

WARATAH MASTERS CYCLING CLUB

May 2023 Update

WMCC members and friends of the Waratahs, here is our regular update as we reach the midpoint of 2023. We will continue to send a newsletter to you approximately every six months.

There is a fair bit to cover in this update. If you have any questions please speak to any member of the Committee or you can contact us at waratahmasters@gmail.com.

- Grade A2 discontinued
- 19+ Male riders - expanded to A and B Grade
- Race Fees - July to December 2023
- 30 year anniversary - new Club jersey
- Other News

Grade A2 discontinued - effective July 2023

Grade A2 will be discontinued from the first week of July 2023.

The Committee has made this decision as we feel that the concept of A2 is no longer serving its intended purpose as a stepping stone to A grade. In addition, the removal of A2, will help align our grading with other clubs in Sydney.

The key points for the changes are as follows:

- A2 and A Grade will be merged, and will be called A Grade
- The bib colour for A Grade will be Black
- No changes for other Grades

We hope this change will assist more riders to hang with the A Grade bunch until the end of a race, and compete for a podium.

We will continue to monitor all Grades, and support riders who are getting dropped on a regular basis with the opportunity to move to a lower grade.

19+ Male riders - expanded to A and B Grade - effective July 2023

In the first half of 2023, we opened up A Grade to 19+ male riders. We have seen some new riders come to the club as a result of this change.

The Committee has made a decision to open up B grade to 19+ male riders. We have had approaches from 19+ riders who would like to race with the Waratahs, however they would like to start in B Grade to build their fitness.

Set out below is an overview of our Grade setup:

Grade	Grade Colour	Male Age	Female Age
A	Black	19+	19+
B	White	19+	19+
C	Green	30+	19+
D	Purple	30+	19+
E	Red	30+	19+

Race Fees - July to December 2023

Despite current inflationary pressures, the Club committee has endorsed there will be no changes to race fees for the period July to December 2023. This includes prepaid race fees.

Our fee structure for the next six months is as follows:

Casual Race Entry	\$15
Members (including Add-Ons) Prepaid	\$150 (cost per race - 25 races) \$6
Non Members Prepaid	\$200 (cost per race - 25 races) \$8

The Club and the Committee feels that it is better to support our racing community by maintaining racing fees to foster maximum participation. All riders are also encouraged to take advantage of our prepaid system to reduce costs and boost competitor value even further. Presently we have around about 65 riders who used prepaid for the period January to June 2023 and we look forward to those numbers increasing over the months ahead.

For those who are not familiar with our prepaid arrangement, we will circulate the details on our website and social media in mid June.

30 year anniversary - new Club jersey

In February 2024, the Waratahs will be having their 30 year anniversary .

To celebrate this occasion, the committee has agreed that we will launch a new official club jersey. This will replace the existing yellow jersey with the large waratah flower.

We have formed a subcommittee to oversee the design of the new jersey. Two members from our committee, Joanne Cameron and Jackie Bezuidenhout, have joined the subcommittee. If

you are interested in joining this subcommittee, please speak to Joanne or Jackie before the end of June 2023.

As a result the current Waratah racing jersey will be removed from sale giving members the opportunity to purchase the newly designed jersey sometime towards the end of 2023. However the Club does have a small selection of existing kit on hand, and if interested please speak to Jackie Bezuidenhout.

Social Media

The social media team, Jackie and Ian, will be actively involved in promoting the Waratahs club across the social media platforms. Thank you to our members that hit the like button, start the conversation and share the posts. The more activity we get as a club, the word will soon be out that we are a great club. We would like to hear from your ideas for content or any achievements worth mentioning. Keep those likes shares and comments coming.

Please help to share upcoming events with your friends and encourage social riders to give racing a go. There's a grade for everyone. Every racer has to start somewhere.

Other News

The club will continue to publish regular updates on its website and social media regarding what is happening. If you want to know more, you can see what is going on at the following sites:

Club website	waratahmasters.com.au
Facebook	www.facebook.com/waratahmasters
Instagram	instagram.com/waratahmasterscc
Twitter	twitter.com/WaratahMasters
Virtual Racing	facebook.com/groups/wmzau

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Club and we are looking forward to seeing you either at one of our Sunday races or virtually on Zwift with WMZ.

Yours in racing

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