

Bermuda Bicycle Association 2018 Road Race Season Guide



Introduction

This document is intended to give the reader an overview of the Bermuda Bicycle Association's (BBA) 2018 road race season. It is possible that dates of events, entry fees and duration of races could change subsequent to the publication of this information. Changes are posted in the BBA's weekly newsletter.

The 2018 road race season is comprised of 5 road races, 5 criteriums and 5 individual time trials plus championships for these three disciplines. Additionally, there is a team time trial, the Bermuda Grand Prix stage race, Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race (Bermuda Day) and Presidents Cup. Additional events may be added and these will be publicized appropriately.

All races will be conducted in accordance with the current race rules adopted by the BBA.

Rider Responsibilities

As a participant in BBA races, riders have certain responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of events, including:

- Must be a paid-up member of the BBA or hold a single event license
- Be on time to register and be ready to start when called to the line
- Make sure you register on arrival and pay your race fees
- Listen to the race briefing and any special instructions
- Read and understand the BBA Rules

Volunteers & Race Directors

Races can only be run safely when there are sufficient course marshals and finish line personnel. The BBA is *your* club and relies on its members to lend a hand in organizing a full slate of events for their benefit. All riders are expected to contribute to the smooth running of the BBA if they are expecting to enjoy the benefits. It is the responsibility of each racing member of the BBA to assist in the running of events during the year. It is expected that each racer will provide at least one volunteer during the calendar. Teams will be the primary point of communication to their racing members of this obligation and will encourage as strenuously as possible.

Race Fees

Race fees are payable for all events and are inclusive of the cost of timing chip usage. Prepaid fees include the use of a timing chip from the service provider for the season. Penalties for not returning the chip are agreed between the rider and the timing company and not the responsibility of the BBA.

The fee and payment options are as follows:

Participant Racing Age	Type of Race	Single Race Fee	Prepaid Fee
Under 19	Road Race, Criterium or Time Trial	No Fee	Not applicable
19+	Road Race/Criterium	\$30	\$250
19+	Time Trial	\$10	Included in above
40+	Masters Criterium	\$30 unless second race of the day in which case \$15	Not applicable
All racing ages	Bermuda Grand Prix, National Championships, SPMR, or Presidents Cup	To be set by race organizers	Not applicable

Racing Age is determined by age as of December 31, 2018.

Time Trials

Schedule

The time trial race season is comprised of the following competitions:

- 1 Team Time Trial
- 5 individual time trials organized by teams/clubs
- Bermuda National Time Trial Championships

Categories

Results will be produced showing the fastest to the slowest times and also identify the following categories for males and females:

- Junior 11-12
- Junior 13-14
- Junior 15-16

- Junior 17-18
- Open 19-39
- Masters 1, 40-49
- Masters 2, 50-59
- Masters 3, 60+

Time trials taking place on open roads are not for riders with a racing age of less than 11.

Results will also identify riders using time trial bikes / aero bars or on traditional equipment.

Bermuda National Time Trial Championships

Categories for this event will be:

- Open – Male and female riders aged 19-39
- Masters – Male and female riders 40+
- Junior – Male and female riders 18 and under

Distances for these categories will be between 18 and 25 miles for adults and 14 and 18 miles for Juniors, depending on course availability.

National Champions, male and female, will be recognized based on results from the combined Open and Masters categories.

Junior National Champions, male and female, will be recognized based on results from the Junior category.

Junior races over appropriately shorter distances will also be organized for those juniors who chose not to compete in the Bermuda Championship race but will not be recognized as national champions. Categories will be:

- Junior 11-12
- Junior 13-14

In the championship races, the fastest finisher is the Champion. The National Champion is the fastest Bermuda national to finish the complete race distance.

Junior Riders – Accompanying Adults

Parents or other adult riders may ride with inexperienced junior riders aged 11-12 if they are concerned about their safety while out on the course. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that an adult rider should accompany each rider in the younger age group. This permission to follow an 11-12 rider only applies to individual time trials.

Accompanying adults must observe the following guidelines:

- No following in a motor vehicle (including motor cycle or scooter) as this will obstruct traffic flow and may cause an unfair obstruction for riders starting behind the junior.
- You must ride BEHIND the junior and not in front or alongside, otherwise the junior rider may be disqualified for drafting. You should keep at least three bike lengths behind. You may ride alongside or ahead of the junior to provide assistance for a safe turn on those courses that require a right turn across oncoming traffic.
- You may not provide any assistance during the race. This includes carrying water bottles or food for the junior rider, pushing or pulling the rider and providing any sort of verbal encouragement (you may provide instructions relating to course directions or safety matters). The latter may seem harsh, but time trialing is a solitary discipline and event and the smallest words of encouragement can provide a significant advantage over other riders.

If you chose to drive to various points of the course to observe or provide encouragement, please take care that you park in a safe manner that does not impede traffic flow or cause any danger to other road users.

Road Races

Schedule

The road race season is comprised of the following competitions:

- 5 road races and 5 criteriums
- Butterfield Bermuda Grand Prix – 3 stages
- Bermuda National Championships – road race and criterium
- Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race (Bermuda Day)
- Presidents Cup Road Race
- Other events including mid-week events and informal races

Categories

For the road race series events the categories will be as follows (all categories except Women are open to males and females):

- A
- B
- C
- Women
- Junior A
- Junior B

The Junior A and Junior B categories are open to those riders ages 18 and under. Junior riders also have the option of rider in the A, B, C, or Women categories.

Riders may select in which category they wish to participate at the start of the season. A rider may request an upgrade at any time during the year. All requests must be made to the Chair of the Racing Committee (tectro1@yahoo.com) no later than 48 hours before a race in which the rider would like to have the upgrade effective. Points earned at a lower category will not be transferred to the higher category.

A rider who wishes to downgrade may request a downgrade from the Chairman of the Racing Committee. Requests must include an explanation of the reasoning for the downgrade. Riders who are granted a downgrade may not request an upgrade at a later point in the same season. Points earned at a higher category will not be transferred to the lower category.

Some events may limit the categories or set an age restriction on participation. The Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race and Presidents Cup are two examples of this.

Distances

Road races will generally be conducted over the following distance, although actual distances will depend on road conditions and availability and Race Director discretion:

		Road Race		Criterion
		From	To	Time Range
Category		(miles)	(miles)	(mins)
A	M/F	30	50	45-60
B	M/F	25	40	30-45
C	M/F	20	35	30-45
Women	F	20	35	30-45
Junior A	M/F	10	20	20-30
Junior B	M/F	2	10	10-15

Starts

Riders will start in groups based on categories, generally as follows:

Road Races

- A
- B
- C

- Women
- Junior A
- Junior B

Typically there is a two-minute gap between start groups.

Start groups may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Director or Race Committee.

criteriums

- A
- B
- C
- Women
- Junior A, Junior B
- Masters 40+

A separate Masters race will be offered as the final event of each criterium race schedule and will be open to all riders with a racing age of 40 or more. A separate race fee will be charged for this event as indicated in the Racing Fees section above. The Prepaid Annual Fee does not include this Masters criterium race.

The Race Director will determine the order in which the races will be held and make this known prior to race day, along with approximate start times.

Riders arriving for later races should take care to keep clear of the race course and avoid interfering with earlier races.

If the Race Director determines that the nature of the course allows for multiple categories to race at the same time then start groups should be separated by an interval of at least one lap. In general, Junior A and Junior B groups should always race separately from the adult categories.

Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race

This event is an invitational race and entry into this race may be limited for safety reasons. The race is open only to adult riders or to Juniors riding in the categories A, B, C, Women. Juniors racing in Junior A or Junior B will not be invited to race this event regardless of age. Entry priority will be given on the following basis:

1. Riders completing 3 or more mass start races (road race or criterium) before May 24.
2. Riders completing 2 or more mass start races (road race or criterium) before May 24.

3. Other not meeting either 1 or 2 but deemed capable of participating by the Race Director.

Invitations are issued at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

Bermuda National Championships

Bermuda national championship races will be held for Road Race and Criterium disciplines.

There will be one Bermuda Championship race for adult riders, male and female, and one Bermuda Championship race for juniors with a racing age of 18 and under. Juniors may not enter the adult events.

In the championship races, the first finisher is the Champion. The National Champion is the first Bermuda national to finish the complete race distance.

In addition to the championship races the Race Director may also organize age appropriate races for junior riders who chose not to compete in the Junior Bermuda Championships. The winners of these races are not recognized as Bermuda Champions.