

2023 SA Track and Para-cycling Championships

Event Guide

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Officials (TO BE CONFIRMED)

Race Director	Nigel Isaacs
President Commissaire	Sammy Hardine
Judge Referee	
Starter	
Assistant Starter	
Commissaire 1	
Commissaire 2	
Chief Judge	
Judge 1	
Judge 2	
Judge 3	
Chief Timekeeper	
Timekeeper 1	
Timekeeper 2	
Camera Results	
Lap Score Board 1	
Lap Score Board 2	
Start Block / Bike Check	
Race Secretary / Registration	Sue Kirk
Results	Sue Kirk
Machine Inspector	

General Provisions

The SA Track Championships will be held at the Bellville Velodrome, Carl Cronje Drive between the 1st and 5th April 2023.

These Championships will be held in accordance with the Regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and Cycling South Africa, except where herein provided. Racing format may also be modified at the discretion of the chief commissaries in response to prolonged stoppages with the possibility of events being cancelled due to insufficient time to complete them.

Entries and Registration

Eligibility

This event is open to South African citizens and permanent residents.

All riders must be in possession of a valid Cycling SA Track Racing License (Cycling SA Membership is not sufficient for Juniors and older).

Rider licenses have been verified before the time and there is no need to present them at registration.

Day licenses will not be sold at the event.

Riders are not considered registered until all administrative requirements have been fulfilled:

- Entry form has been completed.
- Entry fee has been paid in full.

Age Categories

In all cases, the age of the competitor shall be determined by the actual age on December 31st of the current year.

Where appropriate categories have been combined in line with the current Cycling South Africa records categories.

Masters will be judged in five-year age categories for timed events and ten-year age categories for bunch events. The organisers reserve the right to combine categories if needed.

For individual races, categories may be combined with others of similar ability to form bunches of a minimum of six riders. A suitable distance as determined by the President Commissaire will be ridden. When individual categories are combined medals will be awarded separately.

Entry Fees

Elite Men/Women, Masters Men/Women, Junior Men/Women	R600
All youth/scholar categories	R500
Para riders	R350

Registration

Registration will take place on Friday 31 March between 16h30 and 18h00 and again on Saturday 1 April between 07h00 and 08h30 and between 15h30 and 16h30 at the Bellville Velodrome. Thereafter registration will only be between 15h30 and 16h30 each day

Here you will be able to:

- Confirm the events you have entered
- Hand in the signed indemnity form
- Verify your Cycling SA Racing License, where necessary
- Collect your race numbers and accreditation
- Collect your parking ticket
- Collect Team Manager accreditation (must have valid team managers license)

All riders taking part in team events are to pre-enter. If any changes are required, then this can be finalized at registration on 31 March 2023.

All withdrawals / additions to individual events must be done by 19h00 on the day preceding your race.

Managers meeting

Managers meeting on Friday 31 March at 18h00 in the Athletics VIP room.

Schedule

The full program will be published once entries have closed. However the draft schedule can be found on the website

Detailed start times are not given at this stage due to having to schedule the events round the load shedding schedules that may be in place. A full race program will be available closer to the time. Please see the website for the latest version of the program.

Regulations

General

The South African Track Championships will be conducted in accordance with the General Regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) except where herein provided.

The following rules and regulations will be followed:

- "Part I: General organization of cycling as a sport" version on 01/01/2023
- "Part III: Track Races" version on 27/01/2023
- "Part XII: Discipline and Procedures" version on 01/03/2022
- "Part XIV: Anti-doping Rules" version on 01/03/2022
- "Part XVI: Para-cycling" version 01/01/2023

These rules and regulations can be obtained from the UCI web site at www.uci.ch The track rules and regulations have been posted on the events page for convenience.

We will also adhere to the Cycling SA Track Cycling Handbook published on 1 January 2023 and any update to this document, a copy of which is available on the CSA website as well as on the event entry page for this event.

An official notice board will be positioned in the Velodrome where results and notices will be posted. Once a rider is registered and on the official start list, they will be fined R250 should they not appear on the start line unless they have officially withdrawn by 19h00 the previous day. Fines will not be levied if a medical certificate is provided upon withdrawal.

Riders who arrive late for their start will not be allowed to start and will be fined R250

No rider under the influence of alcohol or any performance enhancing or non-prescriptive drugs will be allowed to ride.

Equipment

A bike check station will be set up on the inside of the track where gear restrictions will be checked and all bicycles will be checked for compliance to UCI regulations. Spot checks may also be done from time to time.

Power meters and cycle computers will be allowed on the rider's bicycles, but the reading must not be visible or audible. They can either be securely placed under the saddle or covered over with tape and not be able to be dislodged.

Wheels with 3, 4, 5 or more spokes will be allowed for mass start events.

Overshoes will not be allowed, as this is an indoor track.

Riders may carry NO object on them or on their bicycles that could drop on to the track. They may not bear or use any music player, radio communication system or cell phone while on the track.

Please note that in addition to the normal equipment compliance checks in terms of UCI regulations special attention will be paid adherence of rules 1.3.013 and 1.3.022 at this event. As per UCI Rule 3.2.014 "In the event that bicycles are checked on conformity with articles 1.3.006 to 1.3.020 with dedicated measuring devices, commissaires are entitled to double check positions after the race on a random basis. Should the bicycle or positions have been modified in infringement with this regulation, the rider will be disqualified."

Youth restrictions

As per CSA regulations, dated 1 January 2023.

Gearing - roll out distances

For the u/17 categories, male and female, the following maximum roll out distances shall apply: 6.897 metres (88")

If, for whatever reason, a junior rider has been granted approval to compete in a higher age division event, the maximum roll-out distance applicable to the rider's age division must be maintained.

The following equipment restrictions will also apply for track competitions;

- Riders u17 will be allowed to use UCI Approved Time Trial bars or bolt on bars without modification for the Time Trial, Individual and Team Pursuit

The below rules will start in effect at the 2018 National Track Cycling Championships. Please note changes to the acceptable equipment specifications over the different age categories.

Riders Numbers

As per UCI rule 3.2.009 riders shall bear 2 number panels, except in the following specialties where they shall bear just one:

- Time Trial
- Individual Pursuit
- Team Pursuit
- Team Sprint

Anti-doping Control

The Anti-doping Commission of the UCI or Drug Free Sport may designate an Anti-doping Inspector and Doctor for the South African Track Championships.

Riders required to submit to anti-doping control shall be determined by Anti-doping Regulations, the Track Commission, UCI Anti-doping Inspector and Doctor or otherwise.

It is advised that you make yourself aware of anti-doping rules, regulations and procedures. This can be done at <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/education/>

Clothing

Riders may compete in their provincial, club, sponsors or plain jersey – NO EXCEPTIONS

Defending National Champions relinquish their title 24 hours before their event and may not ride in the Champions Jersey.

Previous champions may ride with the Champions stripes on their collar and cuffs in the events and disciplines in which they held the title.

Event Specific Regulations

Scratch Race

Individual race over a specific distance

Should the number of entrants exceed 24, heats will be held.

Sprint Qualifiers

A “200 metres Time Trial” shall take a flying start from the 200 metres line and shall be used to select the participants and rankings for the sprint and Kierin competitions.

1500m

Should the number of entrants exceed 18 for each age category, heats will be held.

Individual Pursuit

Two cyclists compete in a fixed distance. The riders start on opposite sides of the track. The winner is determined by either catching the other rider or recording the fastest time.

Team Pursuit

The team pursuit is a race with two opposing teams, starting on each side of the track. The winner is determined by either catching the other team or recording the fastest time. The men's and women's event are run over four kilometres by teams of 4 riders.

Teams will be made up of riders as follows, in order of priority:

1. Province
2. Region
3. Registered Sponsored Team
4. Club
5. Mixed Provinces Team for riders that have not been selected for any of the above teams.

Where possible, teams will be seeded according to the slowest individual's pursuit or time trial time. Substitutions will only be allowed due to injury or illness. Substitutions must be by riders who are already pre-registered for the Championships.

Men's Event

The Team Pursuit Event will be run for the following age categories:

- Junior
- Elite: Teams may comprise of junior and elite riders

- Under 15 Boys
- Under 17 Boys
- Master 35 – 44
- Master 45 – 54
- Master 55+

To be eligible for a National Record, and championship jersey, all riders in the team must meet the necessary age requirements.

In the master's categories where teams do not conform to the 10-year age categories, the team shall race in the category of the youngest rider.

If there are fewer than four teams entered for either junior or master's categories, they will be combined with the next appropriate category.

Women's Event

Master women teams must be made up of at least 3 master riders.

To be eligible for a National Record, and championship jersey, all riders in the team must meet the necessary age requirements.

Youth's Event

U15 teams must be made up of four riders. Any combination of girls or boys from the U15 category may be used.

U17 girls' teams must be made up of three girls from the U17 category

U17 boys' teams must be made up of four boys from the U17 category

Points Race

The points race is a speciality in which the final placings are determined according to accumulated points won by riders during the sprints and by taking laps. Should the number of entrants exceed 24, heats will be held.

Elimination

The Elimination Race is an individual race in which the last rider in each intermediate sprint is eliminated.

Match Sprint

The sprint is a race between 2 to 4 riders over 2 or 3 laps. The structure of the sprint competition will be determined by the number of entries in each category.

Team Sprint

The Team Sprint is a race with two opposing teams, each of whose riders shall lead for one lap.

The men's event is run over three laps of the track by teams of 3 riders.

The women's event is run over 3 laps of a track by teams of 3 riders.

Teams will be made up of riders as follows, in order of priority:

1. Province
2. Region
3. Registered Sponsored Team
4. Club
5. Mixed Provinces Team for riders that have not been selected for any of the above teams.

Where possible, teams will be seeded according to the slowest individual's time trial or sprint time. Substitutions will only be allowed due to injury or illness. Substitutions must be by riders who are already pre-registered for the Championship.

Men's Event

Teams must register three riders.

The Team Sprint Event will be run for the following age categories:

- Juniors
- Elite Men
- Under 17 Boys
- Master 35 – 44
- Master 45 – 54
- Master 55+

To be eligible for a National Record, and championship jersey, all riders in the team must meet the necessary age requirements.

In the master's categories where teams do not conform to the 10-year age categories, the team shall race in the category of the youngest rider.

If there are fewer than four teams entered for either junior or master's categories, they will be combined with the next appropriate category.

Women's Event

Teams must register three riders.

Master teams must be made up of three master riders.

The Elite race will be an open event; teams may be made up of junior, elite or master riders.

There will also be separate junior and master team pursuits. Riders may not participate in both the open category and their age group events.

To be eligible for a National Record, and championship jersey, all riders in the team must meet the necessary age requirements.

If there are fewer than four teams entered for either the junior or master categories, they will be combined with the open event.

Keirin

As per UCI Rule 3.2.135

Madison

The Madison is open to riders in the Junior Men, Elite Men, u/17 boys, Master Men and Elite Women categories, but will be ridden according to the Elite distance and will be a Points Madison. Master Men will be 35-49 with a minimum of 10 teams to have an event. These events will be individual categories for U/17, Junior, Elite and Masters Men.

Should the number of entrants exceed 20 teams, heats will be held.

Substitutions will only be allowed due to injury or illness. Substitutions must be by riders who are already pre-registered for the Championship.

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will be held after the event, as per the programme. Riders who cannot attend the awards ceremony must advise the Chief Commissaire or the Technical Delegate with a valid reason.

As per UCI rule 9.1.046, riders going up for the Awards Ceremony shall be dressed in their cycling kit and shall not wear glasses or headwear.

Awards

Championship winner(s) shall be awarded a gold medal and jersey as per their age category. The second and third placed riders shall receive a silver and bronze medal respectively. Jerseys and medals will be awarded as required irrespective of the number of entrants.

Track

The Bellville Velodrome is an indoor 250m Olympic standard track with a concrete surface.

The track will be open for riding on Monday and between 6 am and 7h30am each day of the event and during all intervals (including lunch), as well as after the day's events. The track will be closed during awards ceremonies.

The Commissaires are in control whenever the track is open for riding.

Motor pacing will be allowed at the discretion of the Commissaires.

Riders wanting to practice standing starts must do so in the home straight under the control of the Commissaires - the start gates will not be available.

Riders are not permitted to stop on the track (against the rail) when the track is open for riding.

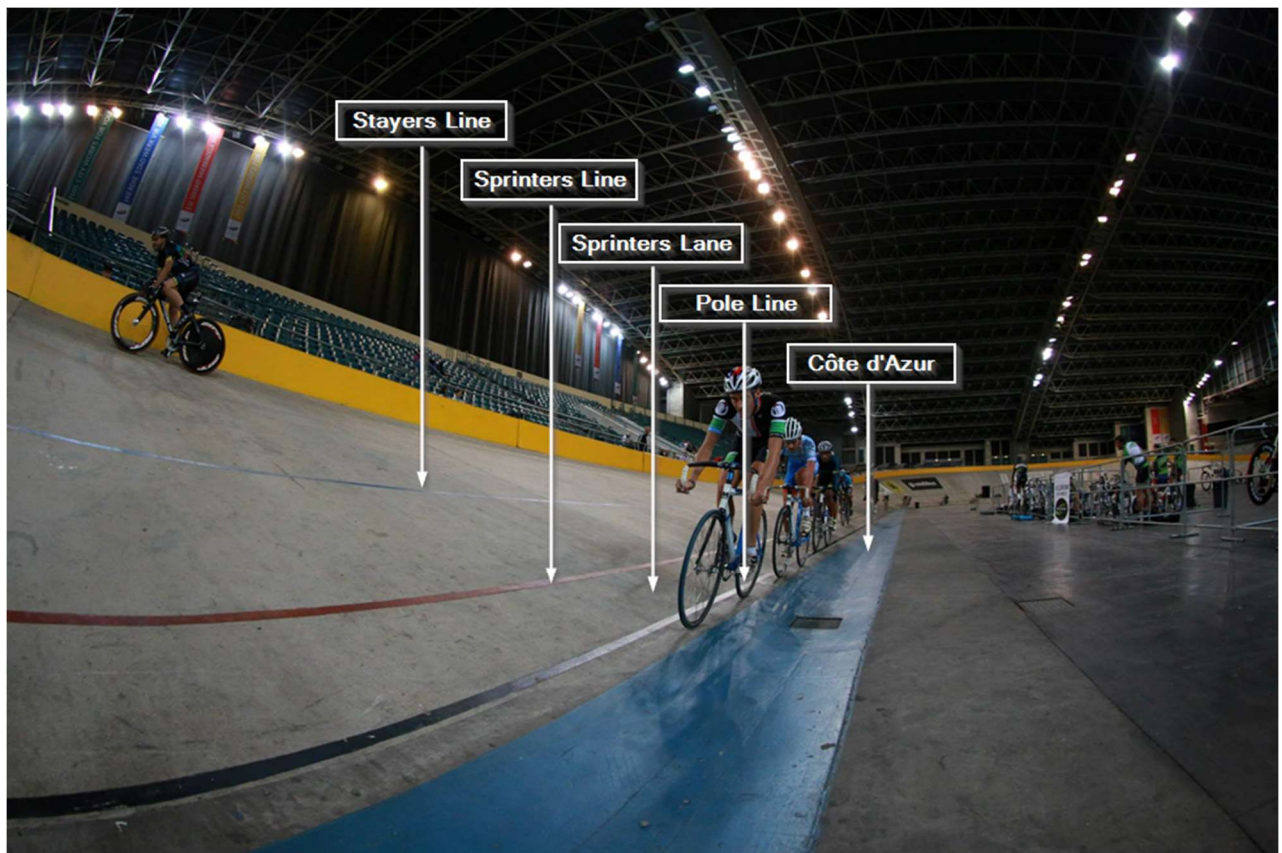
Riders must observe track etiquette whenever the track is open for riding.

The sprinter's lane (section between the black line and the red line) is reserved for pacelines and hard efforts. Slow riders must keep well above the stayers (blue) line.

Riders may not ride in the côte d'azur (blue band at the bottom of the track). Move swiftly over this region when entering or exiting the track.

Only officials may cross the track while the track is open for riding.

No riders will be allowed on the track when it is officially closed (while races are taking place). Use the underpass during these times.



Trackside Warm-up Protocol

The following protocols will be in force during warm-up sessions.

1. Do not cross the track racing surface – use the tunnel.
2. Understand that there are many riders focused on getting ready for their specific event. Be courteous and patient when entering and exiting the track racing surface. It may take you a lap or two on the apron before you find a gap to enter the track surface safely.
3. Enter and exit the racing surface from the apron on the backside of the track. This way you stand less chance of impeding another rider who may be doing a sprint effort for the finish line.
4. Make sure you “head check” by looking over your shoulder before making a lateral (sideways) move on the track.
5. Use the words “Stick”, “Stay” or “Rail” to tell other riders what your intention is when approaching them from behind.
6. Keep the rail clear for those riders doing flying 200m efforts.
7. Slower riders not performing $\frac{3}{4}$ pace effort or higher must ride above the Stayers line, especially when riding side by side or cooling down. Let riders doing faster efforts have priority over the lower portion of the racing surface.
8. No motor-pacing or standing starts to be conducted during “Open Track Sessions” within one hour of a scheduled race session. There are too many people using the track for these efforts to be conducted safely.

9. Only certified coaches, managers, mechanics and accredited personnel will be allowed on the infield. This is a safety issue and a space issue. Riders whose friends and family disrespect this rule will be sanctioned and potentially disqualified.
10. No pets of any kind allowed in the velodrome
11. Any riders using foul language or gesturing in a rude manner will be sanctioned and potentially disqualified.

Riders Area

Riders are requested to setup in the middle of the track. Chairs and bike racks will be provided.

During racing it is prohibited to cross the track. Use the tunnel.

Security is available at the track; however anything left overnight is left at your own risk. Please see the section about storage.

Parking

Only officials, organizers, service providers and 2 vehicles for each of the resident clubs may park inside the Velodrome grounds. Parking disks will be issued before the time.

Inside Parking – RED Parking Voucher

Total Allowed: 30

For: Officials / Organisers / Helpers / VIP Guests

P 1

Access from Virgin Active – Park on the Gravel section that is shaded yellow. DO NOT PARK on the tar parking area, as there is a parking arrangement in place between the City and the office blocks. There will be security on duty. Access the velodrome by walking on the pathway and using the small access gate next to the roller shutter door.

P 2 - GREEN Parking Voucher

This is the upstairs parking in front of the Velodrome and is for Provinces, WC Clubs and registered teams, as well as disabled athletes and elderly spectators.

Parking Tickets can be collected from ABDUL anytime from Monday 10th onwards. Cell: 066 257 9669

P 3

The parking area in front of the BOOM Gate. There will be a security on duty. Park and walk up the hill. There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO DROP AND GO** allowed.

Spectators may park their cars in the parking area along Charl Cronje Dr (below the velodrome).

Secure parking will be available on the premises behind the track.



Equipment Storage

Please contact Abdul Davids at abdul@wpcycling.com to arrange storage in advance. Limited space will be available. R1000 storage fee will be charged for the week.

Directions

The Velodrome is located in close proximity to Tygervalley shopping center in Bellville. The Durban Road / Willie van Schoor offramp on the N1 is closest to the venue. For directions use Google Maps™ and simply search for “Bellville Velodrome”.

