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## Road / Track Cycling – Summary of Rules

The Inter-Regional Road Championship and one-day Track event shall be held under the Technical Regulations of British Cycling. Unless otherwise stated below, the conduct of each event shall be the same as that for the National Championships.

The following information is a summary of the key details of each event. In the case of any ambiguity or other dispute requiring interpretation of the rules, the decision of the Chief Commissaire, taken in conjunction with the Organiser, shall be final.

### **General information**

- There shall be separate boys and girls events for each of the races listed below.
- There shall be no restriction on how many events any given rider may enter, and the programme shall be arranged such that every rider may enter every event.
- The winners of each event shall be entitled to call themselves the 2012 School Champions. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded for each event as listed below.

### **Equipment**

- All riders, regardless of the racing licence they hold, shall conform to 'Youth A' equipment regulations.
- Riders are only permitted to use one road bike and one track bike at the event. On the road, wheels must have a minimum of 16 spokes - Disk wheels and Tri-bars are not permitted in any of the events.
- Aero helmets are permitted, but must conform to the safety standards in the Technical Regulations.

### **Road Events**

- Street Sprint – Held over approx 200m. Riders contest heats, semis then major / minor finals.
- Road Race – Held over approx 40-60km.
- Crit Eliminator – Held over approx 5 minutes. Riders contest heats, semis then major / minor finals.
- Team Time Trial – Held over approx 5km.

Note that the Street Sprint and Crit Eliminator are knock-out events. Each rider however will contest every round with winners progressing towards major finals, losers progressing towards minor finals.

### **Inter-Regional Road Championships**

- The Inter-Regional Road Championship shall be awarded to the best performing region / nation overall.
- The winner shall be determined on a "Team Omnium" basis with the complete rankings from all 8 medal events on the road counting towards the regions / nations total.
  - For each individual event, the points scored shall be the total of the positions of the highest placed three riders on their team (1 point for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> etc).
  - For the team time trial, the points scored shall be three times the teams position (i.e. 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 6 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> etc).



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- If a rider does not finish a race, they shall be placed behind all those that do. If there are multiple riders who fail to finish, they shall be placed in the reverse order in which they withdraw from racing.
- If a team is unable to put forward a rider / team to take the start for any given event, they shall be awarded a placing five greater than the number of riders / teams who do start (i.e. it is significantly better to field a rider / team and come last, than not compete at all).
- The lowest total wins. If there is a tie, the winner shall be the team placing higher in the final event. If there is still a tie, the winner shall be the team placing higher in the penultimate event and so on.

#### Track Events

There will be a range of track events contested on the final day of racing – the full event programme will be announced in due course. The emphasis of these however will be just to give the riders the opportunity to race in the Olympic Velodrome; in particular, the events do not form part of either the Inter-Regional Road Championship or the Inter-Regional Track Championship.