



Information Pack

Club Nights

On a club night, all riders need to be nominated to ride prior to heading out on the track. The nominations hut (sea container at the finish line) is open from 6pm until 6:50pm. The nomination is to register you (or your rider) in the age class which they wish to compete in and to pay the nominations fees.

The club operates under Year of Birth for determining what the minimum age class a rider can nominate. For example, if you were born in 2005 you would need to be nominating in at least a 12 year old class. A rider may ride up into an older age group with the approval from the club – The club will withhold approval if it is believes that allowing the rider to ride up will put them or other riders at risk of injury.

Schedule of activities

5:45pm – 6:15pm New Rider Session
6:15pm – 7pm Practice / Warm Up
6:45pm – 7:05pm Mini Wheelers (Strider Bikes)

7:05pm – 7:30pm Mini Wheelers (Pedal Bikes)
7:30pm onwards Racing for all age groups

Costs

Mini Wheelers \$3
Sprockets & Age Class \$6
Second Class \$2

Family Cap (Single Class) \$15
Family Cap (Any rider in 2 classes) \$20
Transponder Hire \$1

Scoring

The club utilises an electronic scoring system to score the races for the classes 8 years older (Sprocket & Mini Wheeler classes are participation and as such do not get scored). The system uses a transponder on the bike to communicate back to the computer software on where each rider places. The times are published to <http://www.ezeventing.com.au/events.php?club=125> as soon after the event as possible and a notification put up on Facebook and TidyHQ.

Parents are able to look at the timing from each race night and see how much a rider has improved over time. The scoring system is also able to assist with commentators calling the races.

The transponders are available for hire from the club for \$1 per race night – These transponders must be returned at the end of the night to ensure that they are available for other riders to use each week. Transponders that are not returned will be charged a \$75 administration fee.



Transponders can be purchased from <http://www.mylaps.com/en/products/prochip-flex/241>.

Purchased transponders can be used at any track which uses the MyLaps transponder systems (most BMX tracks across Australia).

Scoring for trophies is calculated by dropping the 4 worst race nights of the round. This is to provide the fairest scoring and allows for riders to be able to miss up to 4 nights due to sickness, injury, etc without being penalised.

Volunteering

The club is run completely by volunteers - whether it be from a Flag Marshall to the Canteen Manager. Some roles are filled at the Annual General Meeting (Canteen Manager, Track Manager, etc) and others are filled each race night (Flag Marshall, Stager, Scoring, etc).

Trophy Qualification

In order for you to qualify for a club trophy at the end of a race round, you must have volunteered at least twice throughout the race season and missed no more than 4 race nights. Volunteering is capped at 4 times per family.

Communication

We have 3 main avenues of distributing information out to our members:

- **Facebook:** The Byford BMX Club Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ByfordBMXClub) is the primary place for important news to be published. This could be a notice about a cancelled event, upcoming fundraising or other news.

It is strongly encouraged that all new members jump on to our Facebook page and like it – To ensure that you don't miss any important posts, you can also set the page to 'See First'. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the club and we will be able to provide assistance

- **TidyHQ:** The Byford BMX Club uses TidyHQ (www.byfordbmxclub.tidyhq.com) to send out information to members via email. It is strongly recommended that all members join this as it allows immediate notification when important information (such as cancelled events) to reach members. This system also manages the club membership register, merchandise store and other important functions.
- **Website:** The Byford BMX Club website (www.byfordbmx.org.au) is where the important information about the running of the club, sponsor information, member information, meeting minutes and much more. The website is updated regularly with new information as it comes available.

Club Facilities

The club has a number of facilities available:



- **Canteen** – The canteen opens around 6pm (once we have the necessary volunteers to help). The canteen has a standard menu but does offer some special items which vary from week to week
- **EFTPOS** – The club has EFTPOS available. The surcharge for utilising this facility is passed on as part of the transaction and the amount depends on the type of card used
- **Club Merchandise** – The club has a number of merchandise items available for sale. These can be purchased at the nominations hut

BMX Track

The Byford BMX Track is a SJ Shire owned facility. The Byford BMX Club has a license issued from the SJ Shire to utilise the facility during certain times. During the approved times, the club is authorised to close the track and only allow set groups of riders to use the track (I.e. Coaching Sessions, Club Race Nights, etc). A copy of the Track Schedule is published on our website (<http://byfordbmx.org.au/club-resources/track-schedule/>) and is updated as necessary.

Clothing & Bike Requirements

To enable the sport of BMX to be safe, there are a number of rules which have been imposed by BMX Australia. The follows are those roles which relate to a riders clothing & bike:

Clothing Requirements

- Long sleeve race jersey
- Long tear resistant race pants
- Gloves covering full hand and fingers
- Full face BMX or MX helmet

Bike Requirements

- No frame mounted reflectors
- No chain guard
- Free spin back pedal
- Rear brakes

Riders are able to wear body armour including knee pads, elbow pads, padding on chest and neck brace. These items are not mandatory and is entirely up to the rider.

Governance

As required under the Incorporated Associations Act, a copy of the Byford BMX Club Constitution can be found and downloaded on the club website (<http://byfordbmx.org.au/club-resources/club-policies-procedures/>). All members should read and understand the constitution, by-laws and other important information from the club as these documents set out the parameters in which the Management Committee is able to run the club.

On the Policies & Procedures website above, links can also be found to both BMX Sports WA and BMX Australia's policies which members are also required to adhere to. There are links to the most important documents, but members are encouraged to read and understand all the policies.



Levels of racing

Racing at the Byford BMX Club is only one small part of the sport. Depending on your level of membership, you could also participate in the following:

- **Racing at other clubs around Australia** – It is a lot of fun to race at different tracks as you can meet different people and experience different racing conditions. Some clubs organise to hold special events (I.e. Hills Tri Series, Pro Nights, Fundraising race meets, etc)
- **BMXWA Super Series** – This is a 10 round series which is held at 10 clubs across Western Australia (8 metro rounds and 2 country rounds)
- **State Championships** – This is held around October each year. The top 8 riders in each Age Class is presented with a ranking (1WA, 2WA, etc) along with a trophy. Mini Wheelers & Sprockets receive a participation award (Trophy/Medal/etc)
- **National Championships** – This is held around April/May each year. To enter this, you must have competed in the State Championships

Helpful Hints

- Bring plenty of water especially during summer as it is a very tiring sport
- Bring along chairs as there is no seating at the track
- Bring spare change for the canteen

Club Management

The club is managed by a Board of Directors. The directors that are on the board are:

- Daryl Dawes – 0448 358 578
- Garry Wilson - 0412 048 511
- Kirsty Lagden – 0419 554 225
- Daniel Lander
- Malcolm Winwood

If you have any queries, comments or suggestions, any of the above people can be contacted and will be able to assist.

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss any queries that you may have.

Kind Regards,

Daryl Dawes

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