

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING GRADING

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 21 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.*

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL GRADING GUIDELINES USED?

Men

- A Grade** - State or national representative status.
- B Grade** - Experienced competitors capable of competing at State Championship level or finishing Open Road Distance Events without difficulty.
- C Grade** - New comers to the sport or those who use cycling purely as a recreational activity
- D Grade** - Masters only; generally only for Division 5+, however exceptions may be made.

Women

- A Grade** - Regular racers who ride regularly at a competitive or elite level.
- B Grade** - Regular racers but not yet at an elite level.
- C Grade** - First time riders from other cycling disciplines riders who race irregularly or have had an extended break from racing.
- D Grade** - First time riders or inexperienced/older cyclists.

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

Members applying to race "Opens" for the first time are recommended to nominate their grading through their Club Secretary, Club Handicapper or Club Coach who will provide a recommendation for your grading based on your ability and sign-off your form. Interstate or International riders must also complete the Grade Application Form irrespective of whether you have a grade in your home state or country.

WHEN WILL I BE AUTOMATICALLY UPGRADED?

Point score system

Riders who score 10 points for placing in an Open event will be up graded.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Road events points allocated will be 1st 5 Points; 2nd 3 Points and 3rd 2 Points
Criterium events points allocated will be 1st 3 Points; 2nd 2 Points and 3rd 1 Point

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

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

Cycling Australia regulations allow members who are of masters age (Ages 35 and over) 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.