

## GRADING INFORMATION

The Online Race Entry System lists the events and races in which a member is eligible to enter. If the event or race you wish to enter is not listed it may be because you do not have an 'Open Grading'. An "Open Grading" is allocated by the CQ Handicappers and ensures a level playing field for all members.

All riders wishing to nominate for an Open Race Grading or to apply to have their grading reviewed (either up or down) should complete the Grade Application Form and submit it to Cycling Queensland at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the event you wish to enter. This will ensure you will be graded correctly and notified prior to the close of entries for your event. If a member does not have a grading they may be **ineligible to race**. Your grading will be allocated separately for both Road & Track disciplines, therefore if you require a grading for both please submit two separate forms. *Please Note: If a change of licence class is required e.g. Masters to Elite a fee is charged by Cycling Australia.*

*If you wish to enter a race and you are unable to enter online due to your grading application not being approved yet, you are required to submit a Manual Entry Form to Cycling Queensland by the advertised close of entries (generally the Sunday Night 2 weeks prior to the event).*

### WHAT ARE THE GENERAL GRADING GUIDELINES USED?

#### Elite Men<sup>#</sup> (incl. M23 & JM19)

Elite riders are required to have a grade **A, B or C** to be eligible to enter an Open event. The grade reflects the rider's current ability (regardless of age) as requested by club official and approved by the CQ Handicapper.

#### Masters Men<sup>#</sup> (MMAS1 - MMAS10)

Masters riders are required to have a grade **A, B, C or D** to be eligible to enter an Open event. The grade reflects the rider's current ability (regardless of age) as requested by club official and approved by the CQ Handicapper.

#### Women<sup>\*</sup> (incl. JW19, ELITEW & WMAS)

Women riders are required to have a grade **A, B, C or D** to be eligible to enter an Open event. The grade reflects the rider's current ability as requested by club official and approval of CQ Handicapper.

# Note 1: The grading given for Men are independent of one another.

\* Note 2: Women's Grading is an 'Open' system and therefore inclusive of both Elite and Masters categories.

- Interstate or International riders must also complete the Grade Application Form irrespective of whether you have a grade in your home state or country.
- To assist in grading all **NEW** riders are encouraged to race in club or Restricted Open events to build a performance profile for fair grading.

### WHEN WILL I BE AUTOMATICALLY UPGRADED?

#### Point score system

- Riders who score 10 points for placing in an Open event will be upgraded OR at the discretion of the State Handicapper.

#### Points will be awarded as follows:

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| • Road Races (incl. Time Trials): | 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Pts, | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 Pts, | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 Pts, | 4 <sup>th</sup> 2 Pts, | 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 Pt |
| • Criterium:                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 Pts; | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 Pts  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 Pt   | 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 Pt,  | 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 Pt |
| • Track (Scratch events only):    | 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 Pts; | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 Pts  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 Pt   | 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 Pt,  | 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 Pt |

**Note:** *Due consideration will be exercised in instances of gaining places in poorly supported races and this should only be used as a guide only. The ultimate decision shall rest with the State Handicapper.*

### WHAT ABOUT BEING DOWNGRADED?

The Chief Commissaire at each Open event will note any riders who are noticeably dropped off the pace and will be referred to the Handicapper for assessment. The individual rider is also able to submit a grading application form seeking a downgrade at any time but is required to provide suitable evidence indicating why this should be granted.

### WHAT IF I AM OF MASTERS AGE BUT HAVE AN ELITE LICENCE?

Cycling Australia regulations allow members who are of masters age (Ages 30 MAS1+) to purchase either an Elite or Masters Licence. This option is generally advised for riders who are still competitive at Elite level giving them the flexibility of competing in races in either category and at their own age category for State Championship Events. In cases such as this, a member wishing to enter a graded race in their Elite category should simply register as per the normal method of selecting the race from the list provided. However if the member wishes to race in their "Masters Division" they should register in the race titled "Elite Licence Holders Who Wish to Ride Masters Register Here". This enables the handicapper to ensure you are graded correctly in a Masters race. Note: *Your default grading is attributed to your licence class NOT your age.*

*E.g. Masters rider with an Elite B Licence wishes to ride in a Masters race. This member would register in "Elite Licence Holders Who Wish to Ride Masters Register Here" race and the handicapper would then place them in the correct Masters race e.g. Masters A or Masters B.*