



2023-2024

**Youth Track Development Series
Information Bulletin**



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General Information

Ontario Cycling (OC) is proud to present the 2023-2024 Youth Track Development Series (YTDS) held at the Mattamy National Cycling Center located at 2015 Pan Am Boulevard in Milton, Ontario. The YTDS, sanctioned and governed by Ontario Cycling, consists of 4 separate racing opportunities, with different events at each one. The series is designed to optimize the development of our young athletes, through providing fun, non-traditional races. This allows the riders to focus on skills, speed, tactics, and personal bests, rather than competition and endurance. The Mattamy National Cycling Center is an indoor 250m track made of Siberian spruce and was built in 2014 for the 2015 Pan Am/Para Pan Am Games.

Registration & Pricing

- Registration for all YTDS events are open to riders 18 years of age and younger, with a minimum age of 9.
- The events are pre-registration only. Late entries will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If granted, will have an additional fee of \$50.00.
- Only Provincial Race Licenses and UCI Race Licenses are permitted. Out-of-Province riders must have a UCI License. Licenses will not be sold on event day and must be purchased in advance.
- There will be 2 types of registration:
 - A) **Series Registration** – includes YTDS #1, #2, #3, Finale
 - B) **Individual Registration** – one of YTDS #1, #2, #3, or Finale
- To participate in the YTDS Finale, an Ontario athlete must have participated in at least 1 Youth Track Development Event (either #1, #2, or #3).
- Riders must participate in all races at each YTDS event. If a rider unnecessarily withdraws from one race, they may not be allowed to continue racing for the remainder of the day.
- Individual event registrations for the YTDS #1, #2, #3 and Finale will close on the **Tuesday at 12:00pm noon** prior to the event date.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE SERIES](#)

Please note that although you may have registered in a specific category, you may be moved to a different category depending on the field and other participants who register. You will be notified via email of this change.



Track YTDS Series Schedule

YTDS Event/Date	Races	Time (approximate)
YTDS #1 December 9	Kilo (Para) 500m TT Scratch Chariot Individual Pursuit (Para) Snowball	11:30am-5:30pm
YTDS #2 January 13	Flying 200 (Para) Tempo Snowball Keirin Kilo (Para) Points Longest Lap	11:30am-5:30pm
YTDS #3 February 24	Kilo (Para) Chariot Scratch Snowball Individual Pursuit (Para) Tempo Longest Lap	11:30am-5:30pm
YTDS Finale February 25	Flying 200 (Para) 500m TT Scratch Kilo (Para) Keirin Points Individual Pursuit (Para)	*1:00-6:00pm

*A more detailed schedule and additional information will be posted in the Tech Guide closer to the event date



Series Registration Fees and Dates

(includes YTDS #1, #2, #3 and Finale)

**closes before Individual registration opens due to track capacity*

Events	Type	Registration Timeline	Categories A-E	Para Category
YTDS #1, #2, #3, Finale	Ontario Resident	Oct. 10 @ 9am – Nov. 5 @ 11:59pm	\$200 for entire series	\$120 for entire series (Para)
YTDS #1, #2, #3, Finale	Out-Of-Province Rider	Oct. 16 @ 9am – Nov. 5 @ 11:59pm	(\$50/YTDS event)	(\$30/YTDS event)

Individual Event Registration Fees and Dates

(single YTDS event: either YTDS #1 or #2 or #3 or Finale)

Event	Type	Registration Timeline	Categories A-E	Para Category
YTDS #1	Ontario Resident	Nov. 6 @ noon – Dec. 5 @ noon	\$55	\$35
	Out-Of-Province	Nov. 13 @ noon – Dec. 5 @ noon		
YTDS #2	Ontario Resident	Dec. 11 @ 9am – Jan. 9 @ noon	\$55	\$35
	Out-Of-Province	Dec. 18 @ 9am – Dec. 9 @ noon		
YTDS #3	Ontario Resident	Jan. 22 @ 9am – Feb. 20 @ noon	\$55	\$35
	Out-Of-Province	Jan. 29 @ 9am – Feb. 20 @ noon		
*YTDS Finale	Ontario Resident	Jan. 22 @ 9am – Feb. 20 @ noon	\$55	\$35
	Out-Of-Province	Jan. 29 @ 9am – Feb. 20 @ noon		

**Please note, in order to participate in the YTDS Finale, you must have participated in at least one of the YTDS #1, #2, or #3.*



Refund/Transfer Policy

- A rider must withdraw prior to the registration closing to be eligible to receive a refund. Once the registration period has ended, refunds are no longer available.
- All refunds are subject to a non-refundable processing fee (variable based on transaction value) plus a CCN refund administration fee.
- If an athlete withdraws from an event on race day, they are not eligible for a refund and the rider must inform the President of the Commissaire Panel of their withdrawal. Failure to notify the President may result in a fine.
- OC reserves the right to issue refunds in other rare and exceptional cases. Injury, loss/change of employment, or a move away from town such that the participant can no longer attend, will not be considered.

Eligibility and Ability-Based Categories

- All participating athletes must be MNCC certified through NCIM. However, if an athlete has previous experience training and racing at another velodrome, they are eligible to take the Race-Ready Assessment through NCIM. Race Ready Assessments are offered the morning prior to YTDS events, during a Drop-In Session. If the Race-Ready Assessment is successfully completed, the athlete will receive their MNCC certification.
- For more information about the [Race-Ready Assessment and how to register](#).
- Athletes who have raced at NCIM/FCV-sanctioned race nights should consult with their coach to determine the category that best suits their abilities. The onus will be on the athlete's coach to make this determination.
- Any athlete that does not have a coach but has raced NCIM/FCV races should contact OC to determine their race category.
 - Assessments of track competencies include:
 - Ability to ride safely and confidently in a pack
 - Ability to move up and down the track (ie. Above the blue line)
 - Exhibits spatial awareness (ie. Shoulder checks)
- YTDS are run using ability-based categories. The ability-based format allows athletes to self-seed from Categories A to E, based on their ability and experience level, not gender and age. The ability-based format is designed to provide meaningful competition for all riders and to help ensure appropriate participation numbers for quality racing.



- YTDS #1 features the 500m time trial, which will be used to verify the categories of the riders. Adjustments may be made to rider placements after the first bunch race if there are any discrepancies.

Category Selection Guidelines

The guidelines and different ability-based categories are in place to help ensure that athletes will be racing with other athletes of the same caliber and ability level. Please contact OC if you have any questions.

Category	Suggested Seeding
A Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Men competitive within the OCup Series • Junior Men generally in the top third of the field at National Championships • U17 Men finishing at the top at Provincial or National Championships • Category Capacity = 24 riders
B Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Women competitive within the OCup Series • U17 Men finishing middle of the pack at Provincial Championship • U17 Women in the top third of the field at Provincial and National Championships • U15 Men competitive at U17 National Championships • Category Capacity = 24 riders
C Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U17 Women finishing in the pack at Provincial and National Championships • U15 Men finishing in the pack at Provincial Championships • U13 Men/Women with advanced skill and physical maturity • Category Capacity = 24 riders
D Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13 Women with race experience and/or advanced physical strength • U11 Men with race experience and/or advanced physical strength • Category Capacity = 24 riders
E Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13 Women • U11 Men/Women • Category Capacity = 24 riders



Gear Restrictions

Category	Gear Restrictions
A Grade	7.93m
B Grade	7.12m
C Grade	6.71m
D Grade	6.71m
E Grade	6.71m

Timing *NEW*

New for this year, timing for the 2023-24 YTDS will be provided by www.racetiming.ca. All riders' names will be displayed on the big screen and photo finish will be available. All start lists and results will be available on the website.

Race Descriptions

Race	Description	Cat.	# of Laps
Individual Pursuit	An individual timed event where 2 riders begin from a stationary position on opposite sides of the track.	Para	16
Flying 200m	An individual timed event where the rider has 2 laps to reach their maximum speed before reaching their last 200m.	Para	3
Kilo	An individual timed event where two riders are up on the track at the same time (one on the back straight and one on home) and are held by a neutral holder. Rider's race 1km. Manual timing will be used.	Para	4
500m Time Trial	A 500-meter standing start timed event. Two riders will start on opposite sides of the track at the same time, with a held start and countdown.	A-E	2



Chariot Race	Seeding of riders is determined by results from the 500m Time Trial. Riders begin on the rail with a rolling start into a single neutral lap. Riders will sprint for 1.5 laps when they hear the whistle. The first rider across the finish line is the winner. Every rider will get a second race in a final (there will be consolation races based on where each rider finishes).	A-E	1.5
Keirin	Athletes start together, positioned behind the motorbike. The motorbike paces the riders for 2 laps before leaving the track. Athletes then race for the remaining set of laps.	A	6 (3)
		B	4 (2)
		C	4 (2)
		D	3 (2)
		E	3 (2)
Scratch Race	Riders begin the race together after a single lap neutral start. Objective is to be first over the finish line after a certain number of laps.	A	24
		B	20
		C	16
		D	12
		E	8
Tempo Race	Riders begin the race together after a single lap neutral start. 1 point is awarded to the first rider of each lap from the second lap to the last lap. Double points will not be awarded for the last sprint and points will not be awarded for lapping the field. The winner of the race will have the most points at the end of the race.	A	30
		B	20
		C	20
		D	12
		E	12
Points Race	Riders begin the race together after a neutral start. 5, 3, 2, and 1 point(s) are awarded to the top four finishers of each sprint. Sprint laps are denoted in brackets beside the total number of laps. Double points will not be awarded for the last sprint and points will not be awarded for lapping the field. The winner of the race will have the most points at the end of the race.	A	40 (10)
		B	30 (5)
		C	20 (5)
		D	16 (4)
		E	12 (3)



Snowball	Points are awarded to the winner of every lap, increasing in value. (ie. First lap = 1 point, Second lap = 2 points, Third lap = 3 points and so on). The final placing of riders is determined by their total accumulated points. For riders without accumulated points, placing will follow riders with points and is determined by finishing order.	A	24
		B	20
		C	16
		D	12
		E	8
Longest Lap	Athletes begin by slowly rolling up onto the track on the home straight. They remain there for an undisclosed amount of time, attempting to track stand or roll as slowly as possible while maintaining balance. Once the Commissaire blows the whistle, a one lap race ensues. The first rider to complete the lap wins.	A-E	1



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