

Ulster Cyclo-cross Series Update 28-09-2017

Below is a short update about the Ulster Cyclo-cross series in terms of...

- a) Pit guidelines
 - b) Team prize in the men's A' race
 - c) Points for the B' race riders – upgrading to A' race
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Cyclo-cross Pit Rules and Safety Guidelines

Pits are dangerous and often chaotic places and these guidelines are in place to make it a safe and workable area. By adhering to the following guidelines the pits will be a safe and successful environment which will benefit all riders.

Pits are not an area for spectating, childminding or socialising.

1	A maximum of 2 support crew workers per rider are allowed access to pits during races.
2	NO children under the age of 10 are allowed in pits during races.
3	NO spectators are allowed in pits.
4	NO pets in the pits, they can't hold a sponge so are no good at cleaning bikes!

Riders

1	Try to familiarise yourself with pit layout before your event. Be sure to check pit location and pit entry/exit lanes.
2	Please do not throw your bikes down into the riding line during bike exchanges as it can obstruct other riders. If you have 1 pit crew, ensure he/she can both catch and release a bike.
3	You may only take the pit lane to change your bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance. Riders who simply ride through the pits may be disqualified from the race.
4	Do not go in to the pit area without practicing bike exchanges. Poorly executed transitions are a major source of tension. Find time beforehand to practice your exchanges with your pit crew.

Support crew

1	Respect and obey Pit Marshals at all times. Whistles blown by Pit Marshals signify entry of riders into pits
2	Keep the bike exchange line clear and accessible at all times. Do not stand in the middle of the bike change line.
3	Respect others around you and try to remain in one designated area.
4	Do not wash bikes in the pits. Wash them in the designated areas. When leaving the pits to clean bikes you often have to cross the racing line so please be careful when doing so.

5	Ensure your rider knows where you are in the pits. Raise your hand, wear club clothing or brightly coloured clothing to get their attention. Better still, go to the pits with your rider prior to the race start so you all know your roles and position.
6	Support crew - You have between 7-10 minutes to clean a bike, don't panic, stay calm!

Team prize for the A' race

In the men's A' race if there are at least 3 clubs with 3 riders taking part then a team prize will be awarded based on the following system.

The winner would receive 1 point, second place 2 points, third place 3 points etc. A club will receive points for the first 3 of their riders to finish. The team with the smaller amount of points (i.e. the highest placings in the race) will win the team prize. Example shown below.

Race results				Clubs with 3 or more riders (who finished the race)		
Position	Name	Club	Points	Spin Girls	Beatle Wheelers	Zeppelin Flyers
1	Sting	PSNI	1			
2	Paul	Beatle Wheelers	2	→	2	
3	Sporty	Spin Girls	3	→		
4	Jimmy	Zeppelin Flyers	4	→		4
5	Posh	Spin Girls	5	→	5	
6	Robert	Zeppelin Flyers	6	→		6
7	Ringo	Beatle Wheelers	7	→		
8	Barry	BGZ	8		7	
9	John	Zeppelin Flyers	9	→		9
10	Robin	BGZ	10			
11	George	Beatle Wheelers	11	→		
12	Mick	Chain Gang	12		11	
13	Ginger	Spin Girls	13	→	13	
14	Axl	G&R Gang	14			
15	Scary	Spin Girls	15			
16	Angus	AC DC CC	16			
17	Slash	G&R Gang	17			
18	Brian	AC DC CC	18			
19	Eric	Cream Buns	19			
20	John	Beatle Wheelers	20			
DNF	Maurice	BGZ	0			
DNF	John P	Zeppelin Flyers	0			
				Lowest score wins		
Note 1:	Club "BGZ" has 3 riders		TOTAL	21	20	19
	but only 2 finish the race			3rd	2nd	1st
Note 2:	Club "Spin Girls" has 4 riders					
	but we only count the first 3					

In the event of a tie on points, the position of the 3rd rider will be the decider.

Points for the B' race riders – upgrading to A' race

This year the top 6 riders in the men's B' race will have their points put towards the upgrade system. The points allocated to the top 6 riders are as follows:

Position	Points
1	40
2	35
3	31
4	28
5	26
6	25

Riders who achieve 100 points will be forced to ride in the A' race for the remainder of the season.