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Foreword & Welcome

Welcome to the 2027 AusCycling Downhill National Series!

On behalf of AusCycling, it's my pleasure to welcome you to what promises to be a very exciting seasons of gravity racing. Across four rounds in four states, the 2027 DH National Series will once again bring together Australia's fastest riders.

The season drops in at Mt. Buller Ski Resort in February before heading north to Kooralbyn Valley in Queensland. In April, Awaba MTB Park will host a combined UCI Continental and National Series round, giving our riders the chance to race on an international stage, in their own back yard. The series then wraps up on a brand-new DH trail in Nannup, Western Australia, where our champions will be crowned.

Rider with the most points at season's end will earn the Series Champion Jersey, a symbol of speed, consistency and commitment, to be worn with pride throughout the following year's series.

None of this would be possible without our host clubs, trail builders, volunteers, officials, partners and the wider mountain bike community. Your passion is what brings these events to life. Thank you.

Ride hard, ride safe, and enjoy every second. We look forward to seeing you between the tape.

Lukas Matys
Head of Events – MTB & CX

Downhill “DH”

DH is a high speed, high thrill, point-to-point format race format where the fastest rider down is the winner. DH races often utilise a course between 1.5km and 3.5 km. Total race time should be between two and five minutes. The course will consist of a variety of different terrain types, technical features and rapid descents.

MTB National Calendar

Race	Round	Date	Location
DH	Round 1	Friday 5 – Sunday 7 February 2027	Mt. Buller Ski Resort, Mt. Buller, VIC
DH	Round 2	Friday 26 – Sunday 28 February 2027	Kooralbyn Valley MTB Park, Kooralbyn Valley, QLD
DH	Round 3	Friday 2 – Sunday 4 April 2027	Awaba MTB Park, Awaba, NSW
DH	Round 4	Friday 16 – Sunday 18 April 2027	Nannup, WA

National Series Web Page

The Mountain Bike National Series Hub is a central website which offers immediate access to all the relevant Event Listings, links to results from events as well as access to the National Series standings.

You can access the [National Series Hub](https://auscycling.org.au/event-hub/national-series/mtb-series) here or by copying this URL into your browser;
<https://auscycling.org.au/event-hub/national-series/mtb-series>.

National Series Results

Results for all events can be found on the [AusCycling Results Website](#).

Eligibility & Membership

The DH National series is an exclusive competition available only to AusCycling members. This competition represents the best of the best around Australia whilst showcasing mountain biking opportunities for riders of all levels.

To race in the DH National Series riders must hold a current and valid AusCycling Race membership.

Riders can purchase [memberships here](#). If you are unsure about your current membership or have questions about the 2026 AusCycling Membership framework changes, please contact membership@auscycling.org.au.

Many events will also offer supported races. The specific membership requirements for these events will be listed on the entry portal for that event.

Safety Equipment

All riders for the downhill national series will be required to have the following safety equipment;

- Full-face helmets with a fixed non-detachable mouthpiece are mandatory at all Downhill AusCycling sanctioned events and must comply with AusCycling Technical regulation 4.00.01.
- A long-sleeved shirt or Jersey with sleeves that extend down to the rider's wrists and must comply with AusCycling technical regulation 4.00.01.
- Long pants or short pants combined with suitable knee and shin protection and must comply with AusCycling technical regulation 4.00.02.

You can read the full requirements for safety equipment [here](#).

Riders for U15 & U17 age categories will also be required to have;

- Full-finger gloves must be worn;
- Full length jersey – jersey must cover elbows at all times;
- Knee pads and elbow pads must be worn.

Categories & Race Groups

The categories below are the official AusCycling National Series categories. Age categories are determined by the riders age as at the 31st of December 2027.

Category	Year of Birth	Category	Year of Birth
Under 15	2014, 2013	Masters 4	1982 - 1978
Under 17	2012, 2011	Masters 5	1977 - 1973
Junior (Under 19)	2010, 2009	Masters 6	1972 - 1968
Elite	2008 or earlier	Masters 7	1967 - 1963
Masters 1	1997 - 1993	Masters 8	1962 - 1958
Masters 2	1992 – 1988	Masters 9	1957 - 1953
Masters 3	1987 - 1983	Masters 10	1952 or earlier

As per the [AusCycling Junior Policy](#) (Section 1.1.1), riding up is **not permitted** in these series events for any age categories.

Group	Categories
A	Elite, Junior, Under 17 Men & Women
B	Masters 1 – 10, Under 15 Men & Women, Supported race categories

Generic Race Day Schedule

This overarching schedule applies to all DH National Series rounds and should be used as a guide only. Specific race times may fluctuate slightly each weekend. **Participants must check the specific event page on the AusCycling website to confirm final, accurate timings.** Please note: National Series Championship presentations will take place during the final race weekend.

For specific race times, please check the event schedule on the AusCycling website.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Day 1 Friday	1200 – 1600	Open Practice – Registration – Track Walk
Day 2 Saturday	0800 - 1200	Registration
	0800 – 1000	Group B Practice
	1000 – 1200	Group A Practice
	1230 – 1600	Seeding (all groups)
Day 3 Sunday	0730 – 1100	Open Practice & Registration
	0800 – 0930	Group B Practice
	0930 – 1100	Group A Practice
	1130 – 1530	Racing (all groups)
	1600	Presentations
	1630	Event Close

Race Program

Below is the DH National Series program roster which outlines the four race weekends and what is being offered.

Round 1 Mt. Buller, VIC		
Day	Format	Points
Friday	Open Practice	
Saturday	National Series Seeding	50
Sunday	National Series Racing National Series Presentations	200

Round 2 Kooralbyn, QLD		
Day	Format	Points
Friday	Open Practice	
Saturday	National Series Seeding	50
Sunday	National Series Racing National Series Presentations	200

Round 3 Awaba, NSW		
Day	Format	Points
Friday	Open Practice	
Saturday	UCI Continental & National Series Seeding	50
Sunday	UCI Continental & National Series Racing UCI Continental & National Series Presentations	200

Round 4 Nannup, WA		
Day	Format	Points
Friday	Open Practice	
Saturday	National Series Seeding	50
Sunday	National Series Racing National Series Presentations & Series Champion presentations	200

Points Scale

Seeding		Racing					
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	50	1st	200	21st	90	41st	50
2nd	45	2nd	186	22nd	88	42nd	48
3rd	40	3rd	176	23rd	86	43rd	46
4th	35	4th	168	24th	84	44th	44
5th	30	5th	160	25th	82	45th	42
6th	25	6th	152	26th	80	46th	40
7th	23	7th	144	27th	78	47th	38
8th	21	8th	136	28th	76	48th	36
9th	20	9th	124	29th	74	49th	34
10th	20	10th	116	30th	72	50th	32
11th	19	11th	110	31st	70	51st~	30
12th	17	12th	108	32nd	68	DNF	20
13th	15	13th	106	33rd	66	DNS	0
14th	13	14th	104	34th	64		
15th	11	15th	102	35th	62		
16th	9	16th	100	36th	60		
17th	7	17th	98	37th	58		
18th	5	18th	96	38th	56		
19th	3	19th	94	39th	54		
20th	1	20th	92	40th	52		

Series Points Calculation

The series standings will be calculated on a rolling basis after each race weekend. Series standings will not be updated after seeding rounds. The series standings will be published to the National series hub page after each race weekend.

Final series standings will be calculated by combining the points of each riders best three (3) results from four rounds and adding **any** points awarded from **all** seeding rounds.

Tie Break Rules

Should any riders within the top 3 finish on the same number of points at the end of the Series, the tie will be broken by way of countback as follows:

- The number of 1st places achieved in racing
- The number of 2nd places achieved in racing
- The number of 3rd places achieved in racing
- The number of 1st places achieved in seeding

Should the tie remain after the countback, the riders will receive the same placing in the Series. Any riders outside the Top 3 who are tied will receive the same place.

National Series Podium Eligibility

The National Series Podium will be determined by ranking the eligible riders in order of most to least points.

To be eligible for any series podium or prize, riders must race a minimum of two (2) DH rounds with points from up to three (3) rounds (+ seeding) counting towards final standings.

Series Champion & Prizing

Rider with the most points overall in each category will be crowned the Series Champion and be issued the 2027 Series Champion Jersey, eligible to wear in the following year's series. The series will also award a second and third place podium for eligible riders.

The overall 2027 National Series Champion and podium will be awarded and presented at the final rounds of the Series – round 4 in Nannup, WA 16th – 18th of April 2027.

In the event there are not enough eligible riders within an age category, there will be no award or podium for that category, however the final series standings will be published.

The 2027 competition will feature the following prizing;

Age Category	Prize	Qualification
Elite	Prize Money National Series Champion Jersey National Series Champion Trophy Collectable Individual round medal	Minimum 2 rounds Minimum 2 rounds Minimum 2 rounds None
Under 15, 17, 19,	Bike Sportz Vouchers Collectable Individual round medal National Series Champion Jersey National Series Champion Trophy	None None Minimum 2 rounds Minimum 2 rounds
Masters 1 - 10	Collectable Individual round medal National Series Champion Jersey National Series Champion Trophy	None Minimum 2 rounds Minimum 2 rounds

Prize Money	Cash
1st	\$1200
2nd	\$850
3rd	\$650
4th	\$500
5th	\$300

Seeding Order

The order for seeding at Round 1 will be determined by	The order for seeding for subsequent rounds will be determined by
1. 2026 AusCycling Series Champion 2. 2026 National DH Champion 3. 2026 National Series rankings 4. Order of entry	1. 2027 Current Series Rankings 2. 2026 National DH Champion 3. 2025 National Series rankings 4. Order of Entry

Rules and Regulations

This National Series is governed by the AusCycling Technical Regulations and UCI Technical Regulations where the event is also host to a UCI sanctioned event. These events are also subject to the relevant AusCycling Policies.

- [AusCycling Technical Regulations General](#)
- [AusCycling Technical Regulations Mountain Bike](#)
- [UCI Technical Regulations General](#)
- [UCI Technical Regulations Mountain Bike](#)
- [AusCycling Event Entry Policy](#)
- [AusCycling Refund Policy](#)
- [AusCycling General Technical Regulations](#)
- [AusCycling Discipline-Specific Regulations](#)
- [National Integrity Framework](#)
- [Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport](#)

Therapeutic Use Exemption

All competitors may be subject to anti-doping testing under AusCycling and Sport Integrity Australia regulations.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) A TUE is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance). TUE approval may protect athletes from receiving a sanction if a prohibited substance is found in their sample.

To find out if you need to complete a TUE in-advance, you can use the [SIA TUE in-advance requirements checker](#)

TUE in-advance are typically required for athletes who are;

- A member of the Registered Testing Pool, National Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool
- A member of a national open team/squad including athletes with a disability planning to compete at the Elite National Championships.

If you are currently taking any medication, please check whether this substance is banned in or out of competition via www.globaldro.com/AU/search Further information on the TUE process can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) website <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/therapeutic-use-exemption> or by calling 1300 027 23.

Sport Integrity Australia App

Any athlete and official can download the SIA app.

The SIA App has been designed with athletes in mind. The App gives a complete list of all supplements sold in Australia that have been screened for prohibited substances by an independent laboratory. The testing and certification of sports supplements cannot provide athletes a 100% safety guarantee but does significantly lower the risk of a positive test. For non-tested supplements the App gives athletes access to a quiz to assess the risk posed by highlighting key risk factors. The App can also be used to report doping, check if a medication is banned in sport, give SIA feedback on testing missions, and complete online education modules.

Media and Content Capture

Cameras are permitted to be used in accordance with Section 1.03.06 of the AusCycling Technical Regulations - General