



2005 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP – MOUNTAIN BIKING
Melbourne University Cycling Club and Melbourne University Sport
Tuesday 6th December – Saturday 10th December
CIRCULAR ONE

Melbourne University Cycling Club and Melbourne University Sport have the great pleasure of inviting university students throughout Australia to participate in the 2005 Australian University Championship – Mountain Biking.

The 2005 Australian University Championship – Mountain Biking is being held in conjunction with Fat Tyre Flyers MTB Club, and the Cross Country discipline will be part of the MTBA National Round Series.

This is a sanctioned Australian University Sport Championship. To register your interest to compete in the 2005 Australian University Championship – Mountain Biking, please complete the attached form and send to the contact details provided.

ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS

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Championship Convenor:

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COMPETITION DATES AND VENUE

Date: Tuesday 6th December – Saturday 10th December

Venue One: **Eildon Mountain Bike Course** (Tue 6th December – Thu 8th December)

Disciplines: **Downhill and Quad-compressor**

- The course is located in the heart of the township of Eildon and has been the course for a number of National and Oceania Championships. The first official MTB event conducted on this site was the 2000 Australian University Championship – Mountain Biking.

Venue Two: **State Mountain Bike Course – Lysterfield** (Fri 9th – Sat 10th December)

Disciplines: **Cross Country and Dirt Criterium**

- This world-class MTB course located at Lysterfield Park in the foothills of the spectacular Dandenong Ranges, south-east of Melbourne, is the official course of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Classes to be contested:

- Cross Country (Open Men (Expert) & Sport Men, Open Women)
- Dirt Criterium (Open Men (Expert) & Sport Men, Open Women)
- Downhill (Open Men (Expert) & Sport Men, Open Women)
- Quad Compressor (Open Men (Expert) & Sport Men, Open Women)

The 2005 Australian University Championship – Mountain Biking will be conducted in accordance with the competition rules of the Australian Cycling Federation and the AUS Sports Specific Rules.

The AUS Mountain Biking Rules* are available on the AUS website www.unisport.com.au.

*To be reviewed pending feedback and review.

With some University students expected to compete in the Pro/Elite race (Sun 11th December) a Commonwealth Games Selection Race, Australian University Sport are currently considering the option of including an Elite Category (cross country only) into the University Mountain Biking program.

ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be current university students of an AUS member university. To confirm eligibility "spot –checks" will be conducted during competition to ensure that persons participating in the event are listed on the eligibility certificates of their university.

ENTRY FEES (GST inclusive)

Option A: \$100 for four disciplines (DH, QC, DC and XC)

Option B: \$45 for DC and XC only

MTBA licence information and costs will be confirmed in Circular 2.

Payment of this entry fee will be invoiced to University Sport departments/associations by Melbourne University Sport.

Late Entries are at the discretion of the Host Organiser and a Late Fee of \$11 GST inclusive will apply.

The AUS Participant Levy of \$2.75 per participant (GST inclusive) for Championships will be invoiced by AUS directly to universities after the close of entries.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

In order for organisers to plan for the Championship as effectively as possible, please complete the attached "Expression of Interest to Compete" form and return it to Rod Warnecke via F: 03 8344 5583 or E: rod.warnecke@unimelb.edu.au by Monday 7th November.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL DETAILS

It is the responsibility of universities and/or their students to organise their accommodation and transport arrangements. Australian University Sport has a partnership with Sport Moves who are

keen to assist any University teams travelling to Melbourne in regards to their accommodation and transport.

SPORT MOVES

Consultant: Diana Schroder
Email: diana@movestravel.com.au
Telephone: 02 3839 3422
Facsimile: 07 3839 8533

Melbourne University Sport recommends that universities use the following accommodation venues which are located in very close proximity to the venues:

Eildon: Blue Gums Caravan Park **746 Back Eildon Rd, Eildon VIC 3713**
P: 03 5774 2567
E: info@bluegums.com.au

Eildon Caravan Park Eildon Rd, Eildon VIC 3713
P: 03 5774 2105
E: eildoncp@netspace.net.au

Lysterfield: To be advised

TROPHIES AND MEDALS

The Overall University Champion of the 2005 Australian University Championship - Mountain Biking will be presented with a pennant. The Overall Individual Male and Female Champions will be awarded a Green & Gold medal.

Previous AUC Mountain Biking Champions:
2001 - The University of Melbourne
2003 - Flinders University of South Australia

The first three places in each final will be presented with medals (Gold, Silver & Bronze respectively).

GREEN AND GOLD SELECTION

Each participant in an Australian University Sport sanctioned Championship is eligible for Green and Gold selection.

An Australian University Sport "Green and Gold" award recognises and rewards individuals for outstanding sporting performance at an AUS event. "Green and Gold" teams are selected in accordance with AUS approved sport specific selection criteria and processes and are awarded Medals.

This team is a "paper" team and is NOT automatic selection in a representative fixture or an AUS endorsed tour.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday 7 th November | Return of Expression of Interest Form |
| Monday 24 th October | Circular Two & Entry Forms |
| Friday 25 th November | Entries Close |
| Tue 6 th - Sat 10 th Dec | Social Program Dates (more details in Circular Two) |
| Tuesday 6 th December: | Team Managers Meeting |
| Saturday 10 th December: | Team Managers Evaluation Meeting |