

2026 Scottish Cycling Youth Circuit Series

Series Regulations

General

All events will be delivered in line with the British & Scottish Cycling Technical Regulations.

The Youth Series shall include:

- Youth A Female
- Youth A Open
- Youth B Female
- Youth B Open

Events within the series should also include support races for Youth C (Under 12 – riders born 2014-2015), Youth D (Under 10 – riders born 2016-2017), and Youth E (Under 8 – riders born 2018+), however a series ranking will not be collated for these categories.

Organisers may include additional support races for senior categories.

Event	Date
Round 1 – Ben Forsyth Youth Race Day	22 nd March
Round 2 – West Lothian Grand Prix	17 th May
Round 3 – Tulliallan Crit	14 th June
Round 4 – IGNITE 26	5 th September

Race Duration

The minimum duration for Youth A and Youth B races shall be 40 minutes.

The maximum length of races will not exceed British Cycling Technical Regulation R12.2.

R12.2. Circuit Races and Closed Circuit Races for Under 16's shall not exceed the following distances:

CATEGORY	SINGLE RACE	DISTANCE PER DAY IN STAGE EVENTS
Youth A	60 km	80 km
Youth B	45 km	60 km
Youth C	20 km	30 km

Practice time or sighting laps should be scheduled for each category ahead of their race.

Event Registration and Entry System

All events will be registered online with British Cycling and will use the British Cycling Event Management System. Races will be classified as Youth Only races.

All riders must have a parent or guardian with them to sign-on. Where applicable, British Cycling race licences must be presented at sign-on. Non-licenced riders must present an alternative form of identification document at sign-on.

Dispensation Process

Any riders entering with dispensation to race up a category must provide a valid dispensation card along with their race licence at sign on.

Clothing

Riders must be clothed from neck to at least mid-thigh. Jerseys must be sleeved beyond the shoulder.

Youth riders are permitted to wear any suitable clothing whilst competing, however every effort should be made to wear the kit of the primary club a rider is registered with.

Identification numbers must be securely fitted and clearly visible as per organiser instructions and not obscured or altered in any way. Identification numbers may only be folded after receiving a verbal agreement from the Chief Commissaire.

Equipment

All cycles must meet British Cycling regulation R2.1.7. “Youth Cycles” ([Handbook](#) page 143), including maximum rim depth of 40mm for Youth B, number of spokes and gear restrictions as follows.

R2.1.7.1. Riders shall be restricted to a maximum gear such that the distance covered per crank revolution is as shown in the following table:

CATEGORY	ROAD RACING
Youth A	7.18 metres
Youth B	6.73 metres
Youth C	6.34 metres
Youth D	Unrestricted
Youth E	Unrestricted

All Youth A and B riders must report to gear check prior to sign on. The first three riders and others, at random, can expect to have their gears checked at the end of the race. For support races, gear check will be carried out at the discretion of the Event Organiser and Chief Commissaire.

All riders in the Youth A and B categories must ride road bikes with dropped handlebars.

Gridding

The start of each race will be gridded according to the Scottish Cycling Youth Circuit Series standings. The first event of the year shall be gridded randomly.

Where categories are combined, they shall be gridded separately with Youth As ahead of Youth Bs. There should be no time gap between the category starts where multiple categories start together.

Laps Out

Laps out are not permitted in circuit races under British Cycling technical regulations.

Lapped riders

Riders who have been lapped must listen to instructions from the Chief Commissaire, who may withdraw lapped riders to maintain the safety and fairness of the race.

Where lapped riders are allowed to continue, they shall not give pace or shelter to riders by whom they have been lapped, or take shelter from lapping riders. In the closing laps, lapped riders may be given a whistle to indicate one lap to go until their finish, to allow the front of the race to contest the full distance unobstructed.

Rider control

Under new British Cycling technical regulations, all riders must remain in firm control of their bike, with at least one hand on the handlebars at all times. Any riders removing both hands from the handlebars during the race or to celebrate at the finish may be disqualified.

Presentations

Scottish Cycling will provide winners jerseys for the Female and Open Youth A and B series. These will be presented at the end of the last round.

Finish Line Resources

The Event Organiser should ensure a judging team of two spotters and two recorders are in place at the finish line. There will be an area for finish line resources by the start/finish line of each race. This area will be cordoned off and will not be accessible to riders or spectators.

Timing resources, to support the judging team, can be booked (subject to availability) from Scottish Cycling, however an operator must be sourced directly by the club.

Commissaires

All races will have two appropriately qualified commissaires appointed by Scottish Cycling. The Event Organiser will receive notification of this following the Scottish Cycling Commissaire Appointment Process.

Series Points

Series points will be awarded to riders in each category after each race. Points will be awarded according to the points table below.

A rider's best three performances will be used to calculate the final series standings. If a rider competes in less than three races, all their points will be calculated. If only three rounds take place, all performances will be taken into account.

In the event of a points tie in the series standings, the result shall be decided based upon finish position in the most recent event.

Scottish Cycling will collate Series points on the Monday directly following the event, subject to the results being submitted by the Event Organiser.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	35	11th	10
2nd	30	12th	9
3rd	25	13th	8
4th	23	14th	7
5th	21	15th	6
6th	19	16th	5
7th	17	17th	4
8th	15	18th	3
9th	13	19th	2
10th	11	20th	1