div 2	Div 2		Div 2			
T20	Div 2		Div 2		Div 2		Div 2			
T21	Div 2		Div 2							

## Kermesse/Criterium – 2019 Handicapping Policy

All Race licence holders are to be allocated a new State Kermesse/Criterium Ranking as if that rider is competing in a graded Open or Club Kermesse or Criterium race.

1. Club Handicappers (or respective Committees) are asked to review the ranking of every current Race licence member as if that club member competes in an Open or Club Kermesse or criterium (i.e. HEZ, Eastern Creek or Heffron Park)
2. This State Open Ranking system will apply to all State Open Kermesse/Criterium events. It does NOT relate to Club Open, Club or Junior events.
3. From 2019, each Club Handicapper will be required to update their State Open rankings and forward them to the State Handicapper each quarter as per Cycling NSW By-Law 6.3D.
4. If a rider requires a change to their State Open Ranking (due to improvement or decline in Club performances) this is simply reflected by the Club Handicappers updated listing submitted to the State Handicappers.
5. State Open Rankings (State Code) for each rider are available on the Cycling NSW website

There will only be 6 rankings:

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| K1 | - | NRS, U19, U23, Elite and Men Masters – Exceptional Quality<br>Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Exceptional Quality |
| K2 | - | Men Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders   |
| K3 | - | Men Club B Grade criterium / Kermesse riders<br>Women NRS, Master's Women – Exceptional quality - A Grade                  |
| K4 | - | Men Club C Grade criterium / Kermesse riders<br>Women - Second Tier - A Grade  |
| K5 | - | Men Club D Grade criterium / Kermesse riders<br>Women - First Tier - B Grade   |
| K6 | - | Men Club E Grade criterium / Kermesse riders<br>Women - Second Tier - B Grade & C Grade                                    |
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## Kermesse Graphs – State Open Ranking System

<b>State Kermesse Code</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Comments</b>
K1	1	Pro cyclists only - eg Caleb Ewan, Ritchie Port etc.
K1	1	NRS, U19, U23, Elite and Men Masters – Exceptional Quality
K1	1	
K1	1	
K1	1	Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Exceptional Quality
K1	1	
K1	1	
K2	2	Club A Grade criterium / Kermesse riders
K2	2	
K3	2	
K3	3	Men Club B Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women NRS, Master's Women – Exceptional quality - A Grade
K3	3	
K4	3	
K4	4	Men Club C Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women - Second Tier - A Grade
K4	4	
K4	4	
K5	5	Men Club D Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women - First Tier - B Grade
K5	5	
K5	5	
K6	6	Men Club E Grade criterium / Kermesse riders Women - Second Tier - B Grade & C Grade
K6	6	
K6	6	

## State Grade interaction with Club Grades

- This document outlines a road State-based system over a 100km handicap and Club grades will be reviewed accordingly when grading a rider for a State Open race.
- For example,, any "club" A-grader may not necessarily be placed in Bunch 1 (Scratch) in this system. Generally, a majority of "club" A-grade riders will be on Chopping Block, Bunch 3 or much lower.
- Where Club riders are graded B-grade at club level, they will invariably drop down to say Bunch 4/5/6 or possibly even lower if they are a Masters category rider.
- The same applies to Club C grade riders who would invariably drop down to, say, Bunches 7/8/9/10.

## 2019 Handicapping & Entry Procedure

1. **Rider Self-Assessment:** When a rider enters a NSW State Open, they will complete a Self-Assessment Request during the event entry process. This Self-Assessment Request allows each rider to request the Division (or handicap Bunch) they believe is commensurate with their current ability.
2. The State Handicappers will then compare the rider's Self-Assessment Request with the ranking supplied by their respective Club Handicapper. This will assist the State Handicappers to formulate accurate rider handicap for each event.
3. **Challenge Period** (seeking a change to your event handicap): The event handicaps will be posted on the Cycling NSW website by close of business on the Monday before the event is conducted. Riders will have until the close of business on Tuesday to request a change to their event handicap by e-mailing the State Handicapper.
4. Any Challenge will require the Rider (with assistance of the State Handicapper) to liaise with their Club Handicapper if their State Code requires adjustment.
5. **Final gradings** will be posted on the Cycling NSW website by close of business Wednesday.
6. After publication of the final gradings on the Cycling NSW website, no further changes will be made.
7. The Chief Commissaire and the Event Director of an Open event are NOT authorised to change any Bunch allocation, Division or seeding without the approval of the State Handicapper/s.

Quarterly Club information to be emailed to Cycling NSW State Handicappers  
***1st of January, April, July and October of each year or as requested.***

All State Handicappers email: [nsw.handicapping@cycling.org.au](mailto:nsw.handicapping@cycling.org.au)

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