

## Open Grading Guidelines

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

Club secretaries are asked to give their opinion of rider's ability for OPEN COMPETITION.

**A Grade** Men and Women riders should be of state or national representative status.

**B Grade** are experienced competitors who are capable of competing at State Championship level and of finishing Open road distance events without difficulty.

**C Grade** Men and Women are generally new comers to the sport or those people who use cycling purely as a recreational activity. Men, women and junio under 19 athletes are graded A-C

**Masters** are graded from A to D. As a general rule "D" Grade is for Masters 5 and over, however exceptions may be made.

IF A RIDER DOES NOT ENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GRADING LIST THEY MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED TO RACE ON THE DAY!

Should a rider wish to be up or down graded from the grading they are currently competing at, a Grade Query Form should be filled out and sent into CQ.

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### NEW RIDERS COMPETING IN OPEN EVENTS

Riders are recommended to nominate their grading through Club Secretary or Club Handicapper.

When grading is nominated, please consider carefully the ability of the rider.

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### GRADING CHANGES

Riders who wish to change their grading can do so by filling out the Grade Query Form and submitting it to Cycling Queensland [qld.info@cycling.org.au](mailto:qld.info@cycling.org.au).

If a change of license is required a fee will be incurred by the rider.

The handicapper will assess their request and if approved notification will be sent out.

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### UP GRADING SYSTEM

#### Point score system

- Riders who score 10 points for placings in open events (Cat 1 or Cat 2) will be up graded

#### Points will be awarded as follows:

- Road events points allocated will be :- 5/3/2
- Criterium events points allocated will be :- 3/2/1

Due consideration will be exercised in instances of gaining places in poorly supported races.

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### Women's Grading System

Women have now been graded into 4 divisions A – D. These gradings are created by the Cycling Queensland appointed Handicappers and must be adhered to by all women riders when entering events. The gradings are an open grading system and are therefore inclusive of both the Elite and Masters age categories.

For riders who have not yet raced or are not yet graded the below can be used when deciding on which grade to enter.

- A** Regular racers who have been cycling at a competitive or elite level.
- B** Regular racers or those who have raced at a competitive level.
- C** First time racers from other disciplines eg. Triathlon. Those who have not raced for some time or not regularly.
- D** First time racers, those who have done some cycling but are not high level cyclists or trainers.