



2009 NATIONAL PREMIER CALENDAR ROAD RACE SERIES REGULATIONS

**Incorporating the 2009 BC National
Under-23 Road Race Series**

***PREMIER*CALENDAR
ELITE ROAD RACING**

OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the National Premier Calendar road race series are:

- To provide a calendar of Road Race promotions for the general public and the media
- To raise the standard of competition amongst the top level British Road Cyclists
- To provide a showcase for cycle sport

REGULATIONS

The following regulations must be adhered to when staging a National Premier Calendar Road Race event:

1 Entry criteria

All events shall be open to elite, first and second category senior licence holders. Foreign nationals holding UCI recognised overseas competition licences may also participate in events within the Premier Calendar, take any series points earned but will not qualify for any overall awards.

2 Selection criteria

The selection criteria to be used for each event shall be made using the following prioritisation schedule; A maximum of 8 riders per team/key sponsor shall be permitted.

- 2008 winner of the event
- National teams
- Current National Champion plus the top ten riders in the current National Premier Calendar standings at the close of entries
- UCI registered teams
- Any special 'wild card' entries specified by the event organiser
- Regional teams of four or more riders
- All other riders who have scored Premier Calendar points at the close of entries, preference in selection shall be made in order of those points so far attained
- All other entries with a current ability category, current licence points attained in the current season as at the close of entries will determine the order for such a selection.

3 Race distance

Courses for Premier Calendar races shall have a minimum distance of 130kms and a maximum of 180km on less demanding courses.

4 Prizes

The public race programme may include details of the prize values. The information about prizes must be advised to all competitors along with other rider information, this may be in provided separate documentation if desired.

The main prize listed shall be a minimum of £2,000. Prize money will be paid to riders placed 1st to 20th and will be in accordance with the following recommended schedule:

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th-14th	15th-17th	18th-20th
% of total prize money	20%	15%	12%	8.5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%	1%

Allowances should be made within the prize money allocated to make separate awards for the top placed U23 riders.

With the exception of any possible National Series leader clothing organisers are discouraged from presenting jerseys to the winners of single day races on the podium.

5 Commissaire appointment

British Cycling shall appoint the Chief Commissaire and two Assistant Commissaires. In addition a further Motor Cycle Commissaire may be appointed centrally. Every effort will be made to obtain suitable officials who live within reasonable travel distance of the event.

The fee and payment schedule for **BCHQ appointed officials** working on National A, non-UCI International events are as follows;

Chief Commissaire: £30 per day plus 25p per mile travelling expenses

Assistant Commissaires: £20 per day plus 25p per mile travelling expenses

For UCI International events please refer to the 2009 BC Technical Regulation 16.13.1

6 Event registration

The HQ registration fee for each event shall be £100.00 per day of racing. All applicants must pay this fee when submitting their event registration form to their Region. The registration fee payable by commercial organisations and for events involving full television coverage shall be fixed by the BC Executive Board.

7 Event permit

Event permits will be issued by BCHQ under the conditions laid down in 2009 Technical Regulation 15.2.

8 Event documentation

The event organiser shall send four copies of the race programme and riders instructions to BCHQ at least seven days prior to the event. Immediately after the event being held a full result sheet must be forwarded to BCHQ by fax (0161 274 2019) or email (results@britishcycling.org.uk). This is in addition to the result card as submitted by the Chief Commissaire.

9 Race vehicles

Organisers must provide the following minimum race vehicles:

- a. Two lead cars
- b. Three neutral service cars
- c. One press car
- d. Three commissaires cars
- e. One broom vehicle where appropriate
- f. One motorcycle commissaire (and driver where necessary). Please refer to Item 5 above –

The Race Organisation shall cover the cost of the supply of a motorcycle and pilot as drawn from the BC National Escort Group list. This person will pilot the appointed British Cycling website staff member on their race. The arrangements with regard to the employment of this person shall be subject to agreement between BCHQ and the Race Organisation.

To cater for local conditions there may be very slight variations on these provisions provided the principles of the above are adhered to and the safety of the riders remains paramount.

All vehicles, including service cars, must be appropriately identified by signage which is clearly visible.

Any vehicle supplied for use by Race Officials within the race convoy or to be used for neutral service shall not be, or be of similar nature to, a Monospace, Minibus, Van or larger. The maximum height shall be 1.6 metres. The position in the race convoy of such vehicles as used for other purposes shall be determined by the Chief Commissaire.

It is RECOMMENDED that a hospitality vehicle should be used for guests whenever possible.

All vehicles in the race convoy must be linked by CB radio or other system equal or superior in range or performance (e.g. licensed private circuit FM), with a minimum of 4 watts output per set. PMR short range radios are not an acceptable alternative.

The rules for the vehicles drawn for any non-International Premier Calendar event shall be as follows;

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| Draw 1 | National and UCI Registered Trade Teams |
| Draw 2 | Those Teams with Riders signing on who are listed in the top ten in the current Premier Calendar ranking |
| Draw 3 | Other Teams subject to additional convoy places being available. |

Additional regulations in relation to event vehicles are as follows;

- a) No Team with less than three riders having signed on is entitled to a support vehicle in the race convoy with the exception that the Chief Commissaire may add further Team vehicles to draw 3 where there is room to do so and he feels it is in the best interests of the race, Premier Calendar competition or riders
- b) In stage races the above only applies to the first stage subsequent to which convoy order will be dictated by rider general classification
- c) Those Teams not represented at the Team Manager's meeting will not be included in the first round of draws but will be subject to a further draw for vehicles placed in the convoy behind those having taken part in the first round draws.
- d) For the purpose of this exercise Teams officially representing the SCU and WCU will be considered National Teams.

- e) Only Team support vehicles carrying a Team Manager who can present a current valid BC Team Manager's licence may be part of the race convoy.

10 Team Managers' meeting

Organisers are required to arrange for a Team Managers meeting to be called 45 minutes prior to the start. This is necessary to ensure that the Chief Commissaire may advise all Teams, individual riders and officials of relevant items and so that any draw for service car order can take place.

11 Vehicle communication

A compatible and reliable radio system and separate public address equipment must be fitted to cars being used by the Commissaires during the race. Similar radio links should be provided to all other vehicles in the race convoy except for Team service vehicles which must provide their own. All radios must have a reception radius of at least three miles.

12 Public address

Public address should be provided in the race finish area via use of the BC event vehicle which has a built in PA system. The BC event vehicle is scheduled to be present at each of the 2009 National Premier Calendar Road Race Series events. For further details relating to this please contact Nicola Rolph either by phone (0161 274 2026) or email (nicolarolph@britishcycling.org.uk).

13 First Aid

First Aid attendants must be present throughout the race and travelling with the race convoy.

14 Competitor facilities

Organisers shall provide adequate changing, washing (showers) and toilet facilities for all competitors. Adequate car parking at the Race HQ should also be provided.

15 Anti-doping control

Organisers are advised that an anti-doping control may be carried out and arrangements should be made for an anti-doping control station to be available. The anti-doping control station should be positioned as close as possible to the race finish. Ideally 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 anti-doping control station may need to remain open for at least 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.

16 British Cycling and sponsor branding

British Cycling and the GB Cycling Team shall be afforded reasonable facilities, if requested, for publicity or promotion of themselves and their sponsors and brands at the event. BCHQ and the Organiser will identify any potential sector clash between BC sponsors and local sponsors of the event. Organisers will be provided with a branding sequence from BCHQ as outlined in the document entitled 'Event Branding Opportunities 2009', to receive a copy of this document please contact Nicola Rolph by phone (0161 274 2026) or email (nicolarolph@britishcycling.org.uk). As an Organiser of a National Premier Calendar Road Series event, it is hoped that you will assist BC's publicity and membership recruitment drive by printing, free of charge, a membership advertisement in your race programme. Copy for this advertisement can be obtained from BCHQ and posters may be available on request.

17 BC programme promotion

BCHQ may seek the assistance of the Organiser in identifying a local organising team to promote other British Cycling programmes, under the auspices of the Go-Ride or Everyday Cycling programmes, at the event.

18 Photo finish

Photo finish equipment and frame and/or shoulder numbers must be used except where prior agreement is reached with BC. Booking forms for BC's photo finish equipment and other similar Technical Services are available from BCHQ.

19 Start and finish areas

The start and finish areas should be adequately cordoned off with barriers. In 2009, BC will supply free of charge to the event the following items:

- 44 barriers
- 1 start / finish gantry
- 10 flag signs frames
- A professional presentation truck with stage, podium back drop, hospitality awning, PA system and generator.

Full details of the above provisions and the branding opportunities which they generate are included in the document entitled 'Event Branding Opportunities 2009', to receive a copy of this document please contact Nicola Rolph by phone (0161 274 2026) or email (nicolarolph@britishcycling.org.uk).

For operational queries relating to the use of the BC event vehicle, please contact Peter Miller of Events Plus by phone (07855 860808) or email (eventplus@btinternet.com).

In certain instances barrier provision may not be necessary at the start but this would be subject to discussion and agreement between the Organiser and BC.

It is recommended that a finish banner/gantry be used whenever possible.

20 Judges and time keepers

A minimum of three judges (one of whom may also be the timekeeper) shall be employed at the finish.

21 National standings points

Points for the Premier Calendar National standings will be awarded as follows;

Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Points	100	85	75	66	58	51	45	39	34	29
Position	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
Points	25	21	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2

Points for individual Stages in Stage races will be awarded as follows;

Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Points	30	25	21	17	14	12	10	8	7	6
Position	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th					
Points	5	4	3	2	1					

The overall competition will be won by the rider who gains the highest number of points (the maximum number of races to count shall be two less than the total number of events run). The highest placed U23 rider in the final overall standings will be declared the U23 Road Race Series Champion.