

2024 Youth Road Development Series Information Bulletin

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General Information

Ontario Cycling (OC) is proud to present the 2024 Youth Road Development Series (YRDS) which will kick into high gear on June 8th with a double header weekend. The YRDS, sanctioned and governed by Ontario Cycling, consists of two separate racing opportunities include YRDS#1 – Ontario Police College and YRDS #2 – Stonetown Heritage Crit. The YRDS is designed to provide high quality racing opportunities for our youth in a safe and controlled way. Other racing opportunities for youth to participate in for the 2024 season is OCup #3 – Harrisburg Classic Road Race and the London Ontario Summer Games.

2024 Youth Road Development Series Schedule

OCup/Date	Time (approximate)
Youth Road Event #1 – Ontario Police College June 8 th 2024	9:00am-3:00pm
Youth Road Event #2 – Stonetown Heritage Crit July 14 th 2024	9:00am-3:00pm

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

YRDS #1 – Ontario Police College

YRDS #1 will be held at the Ontario Police College. The course consists of a relatively technical 1.6km flat circuit on the Police Vehicle Operations Course. There are approximately 8 corners, and the width of the course varies, combining a wide start/finish straight with some narrow corners. YRDS #1 will include Individual Time Trial, Skill Sessions and a Criterium.

[Register Here](#)

YRDS #2 – Stonetown Heritage Crit

Join us in St. Marys during their Harvest Festival which celebrates the cultures, stories and histories that shape the past and present of St. Marys. The festival features family-friendly activities, diverse food options, vendor markets live music and much more.

The course consists of a relatively flat 700m circuit with two tight corners. The start/finish line is located in the straightway on the west side of the Milt Dunnell Park. Youth Road Development Series #2 will consist of a Time Trial, Chariot race and a Criterium.

[Register Here](#)

Other 2024 Road Opportunities for Youth

OCup/Date	Time (approximate)
OCup #3 – Harrisburg Classic Road Race	8:00am-5:00pm
London Ontario Summer Games	August 1 st – Athlete Arrival August 2 nd – Hill Climb and Criterium August 3 rd – Individual Time Trial and Road Race
Road Provincial Championships	8:00am-5:00pm

**Please note that OCup #3, Ontario Summer Games, and Road Provincial Championships are only open to youth riders in the U15 category or older*

OCup #3 – Harrisburg Classic Road Race

The highly anticipated Harrisburg Classic Road Race is back on the calendar for 2024. A Belgian-style Kermesse, ideally situated in Southwestern Ontario, the course is just over 15km in length with 114 meters of climbing per lap. The roads themselves will have you thinking you're riding through the European countryside as you twist and turn through Brant County.

The Harrisburg Classic Road Race is open to youth riders in the U15 age category only. There will be no youth upgrades granted for this event. U15 riders must ride in the U15 category.

View the Harrisburg course [here](#).

[Register Here](#)

Ontario Summer Games

The Ontario Summer Games is a provincial multi-sport game involving 18 sports and over 3,500 participants. We are excited that Road Cycling will make its return to the Games along with the inclusion of Para-Cycling. Participation is open to athletes 13-17 (males), 13-18 (female) and Para athletes (open age) to compete in the multiple race events including Time Trial, Hill Climb, Criterium and Road Racing.

Registration for the Ontario Summer Games is coming soon.

Road Provincial Championship

To wrap up the 2024 Youth Road Events, U15 riders who have participated in either Ontario Summer Games or OCup #3 – Harrisburg Classic Road Race will be eligible to compete in the Road Provincial Championship. There will be no upgrades granted at Provincials and no exemptions will be approved for riders who have not competed in either the Ontario Summer Games or Harrisburg Classic Road Race.

Details on the course specifics will be released shortly.

[Register Here](#)

Registration & Pricing

- Registration for all YRDS is open to riders 8-15 years of age.
- Registration for OCup #3, Ontario Summer Games and Road Provincials is only open to riders in the U15 age category.
- The event is pre-registration only. No day of registration will be accepted.
- Only 2024 Challenge/Compete/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.
- Registration for each event will close on the Wednesday at 11:59pm before the event.
- If the Wednesday at 11:59pm registration deadlines passes and a rider would still like to register, they have until Thursday at 5:00pm to contact the Ontario Cycling office for registration to be re-opened and will be charged a \$50 late entry fee.
- To participate in the 2024 Road Provincial Championships riders must have participated in either the Ontario Summer Games or OCup #3 -Harrisburg Classic Road Race and must be a U15 rider.
- Youth Road Event categories will be an open ability-based format where athletes will self-seed themselves from Categories A-E based on their ability and experience level.
 - The ability-based format is designed to provide meaningful competition for all riders and help ensure appropriate participant number of quality racing.

Youth Road Event Registration		
Event	Registration Timeline	Link
Youth Road Event #1 – June 8 th	April 30 th @ noon – June 5 th @ 11:59pm 42.50+HST	Register Here
OCup #3 June 9 th	March 18 th @ noon – June 5 th @11:59pm 60\$ +HST	Register Here
Youth Road Event #2 – July 14 th	April 30 th @ noon – July 11 th @ 11:59pm 42.50\$ +HST	Register Here
Ontario Summer Games – August 1 st -3 rd	May 1 st @ noon – June 28 th @ 11:59pm Cost TBC	Registration coming soon
Road provincial Championships - September 1 st	March 18 th @ noon – August 27 th @ 11:59pm 60\$+ HST	Registration Link

**All riders are required to register in the age category listed on their license. Provincials will be following the national age categories.*

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 for exceptional cases. Reasons such as injury, loss/change of employment, or relocation such that the participant can no longer attend, will be considered.

Race Fines

Any rider who is issued a fine from a commissaire will be notified upon completion of their race either by the PCP or an Ontario Cycling staff member. Any riders who are issued a fine will have 30 minutes from when the fine is issued to contest the fine, they have received. After 30 minutes the fine will be issued and riders will have to pay the fine following the completion of the event.

Event Categories & Distances

Youth Road Event categories are an open ability-based format where athletes will self-seed themselves. The ability-based component of categories is designed to provide meaningful competition for all riders and help ensure appropriate participant numbers for quality racing. The chart below gives riders an idea of how to self-seed themselves using the new categories for the 2024 road season.

Categories	Challenge Membership	Compete Membership	UCI License
A Grade	X	X	X
B Grade	X	X	X
C Grade	X	X	X
D Grade	X	X	X
E Grade	X	X	X

Provincial categories are age based where athletes race in categories based on their age as of December 31st, 2024. The age-based categories are designed to allow riders to race against those within the same age category.

Category	Age Range	CHALLENGE Membership	COMPETE Membership	UCI License
*Para (Handcycle & Trike)	15+		X	X
*Para (Tandem and "C" Class)	15+		X	X
U15 (Men and Women)	13-14		X	X
U19 Women	15-18		X	X
U23 Women	19-22		X	X
**Elite Women	23+		X	X
Master A Women	35-44		X	X
Master B Women	45-54		X	X
Master C Women	55-64		X	X
Master D Women	65+		X	X
U19 Men	15-18		X	X
U23 Men	19-22		X	X
**Elite Men	23+		X	X
Master A Men/Open	35-44		X	X
Master B Men/Open	45-54		X	X
Master C Men/Open	55-64		X	X
Master D Men/Open	65+		X	X
Cat C (Non-Championship)	15+	X	X	X
Cat D (Non-Championship)	15+	X	X	X
Cat B Women (Non-Championship)	15+	X	X	X

Any questions regarding the format of either Youth Road Events, OCup, Ontario Summer Games or Provincial Championships can be directed to the OC Events Team at events.team@ontariocycling.org

YRDS Categories and Distances

Category	Approx. Crit Distance	Approx. Time Trial Distance
Grade A	30-36km	4-5km
Grade B	25-30km	4-5km
Grade C	22-25km	2-3km
Grade D	12-16km	2-3km
Grade E	12-16km	1-2km

**Categories may be combined based on registration numbers. The information on final categories will be published in the most recent version of the Tech Guide prior to the event.*

Ontario Cycling OCup and Road Race Provincial Championships Event Categories & Distances

Category	Age Range	Distance
U15 (men and women)	13-14	TBC

Category Upgrade Process for YRDS

New for 2024

There is no upgrade process as the categories are ability based and it is self-seeding. Riders can place themselves in the category that would be best fit their development. Riders may have the option to change categories from one YRDS to another if they feel the category they are registered for is not challenging enough for them.

There will be no youth upgrades for the 2024 OCup Road Season. Riders who are in the U15 category may not race at OCup #2 and OCup #4. Any U15 rider wishing to participate in OCup #3 may register in the U15 category only.

For Road Provincial Championship there will be no upgrades all riders must race their national age as well as competed in the Ontario Summer Games or OCup #3 in order to qualify for Road Provincial Championship.

Awards

- Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) finishers in each category.
- Should categories be combined because of low participation numbers, results will be broken out for awards. Awards will be awarded based on the results of each category separated.
- Riders must attend the awards ceremonies or risk forfeiting their awards.
- Podium protocol shall be enforced, and fines issued to those who fail to comply. Riders must wear their competition uniform for medal presentations. Hats and/or eyewear are prohibited.
- Medal presentations will take place following the conclusion of each race.