



Bermuda Bicycle Association 2024 Road Race Season Guide

Introduction

This document is intended to give the reader an overview of the Bermuda Bicycle Association's (BBA) 2024 road race season. It is possible that dates of events, entry fees and duration of races could change subsequent to the publication of this information. Changes are posted in the BBA's weekly newsletter.

The 2024 road race season is comprised of a total of 22 events, including road races, criteriums and time trials. Additional events may be added and these will be publicized appropriately.

All races will be conducted in accordance with the current race rules adopted by the BBA.

Rider Responsibilities

As a participant in BBA races, riders have certain responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of events, including:

- Must be a paid-up member of the BBA or hold a single event license
- Be on time to register and be ready to start when called to the line
- Registration in advance via the site www.bermudatiming.com
- Listen to the race briefing and any special instructions
- Read and understand the BBA Rules

Volunteers & Race Directors

Races can only be run safely when there are sufficient course marshals and finish line personnel. The BBA is *your* club and relies on its members to lend a hand in organizing a full slate of events for their benefit. All riders are expected to contribute to the smooth running of the BBA if they are expecting to enjoy the benefits. It is the responsibility of each racing member of the BBA to assist in the running of events during the year. It is expected that each racer will provide at least one volunteer during the calendar. Teams will be the primary point of

communication to their racing members of this obligation and will encourage as strenuously as possible.

Race Fees

Race fees are payable for all events and are inclusive of the cost of timing chip usage. Penalties for not returning the chip are agreed between the rider and the timing company and not the responsibility of the BBA.

In 2024 participants will be able to register in advance for single events through the online portal www.racedayworld.com. This facility will be available for each event until midnight before race day. No one will be allowed to race without paying the necessary entry fee.

The fee and payment options are as follows:

Type of Race	Racing Age*	Race Fee	Late Race Fee**
Road Race, Criterium or Time Trial	Under 19	No Fee	No Late Option
Road Race/Criterium	19+	\$30	\$40
Time Trial	19+	\$20	\$30
National Championships, SPMR, or Presidents Cup	All racing ages	To be set by race organizers	No Late Option

*Racing Age is determined by age as of December 31, 2024.

**After midnight before race day but no less than 1 hour before race time.

Time Trials

Schedule

The time trial race season is comprised of the following competitions:

- 1 Team Time Trial
- 5 Individual Time Trials organized by teams/clubs
- Bermuda National Time Trial Championships

Categories

Results will be produced showing the fastest to the slowest times and also identify the following categories for males and females:

- Youth 11-12
- Youth 13-14

- A (15+)
- B (15+)
- C (13+)
- Women (15+)

Time trials taking place on open roads are not for riders with a racing age of less than 11.

Bermuda National Time Trial Championships

Categories for this event will be:

- Open – Male and female riders aged 19-39
- Masters – Male and female riders 40+
- Junior – Male and female riders 18 and under

Distances for these categories will be between 18 and 25 miles for adults and 14 and 18 miles for Juniors, depending on course availability.

National Champions, male and female, will be recognized based on results from the combined Open and Masters categories.

Junior National Champions, male and female, will be recognized based on results from the Junior category.

Junior races over appropriately shorter distances will also be organized for those juniors who chose not to compete in the Bermuda Championship race but will not be recognized as national champions. Categories will be:

- Junior 11-12
- Junior 13-14

In the championship races, the fastest finisher is the Champion. The National Champion is the fastest Bermuda national to finish the complete race distance.

Junior Riders – Accompanying Adults

Parents or other adult riders may ride with inexperienced junior riders aged 11-12 if they are concerned about their safety while out on the course. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that an adult rider should accompany each rider in the younger age group. This permission to follow an 11-12 rider only applies to individual time trials.

Accompanying adults must observe the following guidelines:

- No following in a motor vehicle (including motor cycle or scooter) as this will obstruct traffic flow and may cause an unfair obstruction for riders starting behind the junior.

- You must ride BEHIND the junior and not in front or alongside, otherwise the junior rider may be disqualified for drafting. You should keep at least three bike lengths behind. You may ride alongside or ahead of the junior to provide assistance for a safe turn on those courses that require a right turn across oncoming traffic.
- You may not provide any assistance during the race. This includes carrying water bottles or food for the junior rider, pushing or pulling the rider and providing any sort of verbal encouragement (you may provide instructions relating to course directions or safety matters).

Road Races

Schedule

The road race season is comprised of the following competitions:

- 10 road races/crits organized by clubs,
- Bermuda National Championships –road race and criterium separate events,
- Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race (Bermuda Day),
- 50th Anniversary Stage Race (3 stages)
- Presidents Cup Road Race,
- Other events including mid-week events and informal races.

Categories

For the road race series events the categories will be as follows (all categories except Women are open to males and females):

- A
- B
- C
- Women

Riders may select in which category they wish to participate at the start of the season. A rider may request an upgrade at any time during the year. All requests must be made to the Chair of the Racing Committee (shakee@logic.bm) no later than 48 hours before a race in which the rider would like to have the upgrade effective. Points earned at a lower category will not be transferred to the higher category.

A rider who wishes to downgrade may request a downgrade from the Chairman of the Racing Committee. Requests must include an explanation of the reasoning for the downgrade. Riders who are granted a downgrade may not

request an upgrade at a later point in the same season. Points earned at a higher category will not be transferred to the lower category.

Some events may limit the categories or set an age restriction on participation. The Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race and Presidents Cup are two examples of this.

Distances

Road races will generally be conducted over the following distance, although actual distances will depend on road conditions and availability and Race Director discretion:

		Road Race		Criterion
		From	To	Time Range
Category		(miles)	(miles)	(mins)
A,B	M/F	30	50	30-45
C	M/F	20	35	25-35
Women	F	20	35	25-35
Youth 13-16	M/F	N/A	N/A	15-20
Youth 12 & Under	M/F	N/A	N/A	10-15

Starts

Riders will start in groups based on categories, generally as follows:

Road Races

- A
- B
- C
- Women

Typically, there is a two-minute gap between start groups.

Category A will have a separate start when there are 10 or more riders registered for the category on race day. If there are less than 10 riders for the category, then the A and B riders will race together for the same distance in the same race. Similarly, if there are less than 6 women registered for the event then they will start with the C category but will be scored separately.

Start groups may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Director or Race Committee.

Criteria

- A
- B
- C
- Women
- Youth

The Race Director will determine the order in which the races will be held and make this known prior to race day, along with approximate start times.

Riders arriving for later races should take care to keep clear of the race course and avoid interfering with earlier races.

If the Race Director determines that the nature of the course allows for multiple categories to race at the same time, then start groups should be separated by an interval of at least one lap.

Category A will have a separate start when there are 10 or more riders registered for the category on race day. If there are less than 10 riders for the category, then the A and B riders will race together for the same distance in the same race. Similarly, if there are less than 6 women registered for the event then they will start with the C category but will be scored separately.

Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race

This event is an invitational race and entry into this race may be limited for safety reasons. The race is open only to adult riders or to Juniors riding in the categories A, B, C, and Women.

Invitations to participate in this event are issued at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

A separate Youth SPMR race is organized for youth riders and entry is at the discretion of the organizer.

Bermuda National Championships

Bermuda national championship races will be held for Road Race and Criterium disciplines.

There will be a Bermuda Championship race for Open men with racing age 19-29 and a separate Masters men race for participants with racing age 40+. There will be one Open female race unless numbers are such that a separate Masters race is deemed appropriate. Junior females will start with the Open field but be scored separately. Junior men with a racing age of 18 and under will race separately. Juniors may not enter the adult events.

In the championship races, the first finisher is the Champion. The National Champion is the first Bermuda national to finish the complete race distance.

In addition to the championship races the Race Director may also organize age appropriate races for junior riders who chose not to compete in the Junior Bermuda Championships. The winners of these races are not recognized as Bermuda Champions.

2024 Individual and Team Points Series

Competitions spanning the entire road season and based on individual results and best performances by team members will be used. All events will count towards the final results.

Individual Points:

- Race points are earned in the series events classified as Road Race, Crit and ITT per following category:
 - A
 - B
 - C
 - Women
- 5 points are awarded for participation for SPMR, National TT, National RR, National Crit & Presidents Cup. For these races, no further points are earned for results.
- Individuals determine at the beginning of the season in which category they compete and accumulate points in that specific category (including ITT points)
- Individuals can switch category during the season (not preferred), but points remain in the category they are earned
- Points awarded based on finishing position per graph below

Team points:

- Team points are accumulated per race based on the top 3 finishers from each team, the individual points count towards the team score per race
- Team points are category specific and cannot be accumulated in other categories
- Participation points for the 5 non-series events count towards the team point total

Youth Individual Series:

- A series based on those official races which include youth categories will run for the duration of the road season.
- Additional events may be added to the calendar where youth categories are included

Points chart:

Races	All series races, TT & Crits
Type	Race Series
Position	Pts
1	25
2	22
3	20
4	18
5	17
6	16
7	15
8	14
9	13
10	12
11	11
12	10
13	9
14	8
15	7
16	6
17	5
18	4
19	3
20	2

SPMR, Nationals TT/RR/Crit, Presidents Cup
Participation
Each participant
5

Pos. 21 onwards all receive 1 point