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BMX New Zealand National Championships

With the lead up to the BMX World Championships in Auckland 2013, a change in format has been introduced for the BMX New Zealand National Championships.

The reason for this change is twofold. Firstly to prepare our riders for the UCI format of racing to ensure all are ready for the demands of Worlds racing.

The second reason for the change is to provide for a clear qualification process to the Worlds 2013. As host, we are permitted to enter 32 riders in each of the UCI classes. To ensure that this selection is clear, UCI classes will be offered for classes 5 years and above.

To qualify to enter the 2013 BMX World Championships, there are 2 options for riders;

1/Enter and compete in the 2012 BMX NZ National Championships and place within the top 16 for their class. Riders, who choose this option, must also enter and compete in the 2013 BMX NZ National Championships.

2/Enter the 2013 BMX NZ National Championships, and place within the top 16 for their class or until all places available for the class are fully allocated.

From Nationals 2012, the following classes and format will apply:

Classes:

The National Championships will offer classes in line with the Challenge (Amateur) and Championship (Elite) classes as provided by the UCI and used at BMX World Championship events.

The Classes that will be offered are:

20" – Challenge Classes:

Mixed:

4 & Under (Age on day class – non UCI)

Male:

5-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-24,25-29,30+

Female:

5-7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17+

Cruiser – Challenge Classes:

Male:

12 & Under, 13-14,15-16,17-24,25-29,30-34,35-39,40-44,45 & over

Female:

12 & Under, 13-14,15-16,17-24,25-29,30-34,35-39,40-44,45 & over

Championship Classes:

Male:

Junior Men, Elite Men

Female:

Junior Women, Elite Women

Meeting format:

Saturday:

3 motos for all riders.

These motos will not be scrambled; riders will ride the same riders for each of the 3 motos, with the top scoring riders moving to the next stage of the meeting on Sunday. In most cases this will be the top 4 from each moto group transferring to the Qualifiers, to be held on Sunday.

Sunday:

Qualifiers (Eighths, Quarters and Semi's) will be run for classes requiring due to the number in classes after registration.

Finals – will be held after the Qualifiers for all classes.

Please note:

- There will be no runoffs, all places will be governed by 'count back' method.
- Eighths will be held for classes of 65 riders or more.
- Quarters will be held for classes of 33 riders or more (NZ currently has this at 41 riders).
- Semis will be held for classes of 17 riders or more (NZ currently has this set at 25 riders).
- All classes will move to a deadman final.
- For classes of 8 or less, the lowest scoring rider will be dropped after the motos with the remaining riders riding a deadman final.

Answers to Questions:

How can I qualify if I do not compete in the 2013 BMX National Championships?

If a rider enters the 2013 BMX National Championships and placed within the top 16 at the 2012 BMX National Championships, but for medical reasons can not compete in the 2013 event, a submission should be forwarded to BMX New Zealand including a copy of the medical certificate confirming inability to compete.

If the rider did not enter the 2012 BMX National Championships, enters the 2013 BMX National Championships and then can not compete in the 2013 event due to medical reasons, a submission should be forwarded to BMX New Zealand including a copy of the medical certificate confirming inability to compete.

Submissions will be reviewed, but acceptance can not be guaranteed.

4 & under, 5-6 boy and 5-7 girl Classes:

To enter the 5-6 boys and 5-7 girls class, the rider must have had their 5th birthday. Riders less than 5 (on the day) will enter the 4 & under class.

Why not offer Non-UCI classes?

Due to the number of riders in New Zealand, if both UCI and non UCI classes were offered, the class numbers would be too thinly spread and would not provide for good racing in each of the class options.

How will riders be set into the motos?

Riders will be seeded using the riders' ranking over the past year.

Championship riders will be based on their UCI issued ranking.

Challenge Riders will be based initially on the rider's National ranking. If a rider did not race at the National Championships, the next ranking assigned will be based on their placing obtained in either the North or South Island Titles, if ranked 1-8 in these meetings.

Riders who have not ridden any of the above meetings will be randomly entered into motos.

What if I do not want to enter Worlds 2013 – AKL?

UCI classes are to be offered as we believe that most BMX riders will take the opportunity to compete in the World Championships to be held in New Zealand. Even if you are not planning to enter the World Championships, please enter and participate in the UCI classes offered and enjoy the event at the National level.

Why only 3 motos on Saturday?

UCI events, including the Worlds, are run on 3 motos only. By having the motos on Saturday and the qualifiers and finals on Sunday, it means those that do not race on Sunday are free to watch the event as the qualifiers and finals progress.

The format will allow for the following qualifiers:

½ Finals – for classes of 65 or more.

¼ Finals – for classes of 33 or more (currently 41 or more riders have ¼ finals)

Semi Finals – for classes of 17 or more (currently 25 or more riders have Semi finals)

These are the UCI standard numbers and will see more riders enjoying qualifiers.

Why have the runoffs been cancelled?

These are not recognised within the UCI format of racing. A countback system will be used.

How does 'Countback' work?

Riders who have the same points at the end of the motos will be separated using the last run moto, with the rider finishing in the best position, ranking ahead of the other rider.

TRANSFER SYSTEM – some examples:

Class with 7 Riders:

Gate 1

7 riders – 6 riders to the deadman final.

Class with 9 riders

Gate 1

Gate 2

5 riders

4 riders

Top 4

Top 3 – 7 riders to a deadman final.

Class with 11 riders:

Gate 1

Gate 2 (11 riders)

6 riders

5 riders

Top 4

Top 4 - 8 riders to a deadman final.

Class with 17 riders:

Gate 1

Gate 2

Gate 3

6 riders

6 riders

5 riders

Top 4

Top 4

Top 4 – 12 riders to 2 x semi finals

Semi 1 – Top 4 from gate 1 and top 2 from gate 2 – making a 6 rider semi.

Semi 2 – 2 remaining riders from the top 4 of gate 2, and the top 4 from gate 3 – making a 6 rider semi.

Top 4 from each semi final go to a 8 rider deadman final.

BMX NZ National Rankings:

These will continue to be provided, but in the UCI classes offered at the event.

BMX NZ National Series:

Riders will be moved back to their NON-UCI classes for points scoring purposes.

Points will be calculated from the 3 motos run on the Saturday.

Where do I find out more information?

Refer to the UCI website – www.uci.ch – select Rules and then section 6 – BMX for full details.

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