

**Race Series Guide**

**2024**



The Grassroots Trust Velodrome is excited to be running the Velo League of Racing series 2024.

The race series is an important development tool for all age groups and levels of riders. The concept being to provide race opportunities to develop skill and race craft in a fun and enjoyable environment.

It is aimed at anyone in our cycling community, junior, open, masters, and para, new, experienced and everything between. It is graded racing allowing you to compete with similar abilities levelled riders.

It provides the opportunity to practice and focus on a different race every 5th week. The series has been planned to coincide as lead-ins to other major race meets on our calendar.

We know that everyone plays a key role in ensuring the success of the series, from coaches to riders, volunteers, and parents. For all your help and support, from the Grassroots Trust Velodrome, we thank you.

**2024 Dates:**

* Sunday May 26th
* Sunday June 30th
* Sunday August 4th
* Sunday September 8th
* Sunday October 13th
* Sunday November 17th

**Race Expectations:**

Although riders get to choose their grade, it will be at the discretion of the registration volunteer. This is to ensure the riders are pushing themselves to the best of their ability.

It is up to the riders to get to the start line in a timely manner. If a rider misses their race start, the race will begin without them.

The full race program and start lists will be posted on the whiteboard in the infield. The race with an asterixis\* will indicate the “Guest Race”. No points are on offer for these races, but we will have spot prizes available. Spot prizes will be decided by the race organiser. The spot prizes may be for the most combative or the most improved etc.

We expect all riders to follow The Grassroots Trust Velodrome’s and Cycling New Zealand’s Road & Track Regulations. Riders will be held accountable for any misconduct or breakage of rules with a verbal warning from the race organiser.

There will be a short presentation at the end of the race night. We hope all riders will stay until the end of racing to support their fellow athletes in these presentations.

**No Parents/Guardians in the infield:**

Unless advised otherwise, we ask parents and guardians to please support coaches by keeping a respectful distance. This is from the time the riders enter the velodrome until the time the riders have completed racing. We are not asking you to stop supporting your children or loved ones during racing. Instead, we ask you to give them some space so they can learn to become mature, self-managing, independent individuals. Therefore, unless you are directly contacted by race organisers, please take a seat in the stands to enjoy the experience.

**Entry Information:**

Entry is via the Grassroots Trust Velodrome Website or reception. $100 for the series or $20 per event. Please enter for racing before the event night so we can prepare for the number of entries. <https://www.velodrome.nz/track-bookings/>

**Ranking Points:**

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| **Position** | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th + |
| **Points** | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

*Any events with spot prizes, marked with an axis\*, point will not be given.*

Riders will accumulate points over each round, using the points system above.

Overall series prizes will consist of top three place getters and top three females for each grade. In the event there is a tie, the rider with the most first places will be the winner.

**Bike restrictions:**

There are no gearing restrictions for grades. However, if we have enough junior riders wanting to compete in a similar grade we will offer a junior grade.

Disk wheels, deep dish wheels, and five spoke type wheels are welcome but not necessary.

For teams events, bunch bars only, No pursuit bars allowed.

Computers are Not allowed on handlebars but can be fitted under your seat.

**On the Night:**

**Check in/Pay**

Riders will be required to present to reception with their full name and payment.

**Registration**

Please line up at the registration desk in the infield of the velodrome. The registration volunteer will enter you into your grade where you will be given a race number. (Please ensure you return your race number to the same desk at the conclusion of racing)

**Warm up**

Warm up is from 1-1:30pm on the track. Please wait on the backstraight ramp to enter the track. There will be 24 riders allowed on the track at a time. When a whistle is blown, please exit the track immediately off the front straight. Allowing the next group of riders to warm up on track.

**Racing**

At the conclusion of warmup, racing will begin immediately, A grade being up first, then B, then C. Please check the whiteboard for all race information. *See race programmes on page 4.*

**Prizegiving**

At the conclusion of racing, we will hold a short prizegiving. The final prize giving of the year will be held at the conclusion of racing on November 17th.

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**Race Programmes – 2024**

**26th May**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Snowball\*

**30th June**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Madison\*

**4th August**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Team Pursuit & Team Sprint\*

**8th September**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Kilo & 500’s\*

**13th October**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Omnium\* (Will include F200 &Points race)

**17th November**

* Keirin – round 1
* Scratch
* Keirin – round 2
* Elimination
* Keirin- Final
* Match Sprint\* (pick a friend or foe to challenge)