

Welcome to the first round of the **Trek Summer Sprint Series** presented by aboc Cycle Coaching and the Blackburn Cycling Club.

### **Please remember that we're doing this for you, and that everyone involved is a volunteer.**

We've never done an event like this before so please bear with us as we're bound to make some mistakes.

Please be respectful to the people giving their time so that you can race. If volunteers feel that their efforts are not respected, they are unlikely to come back and help again, and then we'll have to cancel the series! We've done a lot of work to make this happen and we hope that everyone who competes respects and appreciates that while we may not get everything perfect, we will do our absolute best to make the day as much fun as possible for everyone and we will listen to suggestions for improvements.

### **It's important to be on time for your races**

If the series is fully subscribed (30 riders, 10 riders per grade) we have to fit in 51 races in one afternoon. This means we have to run to a very tight timeline. Races will start at 5 minute intervals and we cannot delay races. **If you're late for your start, you will record a forfeit.** As such, we suggest that you warm up and stay close to the velodrome and be ready to race close to your scheduled start time. **The digital clock at the finish line is the clock we are using to determine what time it is.** If that clock disagrees with your clock, please use it, rather than yours

### **Some special rules for our races**

We have some special rules for this series – **match sprints and flying 200s are all two laps**, not three as we simply do not have the time. We expressly forbid the lead rider in a match sprint from riding slower than walking pace.. This will be tightly enforced. We also will probably not have time to re-run races in the event of crashes or mechanical problems. If we have time and the race commissaire requires a rerun of a race we will do our best to fit in a rerun at the end of each round or if necessary, the end of round 3 before the finals. The final for each grade for 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> place is three laps, this is the only exception to the two lap rule, but the no slower than walking pace rule still applies.

### **Please leave the track quickly after each race**

You have two laps to slow down and get off the track which is slow concrete and 307m long so you'll have plenty of time to slow down. It is acceptable to pull into the infield rail and wait there until directed by a marshal that it's safe to leave the track. **Please only enter and leave the track at the gate.** This applies to flying 200's and match sprints.

You can not do a second flying 200. We will allow you to attempt another flying 200 at the start of round 2 in a month.

### **The Flying 200's**

Flying 200's will be timed by two race volunteers and the fastest of the two times will be recorded. Grading is done on flying 200 times, and in the event of tied scores, **flying 200 times are used as tiebreaks.** As such, it is unwise to ride below your abilities in the flying 200. The nature of the partial round robin scoring is such that the likelihood of tied points is high and your flying 200 time could be quite important. Your flying lap will be announced to you by the ringing of a bell or blowing of a whistle. The same signal will be used for the last lap of your match sprints in the usual manner for a bell lap.

### **Ride safely at all times**

There will be riders who are novices at match sprinting who will be racing (this series is designed to allow non-elite riders the chance to have regular match sprints) and as such we ask that everyone ride not only according to the rules, but also use common sense and have respect for your fellow riders. Please do not ride in a dangerous manner, this series is first and foremost being run for fun for everyone. The prizemoney is not significant and we hope that everyone has a great time and enjoys the racing. We have a first aid kit and qualified first aid people are present, but we do not want to use them.

We hope you enjoy your day's match sprinting, if you have any comments or suggestions please come and speak to me, or send me an email after the day at [carl@aboc.com.au](mailto:carl@aboc.com.au)

*Carl Brewer, race director, round 1 TSSS*

