

2009 Match Sprint Tournaments at the Hellyer Park Velodrome

The sprint tournaments are held once a month at the velodrome in order to give riders more experience racing in the various type of match sprint tournament formats. Each tournament starts with a 200 meter time trial for seeding purposes. After the 200's each rider is placed in the tournament according to his or her 200 meter time. There are several formats and are explained below.

1. Single Elimination, 2 up Tournament:

- In this format, a predetermined number of riders are placed into a bracketed tournament depending on their 200 meter time. There may be more riders doing the 200 meter TT than there are bracket spots. If this is the case only the fastest riders will go into the actual tournament. The remaining riders will, time permitting, race each other in consolation races.

- 2 up means two riders racing each without anyone else on the track.

- In the first round, the top seeded (fastest) rider will race the bottom seeded (slowest of those in the actual tourney) rider, the 2nd seed will race the 2nd to last seed and so on. The winner of each race moves on to the second round and the loser is eliminated from the tournament but may continue to race in the consolation races if desired.

- The number of riders placed into the tournament determines how many rounds are run. For example, if the number of riders chosen to go into the tournament is 16, then there will be four rounds, including the finals.

2. Double Elimination, 2 up Tournament:

- This is run in exactly the same way as the single elimination tourney except that each race is best two out of three, so you have to win two races in each round to move on.

- There may a combination of these two with the early rounds being single elimination, and the finals and/or semi-finals being best two or three.

3. Single or Double Elimination, 2 up Tournament with Repechage:

- These follow the same rules as above with the exception of the repechage round. The rep round is "2nd chance" round for the losers of the first round brackets. They will go through a secondary tournament of one or two rounds and the winner will be placed back into the main tournament.

4. Two up or Three up, Round Robin Tournament:

- This is mainly a training type of tournament as the entire field is split into smaller groups based on 200 meter times. The riders in these smaller groups, often six, race among each other for the remainder of the racing. The training advantage here is that everyone ends up racing others of similar speeds. Tactically, much more can be learned if riders aren't racing someone much faster or much slower than themselves.

- 3 up means three riders racing each other.

There are other types of tournaments; other variables and combinations of the above mentioned tournaments, but these are the main types we'll be racing this year. Below are the dates for the 2009 Sprint tournaments. The exact type of tourney will be announced the week of the race.

Sunday, April 5 - Two up or Three up, Round Robin Tournament

1:00 to 5:00pm

Track open at 12 noon

Saturday, May 16 - Two up or Three up, Round Robin Tournament

1:30 to 5:00pm

Track open at 12:30pm

Sunday, June 19

1:00 to 5:00pm

Track open at 12 noon

Monday, July 20 - Single Elimination, 2 up Tournament with Reps

7:00 to 9:30pm

Track open at 6pm

Saturday, August 8

1:30 to 5:00pm

Track open at 12:30pm

Sunday, September 20

1:00 to 5:00pm

Track open at 12:00pm

BBQ afterwards

Other Info:

1. **Who Can Race** – in order to race in the sprint tournaments you must be qualified to race in any of the weekday mass start races which means, for **new track riders**:
 - a. completed three or more Saturday beginner sessions
 - b. completed the “Ready To Race” clinic
 - c. completed the “fast track” program for advanced Cat 1 and Cat 2 road racers
2. There will be no rental bikes available
3. Cost is \$10.00 per rider plus the \$6.00 park entrance fee. Juniors race for free
4. A 2009 Santa Clara County and a NCVA release must be completed

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