



Bermuda Bicycle Association 2025 Road Race Season Guide

Introduction

This document is intended to give the reader an overview of the Bermuda Bicycle Association's (BBA) 2025 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 newsletter.

The 2025 road race season is comprised of a total of 19 events, including road races, criteriums and time trials. Additional events may be added and these will be publicised 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
- Have read and understood the rules and regulations for racing in Bermuda as published in the Bermuda Bicycle Association Rule Book
- 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

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 organising 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.

Each race requires:

- BBA Official
- Moto Ref - road races
- Race Director
- Sign in / Chip number collection volunteers
- Marshals
- Timing officials

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
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 Stages Race Presidents Cup	All racing ages By invitation All racing ages 13yrs+	Set by race organisers	No Late Option

*Racing Age is determined by age as of December 31, 2025.

**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
- 3 Individual Time Trials organised by teams/clubs
- Bermuda National Time Trial Championships
- Stage Race

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 take place on open roads are therefore riders with a racing age of less than 11yrs will not be permitted to participate.

11-12yr Youth Riders

- Inexperienced riders may be accompanied by a parent or other adult only on a pedal bike if there is concern about their safety while on the course.
- This permission to follow an 11-12 rider only **applies to individual time trials**.
- **Accompanying Adults** must observe the following guidelines:
 - Following is not permitted using a motor vehicle (including motor cycle or scooter) as this obstructs traffic flow and may cause an unfair obstruction for riders starting behind the junior.
 - Adult **must ride BEHIND the junior** and not in front or alongside, otherwise the junior rider may be disqualified for drafting.
 - Keep at least three bike lengths behind.
 - You may only 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).

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 recognised based on results from the combined Open and Masters categories.

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

Youth races over appropriately shorter distances will also be organised for those who chose not to compete in the Bermuda Championship race but these categories will not be recognised as national champions.

Categories will be:

- Youth 11-12
- Youth 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.

Road Races

Schedule

The road race season is comprised of the following competitions:

- 10 road races/criteriums (crits) organised by clubs,
- Bermuda National Championships –road race and criterium separate events,
- Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race (Bermuda Day),
- Presidents Cup Road Race,
- Other events including mid-week events and informal races.

Categories

For 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 select which category they wish to participate at the start of the season.

Riders 13yrs+

- Road racing takes place on open roads, riders with a racing age of less than 13 will not be permitted to participate..
- May apply to the Chair of the Racing Committee (shakee@logic.bm) no later than 48 hours before a race to compete in one of the above mentioned categories.
- They agree to race the chosen category for road races and criteriums
- Riders will not be permitted to race road C and crit 13-14yrs, must race C in both road races and crits.

Upgrades / Downgrades

- Riders must make request by emailing the Chair of the Racing Committee (shakee@logic.bm)
- A rider may request an **upgrade** at any time during the year.
 - All requests must be made **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 wishing to **downgrade** 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, a two-minute gap between start groups.

- Category A start separately 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
 - Race Director determines the order in which the races will be held and will 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.
 - Race Director may determine that the nature of the course allows for multiple categories to race at the same time, in this case start groups should be separated by an interval of at least one lap.
 - Category A 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 organised for youth riders and entry is at the discretion of the organiser.

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 19-39 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/Youth 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 organise age appropriate races for junior riders who chose not to compete in the Junior Bermuda Championships. The winners of these races are not recognised as Bermuda Champions.

2025 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 & TTT 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
- In the case of TTTs, each member of the team crossing the finish line will earn points based on team placement.
- 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

2025 Calendar of Events

Please note that the dates provided below are subject to change.

Jan 1	New Years	Public Holiday
Jan 6	School In	Government Schools
Feb 10-14	Mid term break	Private Schools
Feb 17-21	Mid term break	Government Schools
Mar 6	National Mountain Bike Championships	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Mar 24 - Apr 4	School Break	Private Schools
Mar 31 - Apr 4	School Break	Government Schools
Mar 16	TTT	VT Construction
Apr 6	RR	Winners Edge
Apr 18	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Apr 20	Crit	BRCC
Apr 25	Ag Show	Private Schools/Government
Apr 25-27	Stage Race	Bermuda Bicycle Association
May 11	TT	Bermuda Junior Cycling
May 18	RR	VT Construction
May 23	Bermuda Day	Public Holiday
May 23	Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Jun 1	Crit	Winners Edge
Jun 8	TT	BRCC
Jun 15	RR	Bermuda Junior Cycling
Jun 16	National Heroes Day	Public Holiday
Jun 20	National Time Trial Championships	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Jun 23	National Road Championships	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Jun 25/26	End of school year	Private Schools/Government
Jul 31	Emancipation Day	Public Holiday
Aug 1	Mary Prince Day	Public Holiday
Sep 1	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Sep 3	School year commences	Private Schools
Sep 14	Crit	VT Construction
Sep 21	TT	Winners Edge
Sep 28	National Criterium Championships	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Oct 5	Presidents Cup	Bermuda Bicycle Association
Oct 12	RR	BRCC
Oct 20-24	Mid term break	Private Schools
Nov 2	Crit	Bermuda Junior Cycling
Nov 11	Remembrance Day	Public Holiday
Dec 17	School breaks for xmas	Private Schools
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Public Holiday
Dec 26	Boxing Day	Public Holiday

 Bermuda Public School System Academic Calendar 2024/2025 FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS	
DATES FOR TERM 1	
Tuesday, 10 September 2024	First Day for Students
Monday, 21 October 2024	Mid-Term Break Begins
Friday, 25 October 2024	Mid-Term Break Ends
Monday, 28 October, 2024	Staff and Students Return
Friday, 8 November 2024	PD Day - BPSS Staff
Monday, 11 November 2024	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Remembrance Day
Friday, 20 December 2024	Last Day of Term 1
Monday, 23 December 2024	School Vacation Begins
Friday, 3 January 2025	School Vacation Ends
DATES FOR TERM 2	
Monday, 6 January 2025	Staff and Students Return
Thursday, 30 January 2025	Senior Schools Admin Day
Friday, 31 January 2025	All Schools Admin Day
Monday, 17 February 2025	Mid-Term Break Begins
Friday, 21 February 2025	Mid-Term Break End
Monday, 24 February 2025	Staff and Students Return
Friday, 28 March 2025	Last Day of Term 2
Monday, 31 March 2025	School Holiday Begins
Friday, 4 April 2025	School Holiday Ends
DATES FOR TERM 3	
Monday, 7 April 2025	Staff and Students Return
Thursday, 17 April 2025	PD Day - BPSS Staff
Friday, 18 April 2025	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Good Friday
Friday, 25 April 2025	Annual Exhibition Day
Thursday, 22 May 2025	PD Day - BPSS Staff
Friday, 23 May 2025	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Bermuda Day
Monday, 16 June 2025	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Heroes Day
Friday, 20 June 2025	Last Day for Students - Schools Closing in June 2025 or New Signature or Parish Primary Schools Opening in September 2025
Thursday, 26 June 2025	Last Day for Students