



***National Series***

# U23 OPEN NATIONAL ROAD SERIES

**2026 SERIES REGULATIONS**



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## INTRODUCTION

The National U23 Open Road Series exists to support the development and progression of ambitious young riders aged 19-22yrs.

Taking place at locations across the UK, events in the series offer riders the opportunity to experience road racing over a variety of terrains.

British Cycling Technical Regulations apply to all events. In addition to the Technical Regulations, the following series regulations apply to all British Cycling U23 Open Road Series.

## **ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

Open U23 Road Series events shall be open to Elite, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Category U23 riders holding a Full Racing Licence. 4<sup>th</sup> Category U23 riders are NOT eligible to compete in the Open U23 National Series. Foreign nationals aged U23 holding recognised UCI competition licences may also participate in events within the Open U23 Road Series and take any series points and prizes earned.

All entries shall be taken by the British Cycling Online Event Management System. Entries to the event must remain open with all entries left as Pending until the published closing date. The closing date should normally be set at three weeks prior to the event unless by specific arrangement otherwise.

Final classification will be by individual rider only, the series will not have a team classification. Maximum team representation will be limited to 6 riders per team and team substitutions strictly prohibited – any rider withdrawing or failing to start may NOT be replaced by another rider from the same team. Should an event not be oversubscribed at the closing date, entries can be re-opened and the maximum team size extended to 8 riders.

Where events are oversubscribed, a reserve list may be established. The number of places on the reserve list shall not exceed 15% of the maximum declared field size.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection criteria to be used shall be made using the following prioritisation schedule:

1. Current National U23 Road Race Champion
2. Last year's winner of the event (if applicable)
3. Riders ranked in the top 20 of the current Open U23 Road Series standings
4. Riders ranked in the top 10 of the Open U23 Road Series of the previous year
5. Foreign Teams – up to a maximum of three teams as per UCI regulation
6. Entrants taken in order of preference based on their category and position in the BC National rankings

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

Organisers must supply details of the planned event schedule to BC HQ for approval before publishing. The schedule should include detail on race start times, length of races and (for multi-day events) the order and type of races.

## RACE DISTANCE

Race distances for National Series races will be as follows:

| Single day races      |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Minimum Race Distance | 100km |
| Maximum Race Distance | 150km |

| Multi day/Stage races          |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Maximum average daily distance | 120km |
| Maximum distance per stage     | 120km |
| Maximum distance per ITT stage | 30km  |
| Maximum distance per TTT       | 40km  |

## INDIVIDUAL SERIES CLASSIFICATION

Single day races and overall classifications in stage races shall be awarded points as below

|          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Position | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Points   | 30 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  |

Riders will not receive series classification points for individual stages within a stage race.

## OVERALL

The overall standings shall be determined by the total achieved by each rider, with the best four of five rounds to count. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided based on countback of the number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc.

## **COMMISSAIRES AND OFFICIALS**

British Cycling shall appoint the following officials to each event respectively.

- Chief Commissaire
- Commissaire 2
- Commissaire 3
- Moto Commissaire

## **JUDGES & TIME KEEPERS**

A minimum of three judges (one of whom may also be the timekeeper) shall be deployed at the finish by the event organisation.

One shall be nominated the Chief Judge who shall be responsible for working with the organisation, results service and in liaison with the Chief Commissaire to ensure a full accurate result is produced in a timely fashion following the end of the race.

## RACE VEHICLES

Organisers must provide the following minimum race vehicles:

- a) Two lead cars
- b) Two neutral service cars
- c) Three commissaire cars
- d) One broom vehicle where appropriate

Drivers of all vehicles should be familiar with the British Cycling Convoy Craft Guidelines which can be found [here](#)

Insurance stipulations require the Event Organiser to notify BC HQ of the make, model and registration plate of all Officials event vehicles in the convoy before the start of the race using the Vehicle Insurance Form available for download from the British Cycling website.

Please note that the above insurance provision only applies to British Cycling Members driving the vehicle for which they are normally insured to drive. For any vehicles hired or supplied by an event sponsor the insurance of those vehicles and drivers must be provided by the event organisation and/or the vehicle supplier. NEG Motos must also be detailed on the Vehicle Registration Form.

## VEHICLES COMMUNICATION

All vehicles within the race convoy must be fitted with a radio system. Team vehicles must provide their own radio equipment. Guidance on the recommended radio communication system can be found on the BC website [here](#).

Team Managers are reminded that communication via radio is strictly prohibited and that radio tour is a "listen only" facility.

## CONVOY ORDER

Team car order shall be determined by a draw conducted at the team managers meeting in advance of the event.

Additional regulations in relation to team cars are as follows:

- a) No team with fewer than three riders signed on and starting is entitled to a support vehicle in the race convoy.
- b) In stage races after the first stage convoy order will be dictated by rider general classification.
- c) Teams not represented at the Team Manager's meeting will not be eligible to take their place in the convoy
- d) Only Team vehicles driven by a Team Manager with a current valid BC Team Manager's licence may be part of the race convoy.
- e) Any Team vehicle driven in the convoy must be appropriately insured.
- f) The maximum permitted height of team vehicles within the races convoy is 1.66m.

## **TEAM MANAGERS MEETING**

Organisers are required to arrange for a Team Managers meeting in advance of the race, in order that the Event Organiser and Chief Commissaire can brief all Team Managers.

## **DOPING CONTROL**

Organisers are advised that a doping control may be carried out and arrangements should be made for a doping control station to be available. The doping control station should be positioned as close as possible to the race finish. There should be separate administrative and waiting areas equipped with tables and seating. An adjacent toilet is required for the sole use of the doping control.

Particularly important is the security of the station and the privacy afforded to the competitors. The doping control station may need to remain open for up to three hours following the finish of the race. A supply of non-alcoholic drinks in sealed containers must be available for the riders. Event organisers should make preparations to provide this facility in all cases as notice that a control will take place may only be received by the organiser shortly before the event. No prior announcement should be given that there is to be a control at the event.

## NATIONAL U23 OPEN SERIES DATES 2026

| Date       | Event Name   | Region        |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 29/03/2026 | PB Performance Espoirs Road Race                                 | East Midlands |
| 19/04/2026 | Doncaster Wheelers 100th Anniversary Danum Trophy Road Race 2026 | Yorkshire     |
| 14/06/2026 | Stourbridge CC U23 Road Race                                     | West Midlands |
| 02/08/2026 | Yorkshire U23 Classic  | Yorkshire     |
| 06/09/2026 | Chas Messenger Trophy  | Central       |

## ROAD RACE ORGANISERS GUIDE

For further information regarding event organisation and delivery please review the British Cycling Road Race organisers guide, this document is available for to download via the British Cycling website - [www.britishcycling.org.uk/roadeventorganisersupport](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/roadeventorganisersupport) under the event resources tab.

## BRANDING, MARKETING RIGHTS & COMMUNICATIONS

The British Cycling National Series brand guidelines document, available for download here - [www.britishcycling.org.uk/roadeventorganisersupport](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/roadeventorganisersupport) under the event resources tab.

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