

RULE BOOK



Rules &
Regulations
of the Sport

**UPDATE
SUMMARY
FOR THE
PENDING
Version 12.17.i
RULE BOOK
EFFECTIVE FROM
JANUARY 1st 2018**

All following text
in **red** has been
updated from
the previous
version of the
Rule Book.

SUMMARY OF UPDATES FOR JANUARY 1st 2018

1.009 Gender Equality

BMXNZ operates an environment of and supports gender equality at all levels of competition, officiating, coaching and administration.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in sanctions and should be reported to the National Officiating Director for further investigation.

BMXNZ acknowledges and supports the CNZ Transgender and Transsexuals Policy, which can be found at www.bmxnz.co.nz > Health and Safety > Policies

1.022 BMXNZ Classes

Challenge Classes 20" bicycles

Sprockets (Age on day) 5 & under, 6 boys, 6 girls, 7 boys, 7 girls

Male 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Female 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Challenge Classes Cruiser bicycles:

Mixed Cruiser 8-10, 11-12

Male Cruiser 13-14, 15-16, 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Female Cruiser 13-16, 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Mixed open classes can on be offered at category 9 & 10 events

1.024 National Qualifying Meetings (NQM)

A current Challenge or Sprocket licenced rider wishing to attend the National Championships must complete a minimum of 4 NQM meetings. These can be a combination of 20" and / or Cruiser bikes and in any race class, including Superclass or Mixed Open, in the calendar year prior to the National Championships.

Championship licence holders shall not be required to meet NQM provisions.

When a rider has completed 4 or more NQMs in the calendar year prior to the National Championships they will be eligible to enter a 20" and / or Cruiser class at the event.

At each NQM meeting a rider will receive 1 NQM point regardless of the number of classes entered / completed at the meeting.

BMXNZ will keep a register of all riders who have attended these meetings as the official record thereof.

An NQM shall be held at specified meetings and shall be held between the dates of January 1st and December 24th in the calendar year prior to the National Championships, or as approved by BMXNZ.

4 NQMs will be allocated, annually, to each Region. In addition, the North Island and South Island Titles shall be NQMs.

BMXNZ reserves the right to allocate additional special NQMs or promotional NQMs within any region.

An NQM can be held on either a single day meeting or over a two day meeting as advertised. A rider must complete all qualifying motos at the meeting to gain the NQM point.

Riders seeking dispensation for not attending sufficient NQMs must complete an application to the BMXNZ National Officiating Director by the end of January prior to the National Championships event using the online application system, setting out reasons for not attending and also their BMX involvement. A fee will be payable as determined by the BMXNZ Executive for each NQM not attended

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1.033 Scoring

For each moto in which a rider competes, they shall receive a point score equal to their finish position, 1 through 8. The rider with the lowest total points earned will be the top qualifier at each stage.

DNS (non-starter)

Scores maximum points based on a full gate start (8pts).

DNF (did not finish)

Will receive last place points, equal to the number of riders who started the moto. Equal DNF placings will all receive equal last place points as above.

REL (relegated)

Will receive last place for the race based on the number of riders that start the race. Should the offence that created the relegation be deemed serious enough by the Chief Commissaire, then the use of REL + 2 points may be used.

DSQ (disqualified)

A rider who has not participated in a sportsman manner or for other reasons as set out in this rule book or at the sole discretion of the Chief Commissaire may be disqualified from a class or the event and in which case is not able to compete further.

Order of ranking for IRM's (Invalid Race Method): DNF / REL / DNS

In case of multiple DNF, REL or DNS, the tiebreaker (within each group) will be broken using the 'tie breaker' rules as follows:

1. Position in previous heat

2. Lap time in last run of previous heat when available.

The decision of the Chief Commissaire concerning the application of any IRM is final, and is not open to appeal.

UCI Formats

- DNS - first DNS will receive last place + 2 points
- second DNS will result in the rider being DSQ from the class.

1.037 Concussion

Any rider who sustains a suspected head injury and/or concussion must stand down from any form of racing or training on a BMX track for a minimum period of 3 weeks.

A rider must obtain written clearance from a doctor before they can return to riding, **stating they are cleared of concussion.**

Any rider who appears groggy, unsteady or confused after sustaining a knock to the head is likely to have received concussion or a head injury and should follow the procedures above.

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2.024 Helmet

Helmets must be of full face construction equipped with a visor of a minimum 10 centimetres. **The helmet shell must be constructed as one piece design. Helmets with removable chin bars are not acceptable.** The helmet strap must be securely fastened for the duration of the race. Open face helmets are not allowed.

2.038 Cranks, Pedals and Gears

Cranks of either; one-piece, two-piece or three-piece construction are permitted.

Crank arms may be of any length as long as they do not compromise the bicycle's ground clearance.

The bottom bracket bearings must be adjusted so as to allow the cranks to spin smoothly and without noticeable play.

Pedals must be securely attached to the crank arms and adjusted so as to eliminate lateral motion of the pedal body along the pedal axle. Pedal axles must be of sufficient strength to withstand the rigors of competition.

The teeth on pedal cages must be sufficiently pointed and prominent to offer effective grip on a rider's shoes without being so sharp as to pose a safety hazard.

Toe clips and straps are not permitted. Interlocking pedal-cleat systems however are allowed. Where an interlocking pedal-cleat system is used, the rider must be able to demonstrate the ability to engage and release from the pedals upon any request from an official at an event.

Interlocking cleat pedals are to be used only by riders who are UCI 9 and above in age.

Multiple speed gear systems are permitted.

2.040 Number Plates

During competition, all riders shall be identified by a front mounted plate including number and club suffix.

Without prejudice to the provisions concerning the international permanent race number system, a rider may be assigned a random number at each event or for BMXNZ racing may register their number through their club.

Each bicycle entered into competition must have a number plate attached to the front of the handlebars. The upper edge of this number plate may not extend above the crossbar safety pad (if fitted) on any handlebars having a crossbar.

Number plates must be made of plastic or other similar flexible material.

Riders must use the plate and number colour combinations specified for the category in which they are racing as follows:

Championship Level

Men Elite, Women Elite: White plate, black numbers.

Men Juniors, Women Juniors: Black plate, white numbers.

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Challenge Level

<i>Men, Boys:</i>	yellow plate, black numbers.
<i>Women, Girls:</i>	blue plate, white numbers.
<i>Cruiser:</i>	red plate, white numbers.

Sprocket Level

BMXNZ issued white plate with red numbers. Sprockets must ride with their BMXNZ issued Sprocket plate and have a club suffix on their number plate

For Challenge riders the number and club suffix area of the plate must be of the correct single solid background colour as stated above. There is no allowance in this area for intrusive colours or logos.

If a rider chooses to ride with a World, Oceania, North Island or South Island ranking this must be preceded with the correct suffix.

World – W, Oceania – O, New Zealand – NZ, North Island – NI, South Island – SI.

The ranking prefix must be a minimum of 25mm in height

A rider whose number plate does not meet the required BMXNZ standards will be scored a DNF regardless of the finishing position

2.041 International Elite Number System

The international elite race number system is for the Elite Men and Elite Women categories only.

Refer to UCI regulations Part 6 BMX - 6.1.094, 6.1.095, 6.1.096, 6.1.097, 6.1.098 for information on the International Elite Race Number System.

Clauses to be removed

2.042 Number Criteria

Any licenced rider in the Men Elite or Women Elite categories can choose a permanent career number between 10-999.

A chosen number will be exclusive for the rider, and cannot be used by any other Elite category (including Junior categories).

The number must be used at all international BMX events.

A chosen number will remain as long as the rider receives UCI points during the season, although the number will be assigned to the rider for an additional year (without points) before becoming available again.

A number plate with white background and black numbers shall be used. Numbers 1 – 8 are reserved and will be assigned to the top 8 finishers in the previous year's BMX World Championship, and can be used for the upcoming season. A rider who is eligible for number 1-8 must choose between their "permanent" number and their world championship number for the season. In the event that the rider chooses their world championship number, the permanent number will remain and not become available to anyone else.

2.043 Procedure

BMXNZ shall submit a single list of all riders, wishing and eligible to receive a permanent number before the date set by the UCI with the number they would like to obtain. In case of conflicting wishes, the procedure for allocating the number is governed by the UCI.