



## WARATAH MASTERS CYCLING CLUB

### December 2022 Update

The Waratah Master's hope the end of the year finds you well, and there has been some time to enjoy some longer rides over the festive season.

This is the first of a regular update which will be sent to you about every six months regarding plans and other developments at the Club.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding what we have covered in this update, send it to [waratahmasters@gmail.com](mailto:waratahmasters@gmail.com).

#### **A Grade - 6 month trial - January to June 2023 - Open to 19+ (Adult license) riders**

In the last year, a strong cohort of riders in A Grade have been winning most of their races, and there is a substantial increase in pace/fitness required for A2 riders to be competitive. We estimate that A Grade's speed at full effort is 4km/hr faster than A2.

The feedback from A2 riders is that they would prefer to have their own Grade. This is the Club's preference as well. We need to do something different with A Grade.

Therefore, the Waratahs will be running a 6 month trial from January to June 2023 where A Grade will be open to all riders who hold a 19+ (Adult) or Elite racing license. All other Grades remain unchanged.

The key points are as follows:

- (1) These changes are a trial for a period of 6 months, ending on 30 June 2023
- (2) Males (Adult) 19+ to 29 are able to race with WMCC in A Grade
- (3) Females (Adult) 19+ to 29 will continue to race in all mixed Grades
- (4) A2 Grade to be retained
- (5) No changes to the WMCC Constitution. Applicants for WMCC membership must be over 30 years old

It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass on this message to any riders in the racing community who would be interested in this trial.



### **Waratah Training Jersey - Summer Edition - White Jersey**

We have received a number of requests from Club members to release a white version of the training jersey. The Committee has endorsed this, and going forward the training jersey will be released a white version for Spring/Summer and the current black version for Autumn/Winter.

The Champ-Sys Store will be open from 15 January to 29 January 2023. To support any questions you may have regarding our kit, Champ-Sys will be at Sydney Motorsport Park at our meet on 15 January.

We will publish a hyperlink for the Champ-Sys store on 15 January.

Please remember that the WMCC gold race jersey will continue to be our representative jersey at the Regional, State and National races. Members who seek reimbursement of their entry fees at road representative races must be wearing this jersey.

Track members will be reimbursed where they wear the WMCC gold jersey or new white speed suit developed by some of our track riders.

### **Race and prepaid fees - January to June 2023**

The Committee voted in December to keep race and pre-paid fees at their current levels.

The details are as follows:

Race Fees - \$15 per event

Prepays - Members \$150 / Non Members \$200

We encourage you to take out prepaid fees. If you complete 20 races in the 6 months between January and June 2023, your average race fee will be \$7.50 (members) and \$10.00 (non-members). In addition, you can sign onto the prepaid sheets on race day and be issued with a permanent race number.

If you would like to use the prepaid option, you can make a deposit directly to the Waratah's bank account or pay at the sign-on desk.

PAY TO: Waratah Masters CC (include your name in deposit details)  
St George Bank  
BSB: 112 879  
Acc: 098 120 801

Our first race in 2023 is January 8th.



### **Shorter Races - Heffron & SMSP Winter Races**

Based on feedback from our members and racers, requesting we consider providing more variety in the length and style of some of our races, the committee has agreed to make the following changes.

The races at Heffron will be shortened in order to be off the park earlier than prior years. We will try 30 minutes for D-F grades and 40 minutes for A-C grades.

For SMSP, we are going to reduce the race times in winter (7.00am start rather than 6:45am) which will allow us to use the course in winter without starting in the dark.

### **Points Competition**

Just a reminder that our next points competition will run from February to November 2023. This is a great competition where the Top 20 riders receive a cash prize, and trophies are awarded to the highest placed Waratah member and first placed rider (non WMCC members included).

We are making some changes to the awarding of points for the coming year. Most importantly, commissaires, duty managers and assistants will receive 3 points rather than 2. The rules will be published in January on our website and social media.

### **Calling for Club Van Drivers**

2023 will find us short of Club Van Drivers after some, who have provided excellent service to the Club for many years, are unable to help out any longer. It's preferable that we have a separate van driver for each month to preclude the need for existing van drivers doing an additional month. If you are a regular attendee and possess a current NSW Driver Licence, please give consideration to assisting the Club in volunteering to take the van for a month and be at the scheduled courses at the appointed times. If you can help out, let the Race Manager, Denis Sullivan know.



### **Virtual Racing**

Our Virtual Racing team - WMZ - is doing very well and as you know, the Waratahs won the Zwift AusCycling Club Championship in 2022. Our WMCC Virtual Jersey will be available in early 2023 and we are looking forward to seeing it on our video displays in the near future.

WMZ runs a full program with 6 events per week, and teams for all riding abilities in popular online competitions such as WTRL.

Want to know more? Head over to WMZ at Facebook (WMZau) or click on the following link:

<https://linktr.ee/wmzau>

### **Questions/Ideas/Feedback**

The Committee is always looking for any type of feedback. If you would like to send us something, the easiest thing is to send us a note via our Club's gmail account:

[waratahmasters@gmail.com](mailto:waratahmasters@gmail.com)

Thanks again for all the great support of the Club and we are looking forward to seeing you in 2023.

Regards

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