



# WAGRAVITY ENDURO

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### REVISIONS

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2	4.10.2	Pro-Stage information added
2	4.16.1	Categories to reflect 2022
2	4.16.5	Presentations
2	4.2	eBike specifications added
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Rulebook is to define the rules of the WA Gravity Enduro Series.

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the latest

- UCI Mountain Bike Enduro World Series Rulebook [currently 1st January 2024]  
<https://ucimtbworldseries.com/content/22682/01HZ7G3HEQS5M74VK45TKBN0QD.pdf>
- Auscycling Technical Regulations – Mountain Bike [2024]  
<https://assets.auscycling.org.au/s3fs-public/2023-12/auscycling-technical-regulations-mountain-bike.pdf>

The WA Gravity Enduro Rulebook exists to reflect the local racing characteristics, culture and community we wish to nurture and protect, and will be referred to first, followed closely by Auscycling and Enduro World Series rules.

This Rulebook may also replicate information directly from UCI or Auscycling to reinforce particular rules and information.

**It is important to note that Rules can be updated at anytime and it is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure they have read the latest version.**

In its simplest form, the Gravity Enduro Racing/Enduro racing discipline involves a mountain bike competitor descending a number of mountain bike trails (stages) in the shortest possible time and these times are accumulated to give an overall race time.

An Enduro course comprises of varied off-road terrain. The track should include a mixture of narrow and wide, slow and fast paths and tracks over a mixture of off-road surfaces. Each timed stage must be predominately descending but small pedalling or uphill sections are acceptable. Liaison stages can include either assisted uplift (eg chairlift or shuttle bus), pedal powered climbs or a mixture of both. The emphasis of the Special Stage must be on rider enjoyment, technical and physical ability.

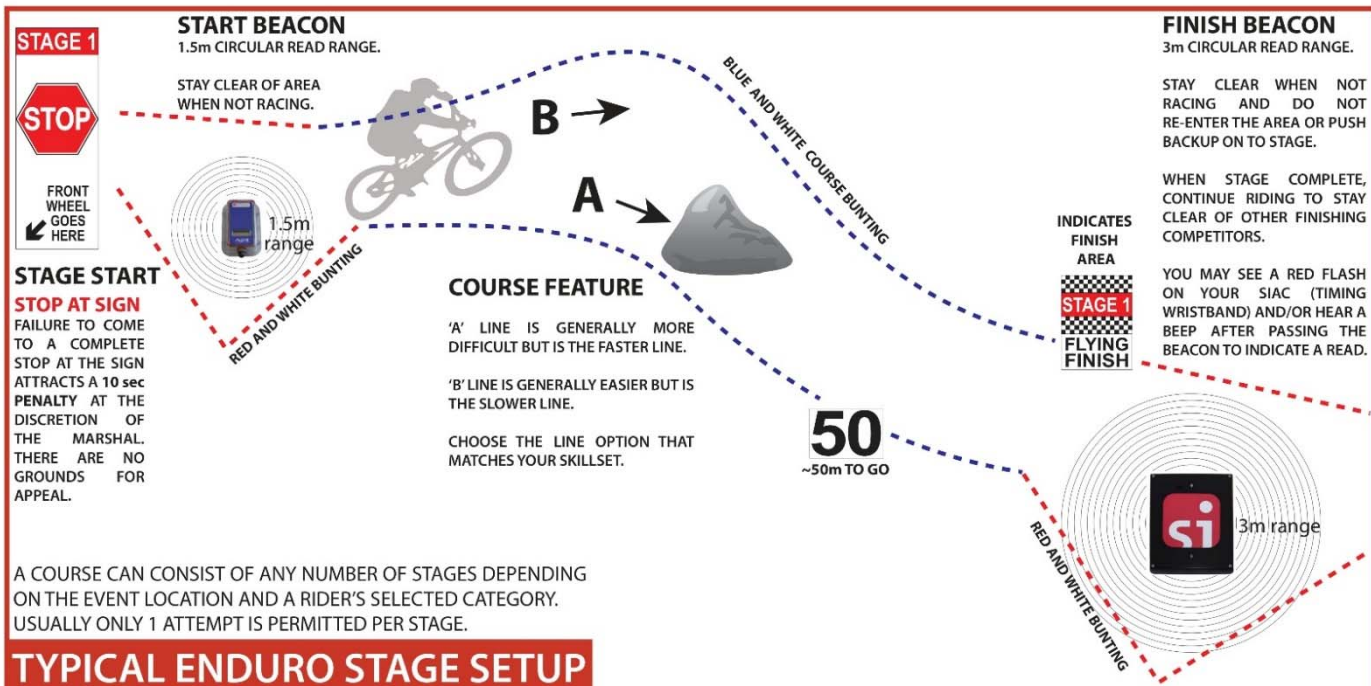
It is important to note that each Venue offers different Stage characteristics which might suit existing terrain, vegetation and local weather conditions. Some venues may exhibit a lower physical or technical ability and in contrast, some venues may exhibit a high physical and technical ability. The WA Gravity Enduro Series aims to strike a balance of physical and technical requirements as different Venues offer different styles of trails. Competitors are expected to adapt to this variety which ultimately defines the best Mountain Bikers in the State. Venues may award different Series Points Multipliers as an additional layer of balance. Courses are graded based on the Enduro World Series Course Grading System which is available for viewing on the WA Gravity Enduro website and on the Event calendar.

WA Gravity Enduro welcomes and incorporates eMTB (Electric Mountain Bikes). These bikes must compete in the assigned categories and must adhere to UCI requirements. Importantly, these requirements state an eBike must be in its factory form (non-modified motor) with maximum nominal 250watt output, assistance up to 25km/h and pedal assist only. Peak watt output may vary.

eBike's will be inspected at random and failure to adhere to factory specifications is considered cheating with disqualification and no refund possible.

# COMPETITOR INFORMATION

We are proud to bring you the SPORTident Air+ Timing System - the system used in the Enduro World Series.



## TYPICAL ENDURO STAGE SETUP

### TERMINOLOGY

#### SIAC

(SPORTIDENT ACTIVECARD)

TIMING CHIP WORN ON THE WRIST. THIS TIMING CHIP IS UNIQUE TO EACH RIDER DURING THE EVENT AND STORES THEIR STAGE TIMES. FAILURE TO RETURN THE SIAC MEANS RESULTS CANNOT BE SHOWN. COMPETITORS ACCEPT THAT DAMAGED OR LOST SIAC'S INCUR A AUD\$120 + GST REPLACEMENT CHARGE.

#### BEACON

SURROUNDED BY RED TAPE ON THE COURSE, A BEACON IS THE TIMING GATE WHICH COMMUNICATES WITH THE SIAC WIRELESSLY. ALL BEACONS OPERATE IN TIMING MODE, MEANING THEY ACT LIKE A BREAKER BEAM ENSURING CONSISTENT AND ACCURATE RESULTS FOR ALL COMPETITORS TO 0.01sec.

### RESPECT YOUR BELOVED VOLUNTEERS.

THEY ALWAYS PUT YOUR SAFETY FIRST, AIM TO KEEP YOU INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND ENSURE RACING IS FAIR FOR ALL. A THANKS OR A HIGH-5 GOES A LONG WAY TO MAKING THEM FEEL LOVED!



### LOCK'N'LOAD

SECURE YOUR SIAC TO YOUR RIGHT-WRIST ONLY. MAKE SURE IT IS SECURED FIRMLY BY TIGHTENING THE ELASTIC STRAP.



GREEN FLASH EVERY 10 SECS TO CONFIRM YOUR SIAC IS SWITCHED ON. THIS AREA FLASHES RED AFTER PASSING A BEACON TO CONFIRM A SUCCESSFUL READ.

ENSURE YOUR RACEPLATE IS SECURE AND CLEARLY VISIBLE. DIFFERENT COLOURED PLATES CAN REPRESENT DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.



MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR RACEPLATE TO FUTURE EVENTS. SPARE RACEPLATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OR EMAIL US IF YOU REQUIRE A RE-PRINT.

### THE 5 R'S TO RACING

#### 1 RESPECT

THERE ARE FEW BETTER FEELINGS THAN RIPPING DOWN THE HILL FASTER THAN YOUR MATE. BUT WHEN YOU'RE FULLY CHILL ABOUT IT, THAT REALLY RUBS SALT IN THE WOUNDS.

"PLEASE", "THANK YOU" AND "GOOD DAY SIR" GO A LONG WAY WHEN RACING AND IN GENERAL PLAY. THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAGE WHIPPETS AND FAMILIES ENJOYING THE DAY AS WELL, SO PLEASE DON'T SWEAR.

(EXCEPTIONS: COMPOUND FRACTURES, OVER THE BARS ETC)

IF YOU ARE PASSING A RIDER, GIVE THEM PLENTY OF WARNING AND THEY SHOULD MOVE TO THE SIDE IMMEDIATELY WHERE IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. PLEASE AND THANK YOU GO A LONG WAY TO SHARING THE LOVE.

#### 2 RIDER ESSENTIALS

FULL FACE HELMETS ARE MANDATORY WHEN RACING. DETACHABLE CHIN-GUARDS ARE PERMITTED TO BE REMOVED DURING TRANSITION.

BE SUNSMART. ENSURE ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR, NO SINGLET, NO HEADPHONES. YOUR BIKE SHOULD BE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER WITH BAR-END PLUGS ON YOUR HANDLEBARS.

#### 3 RULES

WE RACE THE TRAIL SO STICK TO IT. ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY LEAVE THE COURSE, CUT CORNERS AND/OR CROSSOVER BUNTING WILL RESULT IN INSTANT DISQUALIFICATION. ONLY 1 ATTEMPT PERMITTED PER STAGE. MECHANICALS ARE A PART OF RACING - TRY TO FINISH THE STAGE TO RECORD YOUR STAGE TIME.

#### 4 REFUNDS

FROM MONDAY 9AM BEFORE THE EVENT UP UNTIL THE EVENT, NO REFUNDS, TRANSFERS OR CREDITS ARE POSSIBLE. ANY MECHANICAL ISSUES OR INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THIS PERIOD DOES NOT WARRANT ANY REFUND. TO REITERATE, ANY INJURY OCCURRING DURING PRACTICE ON SATURDAY OR DURING THE EVENT ON SUNDAY DOES NOT ENTITLE A COMPETITOR TO A REFUND.

#### 5 RESULTS

YOU MUST RETURN YOUR WRISTBAND WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF COMPLETING YOUR RACE / COURSE CLOSURE. FAILURE TO RETURN A WRISTBAND WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF COURSE COMPLETION WILL EXEMPT YOU FROM POSSIBLE GIFTS, PRIZES, MEDALS AND/OR THE PODIUM SPOTLIGHT. IF YOU WERE TO PODIUM, YOU WILL BE TIME-PENALISED AND PUT INTO 4TH PLACE ONCE THE RESULTS TABLE IS FINALISED.

IF YOU RETURN YOUR WRISTBAND 15 MINUTES AFTER YOUR RACE/COURSE COMPLETION AND YOU ARE NOT A PODIUM CONTENDER, NO PENALTY WILL OCCUR.

COMPETITORS ACCEPT A CHARGE OF AUD\$120 + GST TO BE MADE PAYABLE WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS FOR ANY SIAC THAT IS LOST, DAMAGED OR NOT RETURNED AFTER THE EVENT.

### INCORRECT SIAC MOUNTING

GPS WATCHES MAY INFLUENCE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE TIMING SYSTEM. WATCHES SHOULD BE WORN ON YOUR LEFT WRIST AND SIAC ON THE RIGHT WRIST.

LED LAMPS MAY INFLUENCE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE TIMING SYSTEM. THE INFLUENCE IS BASED ON ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION.

DO NOT ATTACH YOUR WRISTBAND TO YOUR BIKE.



WA Gravity Enduro Mountain Bike Racing welcomes competitors of all ages, gender, culture and ability. There is no prerequisite for racing and competitors can enter a single event at anytime.

## 2.1 Entry Portal

Event Entry is available at [eventplus.net](http://eventplus.net)

Once payment has been made through EntryBoss, a competitor is deemed Nominated / Provisionally Entered and is awaiting the Race Director to check and approve their category selection. A Full Competitor Start List is usually published the day after entries close (typically a Wednesday). Competitors are highly encouraged to check this list and their category. It is the competitors responsibility to keep their EntryBoss profile up-to-date with their latest information.

## 2.2 Insurance

All WA Gravity Enduro events are sanctioned (officially approved) through the Australian National Governing Body for bicycle racing in Australia – Auscycling.

All competitors are required to purchase valid insurance through Auscycling.

More information available at <https://www.auscycling.org.au/membership/other/insurance>

Once you have your insurance confirmed, make note of your Auscycling Membership Number, which will be required for the EntryBoss system. You may be asked to verify your Membership at an event or any other time.

If a competitor does not have insurance, they are deemed not part of the event and are therefore not permitted to use event facilities, including event medical assistance, and may not be able to make a claim in case of injury.

## 2.3 Event Scratching and Refunds

Competitors can self-scratch / remove themselves from the event before Monday 9am of the event weekend. After this time, all event facilities, services, raceplates, insurances, coordinations etc have been made available based on a competitors attendance.

Refund after this time is only possible at the discretion of the Race Director.

### 3 RACE VILLAGE

Where necessary, all WA Gravity Events have the approval of external organisations, not limited to Auscycling, Local Government State Government and Private Landowners. The Event includes all space at a particular Venue (as indicated on the Course Map) which includes mountain bike trails, parking areas, sheltered areas, access tracks, existing facilities and may include public roads.

The Race Village can be a busy area. It is a designated area where approved affiliates are permitted to setup as per the requirements set out in the Sponsorship Package. Additionally, food and beverage providers require Certification which needs to be collected by WA Gravity Enduro and presented to Authorities for their approval prior to the Event.

**No marquees, tents, brands, equipment, merchandise, goods and/or services are permitted inside the Race Village or anywhere at the venue, including the trails, carparks or other unallocated areas, without explicit approval from WA Gravity Enduro.**

WA Gravity Enduro may have CCTV or Live Video Streams operating at any time. All competitors and spectators understand that they may be photographed or videographed for WA Gravity Enduro promotion.

All competitors are encouraged to keep their bikes and equipment with them at all times. Do not lay down bikes or place equipment that may cause a hazard to another person. Keep the area as clear as possible as Emergency Vehicles and Event Crew may be required at times to drive through Race Village.

### 4 COMPETITION

#### 4.1 Equipment

Ensure your equipment is in good condition for your safety and comfort.

#### 4.2 The Bike

- Must have working brakes front and rear
- Must have handlebar end-plugs
- Must be the same bike used during the entire event weekend (practise and racing). Competitors can shift from 'analogue' to eBike categories but not eBike to 'analogue' categories.
- Bike frame must remain the same all weekend. All other components are permitted to be changed.
- Must not have wheels that exceed 29"
- Must not be modified outside of Australian Law Requirements such as the addition of unapproved motors
- If an eBike, the motor must be set to factory specifications which is pedal assist only, max 250W and max output speed of 25km/h. eBikes may be inspected at random and failure to comply with factory specifications is deemed cheating with disqualification with no refund.



Bikes can be inspected at random. Any bike failing to address the above rules at a minimum may be removed from the event and may only re-enter the event once approved by the Race Director.

### 4.3 The Competitor

- Must have a full-face helmet to Australian Standards (detachable chinguard permitted). See [www.wagravityenduro.org/helmets](http://www.wagravityenduro.org/helmets) for further information. In rare circumstances, an openface helmet may be permitted at particular events at the discretion of the Race Director
- Must wear enclosed shoes
- Must not wear earphones/headphones
- Must not wear a singlet
- Must be fully resourceful. A Camelback with water, tyre changing equipment and first aid equipment should be carried.

WA Gravity Enduro highly recommends the use of full-fingered gloves, knee pads, elbow pads, padded shorts and a neck-brace.

All competitors under the age of 17 must have elbow pads, knee pads and full fingered gloves during practise and racing.

### 4.4 Raceplates

Raceplates are designed each year to reflect new sponsorship, branding and styling. Raceplates are allocated to each new competitor and can be collected at the Centre of Gravity. Returning competitors in the same series must bring their raceplate. Blank raceplates are available if lost or damaged.

Do not alter raceplates in anyway, including adding or removing brandings or identification.

Raceplates must be displayed on the bike during practise and racing.

### 4.5 Shuttling

Shuttling is the act of a competitor receiving assisted transport anywhere throughout the course.

**Shuttling is never permitted** during the entire event weekend (12:01am Saturday until 11:59pm Sunday), unless explicitly outlined in Event Communications.

All WA Gravity Enduro events should be assumed as no shuttling unless explicitly outlined in Event Communications.

**Failure to comply with Shuttling directives is instant disqualification.**

### 4.6 Shadow Riders and Outside Assistance

WA Gravity Enduro encourages parents and/or legal guardians to 'shadow' any under 18 competitor who is new to the sport and/or unfamiliar with the course and area.



During the Special Stage (racing), a Shadow Rider MUST be behind the competitor at all times. It is recommended for the development of the competitor that the Shadow Rider does not coach during the Special Stage.

- A Shadow Rider should wear a fullface helmet at all times and is mandatory at Linga Longa Bike Park.
- A Shadow Rider must have Auscycling Insurance. A very affordable Lifestyle Membership is available through Auscycling.
- A Shadow Rider must pay for shuttles.
- A Shadow Rider may use an eBike during practise or racing. However, when the Shadow Rider becomes a competitor during practise or racing, they must ride the bike designated for their racing category. Eg Shadow Rider can use an eBike when actively shadowing a Whippet but when they do their sole practise, they must be on the bike they will be using for racing.

**Failure for a Shadow Rider to be trailing behind a Competitor on a Special Stage is a 60 second penalty.**

**During Liaison, a Shadow Rider is not permitted to tow or push any competitor at anytime, or risk a 60 second penalty. However, a Shadow Rider is permitted to tow or push an Under 9 competitor only during practise.**

**No other competitor or spectator can push, tow or shuttle a competitor. Penalty can range from deeming a competitor 'non-competitive' (results show but no podium or series points), 60 seconds to 5 minutes at the discretion of the Race Director or Commissaire.**

## 4.7 Concussion

Concussion is a traumatic brain injury, induced by biomechanical forces to the head, or anywhere on the body which transmits an impulsive force to the head. It causes short-lived neurological impairment and the symptoms may evolve over the hours or days following the injury. Evidence points towards a series of interrelated biochemical and physiological changes that impair neuronal function. Rest followed by gradual return to activity is the main treatment.

In the event that a competitor is considered concussed for any period of time, the competitor must be immediately removed from training / racing.

Auscycling Concussion Policy will be implemented and must be reported to Auscycling.

[https://assets.auscycling.org.au/s3fs-public/2021-03/ac\\_op\\_011\\_concussion-policy\\_0.pdf](https://assets.auscycling.org.au/s3fs-public/2021-03/ac_op_011_concussion-policy_0.pdf)

## 4.8 Environment

Protection of the local flora and fauna is critical for the health of the Environment and its ecosystems. Collect any rubbish and dispose of in the bins provided or other legal refuse facility. Penalties for damaging the local environment may range from a 60 second penalty to race ban through to criminal charges.

It is a privilege to race mountain bikes in our natural environments and it is everyone's responsibility to protect it. Spectators should refrain from walking through bushland to vantage

points and should follow the trails keeping clear of racing competitors. In some area, Dieback is prevalent and trail users should wash equipment thoroughly before leaving the site.

## 4.9 Briefing

Competitor Briefings are mandatory with times specified on the Course Map. Critical information will be communicated which may include course changes, environmental considerations and timing information. In some cases, a competitor cannot collect their SIAC (Timing Chip) until a specified time – refer to course map.

Categories may not be permitted to enter the Course before particular times for the safety of younger competitors and to ensure a fair racing window for competitors in the same category.

## 4.10 Course

### 4.10.1 Timed Stages

Competitors are assigned stages which are shown on the course map. Competitors must complete all assigned stages to receive an overall course time. The competitors with the lowest course time is deemed the winner. If two or more competitors have an exact course time, the competitor with the last numbered stage time who is quicker is deemed the winner.

### 4.10.2 Pro-Stage

Men and Women Full Enduro competitors may be assigned a 'pro-stage' which must be completed. The pro-stage is intended to reward competitors who are committed to racing across two days. Additionally, the pro-stage is intended to give other competitors and spectators an opportunity to see high performing competitors race a stage. For this reason, the pro-stage may not necessarily be the toughest stage, but a stage which is accessible for all.

**Competitors racing in the pro-stage for the Men and Women Full Enduro are awarded bonus series points.**

### 4.10.3 Course Map

A Course Map is typically released on the Monday before an event weekend. It provides all essential information for the Competitors, including Stages to Complete, Practice Times, Race Times, Briefing Times and Course Closure Times. External factors may force the change of a course (eg weather).

### 4.10.4 Signage

Signage are placed on Special Stages and through Liaison connections to assist riders. Signage can include directional arrows, A-B arrows, 50m to-go, Triple Down arrows, Stop Signs or other miscellaneous signage. Although the placement of this signage is not exhaustive, they should be used as guides for navigation throughout the Course.

### 4.10.5 Stage Start Stop Sign

Each Special Stage is defined with a Stop Sign. This Stop Sign indicates clearly where a rider must Start from. Starting a Stage before the Stop Sign will give a competitor an unfair advantage.

Failure to come to a complete stop at a Stop Sign is a 60 second penalty. Additionally, 2 competitors can appeal to a Marshal that the Stop Sign was not adhered to. If the 2 competitors are found to be intentionally lying, the penalty is instant disqualification.

Competitors can be penalised after the event particularly if video footage emerges or if an appeal is made. A podium competitor found breaching a Stop Sign or violating any other rules such as course cutting must return all medals, vouchers and/or prize money.

If a competitor alters course signage without explicit approval from a Marshal or Race Director, the penalty is disqualification.



*Typical Course Signage*

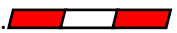
#### 4.10.6 Bunting

A Special Stage may be defined by a clear mountain bike trail, or may need to be defined more clearly using Bunting Tape.

Bunting Tape defined the border of a Special Stage and therefore cannot be ridden through or jumped over.

Bunting Tape can be tied to trees, branches or rocks and can move in strong wind. A competitor must ensure they provide space between their bike and the bunting tape to avoid entanglement.

If a competitor unintentionally comes into contact with course bunting (crosses over the bunting), they must re-enter the Stage where they left. There must be no advantage.

Red and White bunting is typically used to define a timing area (start and finish areas). 

Yellow and Black bunting is typically used to define a Stage where required. 

If a competitor stretches and breaks bunting during practise, they must repair it. If it cannot be repaired, notify a marshal. Failure to comply is not only poor sportsmanship, but a competitor damaging bunting risks a 60 second to 5 minute penalty.

**If a competitor stretches and breaks bunting during racing, they must immediately notify a marshal where the bunting issue has occurred. Failure to comply is a 60 second to 5 minute penalty.**

**If a competitor alters bunting without explicit approval from a Marshal or Race Director, the penalty is disqualification.**

#### 4.11 Practise

Typically, a practise session is available on the Saturday before Sunday racing. The Practise Session has a time allocation whereby Medical Services are available. At Public Venues, practise is permitted outside official practise time, however, all attendees undertake activities at their own risk. However, at Private Venues such as Linga Longa Bike Park, Geraldton and Evedon Park, no practise is permitted outside Saturday official practise times.

It is important to note that competitors may be practising different sections of the course multiple times and may pushup existing trails. Furthermore, course marshals may be setting up the course or making adjustments for rider safety and legibility of the course. It is important to know that there may be subtle variations to course markings throughout practise and if any significant modifications take place, they will be communicated at Race Briefing.

Practise must be undertaken on the bike using for racing. For example, an eBike cannot be used during practise when a competitor is racing on an 'analogue' bike.

**If at anytime a Competitor:**

- **Intentionally moves Course Bunting or Course Signage, the penalty is disqualification**
- **Unintentionally breaking Course Bunting or knocks Course Signage, the Competitor must repair the Course Signage. The penalty can range from 5minutes to disqualification.**
- **Modifies the course by moving vegetation, rocks, technical trail features or makes adjustments to any other natural feature without explicit approval from a Course Marshal or Race Director, the penalty is disqualification.**
- **Uses an eBike during practise (not genuinely Shadowing) and is racing on an 'analogue' bike, the minimum penalty is 30 seconds.**

#### 4.12 Queuing

Typically, a competitor can complete a course in any stage order they wish (unless explicitly noted otherwise on the Course Map or during race briefing). Competitors are encouraged to go to the shortest queue in order to complete the course in the allocated timeframe.

Queues may form when waiting to complete a stage. Do not push in queue. If you wish to ride with friends who are already in queue, they can move backwards.

We encourage riders to talk amongst themselves if more time is required between riders. We typically advocate for 30 second gaps. Most importantly, every rider must come to a complete stop at the stop sign as indicated.

### 4.13 Mechanical Failures

Mechanical failures are a part of racing. Competitors cannot re-attempt a stage based on a mechanical issue.

### 4.14 Leaving the trail / getting lost on course

If a competitor unintentionally leaves the trail, they must rejoin the trail immediately so as not to gain any advantage. For example, if a competitor rode out far right but the trail turns left, no advantage would be expected. However, if a competitor rode out far left and the trail turns left, an advantage would be expected and penalty will occur at the discretion of the Commissaire.

If a competitor gets lost on course, it is likely they were not following the trail and/or course bunting.

For Under 13 competitors or at the discretion of the Commissaire or Race Director, re-attempt may be permitted. The penalty is 60seconds and the competitor cannot be in contention for a podium position. If a resulting podium position time does occur after the penalty is applied, the competitor will have time added to ensure 4<sup>th</sup> position.

If a competitor who is 13yrs or older, no reattempt is permitted. A competitor is encouraged to find the stage finish as soon as possible to secure a stage time and avoid a DNF.

### 4.15 Course Cutting

**If a competitor intentionally leaves a trail, the competitor is deemed to be cheating themselves, their mates and other competitors and will be disqualified. If there is confusion or concern about trail bunting or racing lines, always clarify with a Commissaire before racing the stage.**

### 4.16 Results

#### 4.16.1 Categories

There are a number of categories available which include fixed age-based categories for most competitors. However, there can be some overlap in certain categories and a competitor is required to select a single category.

Categories include:

- Men or Women U9
- Men or Women U11

- Men or Women U13
- Men or Women U15
- Men or Women U17
- Men or Women U19
- Men 19 - 29
- Men 30 - 39
- Men 40 - 49
- Men 50 -59
- Men 60+
- Women 19 - 29
- Women 30 - 39
- Women 40 - 49
- Women 50+
- Men or Women eBike U40
- Men or Women eBike 40+
- Men or Women Full Enduro
- Welcome Women (usually same course U9) (no presentations/prizes – ‘participation’ only)
- Welcome Men (usually same course U9) (no presentations/prizes – ‘participation’ only)

Age categories are based on a competitors age at 31<sup>st</sup> December of the Race Year/Series.

#### 4.16.2 Stages

Competitors are required to complete all Stages allocation as part of their course information. Failing to complete a Stage will results in a DNF, and therefore a DNF for the round results.

#### 4.16.3 Venue

All event attendees must adhere to additional venue rules at all times. WA Gravity Enduro works with public and private landowners and failure to comply to additional venue rules may jeopardise approval of future events. Failure to comply with venue rules may result in racing penalties at the discretion of the Commissaire or Race Direction.

#### 4.16.4 Championship

##### 4.16.4.1 Points

Competitors are allocated points based on their position in their category following an Event. Points breakdown can be found at <https://www.wagravityenduro.org/series-points>

Each category is calculated and tallied on the number of points a competitor receives. Points are tallied on a competitors best rounds, which can vary from year to year and typically adjusted based on the number of events minus 2. Eg. we take your best 6 results from 8 rounds. Competitors ending with the same points total and ranked on best last result.

#### 4.16.4.2 Multipliers

Every Course Event offers a different style of trail that may or may not appeal to a competitors physical and/or technical riding ability. In order to weight the venues to strike a good balance of physical and/or technical riding ability, Championship Multiplier Points may apply at different venues. Typically, more technical courses attract a higher points multiplier (1.2x) and a less technical course attracts a standard points multiplier (1.0x).

Furthermore, a venue in a more remote location may attract higher points multiplier to reward competitors committing additional effort in attendance.

#### 4.16.5 Presentations

See the course map for the indicative course closure and presentation times. If there have been no significant delays, the presentation time is deemed accurate. Typically, the WA Gravity Enduro Timing system can see unreturned or late competitors and we aim to keep everyone up to date with expected presentation times.

**If a competitor finishes the course during or after presentations without acceptable reasoning, a 2minute penalty is applied. Acceptable reasoning may be stopping to assist an injured rider. Mechanicals are not considered an acceptable delay.**

## 5 COMMUNITY BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATIONS

WA Gravity Enduro adheres to the Auscycling Code of Conduct (Version 2.0 Feb 2024).

<https://assets.auscycling.org.au/s3fs-public/2024-02/auscycling-code-of-conduct-2024.pdf>

### 5.1 Key Principles

- Where racing and competition is genuine, and where the outcome is not affected by doping, race-fixing, illegal betting or other forms of cheating.
- Where people show respect for others and their property to ensure no damage or deprivation is caused to either. Respect is defined as consideration for another's physical and emotional well-being and possessions.
- That is free from harassment. Harassment is defined as any action directed at an individual or group that creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment.
- Which is a non-discriminatory environment, and which respects the right, dignity and worth of every human being, and (within the context of the activity), treats everyone equally regardless of gender, ethnic origin or religion. Persons to whom this Code applies acknowledge and agree to comply with the disciplinary and grievance procedures maintained by AusCycling. If any disciplinary action is taken, a person directly affected will be given the opportunity to participate in those proceedings and the right to appeal against any decision against him or her.



## 5.2 Key Elements

All people who are bound by this code shall:

- Act in a manner that is compatible with the interests of AusCycling.
- Compete without cheating.
- Accord people involved in all forms of cycling with the appropriate courtesy, respect and regard for their rights and obligations.
- Treat people's property with respect and due consideration of its value.
- Show a positive commitment to AusCycling's policies, rules, procedures, guidelines and agreements.
- Respect the law and customs of the places they visit.
- Respect the confidentiality of information that they receive in the course of fulfilling their duties.
- Not misuse funds or property belonging to another party.
- Uphold the standing and reputation of all forms of cycling within Australia.
- Observe and comply with the Anti-Doping Rules set out in the AusCycling Anti-Doping Policy

## 5.3 Unacceptable Behaviour

This list provides examples of behaviour deemed to be unsuitable and not in the best interests of cycling. This is not an exhaustive list.

- Gambling, betting or organisation of betting at any cycling event, while competing, officiating or undertaking a management role
- Sledging' other athletes, officials or event organisers. Sledging is defined as a statement that is deemed to denigrate and/or intimidate another person, or behaviour likely to constitute emotional abuse.
- Using or encouraging the use of prohibited substances or methods as defined in AusCycling's Anti-Doping Policy.
- Any form of harassment such as bullying, threatening, intimidating, swearing or racism
- Damaging another person's property or depriving them of that property.
- Sexual relations between an employee or appointed official and a junior athlete (under the age of consent), irrespective of the wishes and desires of the athlete.
- Physical contact with athletes unless it is appropriate to the situation and be necessary for the further development of the athlete's skill and/or during Medical assistance
- Statements that are deemed to denigrate the group that an individual is representing

Further to Auscycling's Policy, unacceptable behaviour also includes:

- social media intimidation
- queue jumping
- abusing competitors on a Special Stage
- driving in an unsafe manner in parking areas.

Although not an exhaustive list, the Race Director has the right to evict and/or penalise any Event Attendee who does not respect people, the environment or property.

WA Gravity Enduro endorses a Zero Tolerance approach to violence or unruly behaviour. Penalties will be harsh, swift and made public and may range from an Event Disqualification to extended temporary bans or permanent bans.

Spectators are encouraged to be supportive of competitors throughout an event. This can be achieved through cheering, whistling, bells etc. At no time can a spectator sledge, threaten, bully, harass, intimate, swear or be racist to any other individual through verbal or physical actions at an event or anytime on social media. The actions of a Spectator may lead to a penalty imposed on a related Competitor.

## 5.4 Affiliates and Sponsors

Affiliates and Sponsors work in conjunction with WA Gravity Enduro and it is of everyone's benefit to maintain a professional, respectful and honest working relationship.

Sponsorship contracts are outlined in more specific detail in the Sponsorship Agreement, however, will be briefly reiterated for transparency as part of this Rulebook:

- The Sponsor will not knowingly or recklessly do (or directly assist or permit, by action or inaction any Person to do) anything which might undermine the validity of the WAGE branding or of any registrations thereof, or any other Intellectual Property Rights owned by WAGE or which might support an application to remove such marks from the register in any country or tend to prevent the registration thereof in any country provided that it will not be in breach of this clause if it is acting pursuant to and fully in compliance with this Agreement
- WA Gravity Enduro and Sponsors should monitor and use its best endeavours to ensure that no other person has or implies any connection with the Event, WAGE or its activities or otherwise engages in any "ambush marketing" which adversely impacts, either directly or indirectly, the value of any of the rights granted to WAGE or Sponsor under this Agreement.
- Branding through the course and race village is reflective of Sponsorship Tiering. As such, the three Platinum Sponsors are permitted a maximum ~30% of branding impact (eg 3 3x3 marquees) and Bronze Sponsors are entitled to space not larger than ~20% (eg 1-2 3x3 marquees). WA Gravity Enduro is flexible and event branding may vary at particular events and locations but importantly, Sponsorship Tiering and branding must be respected and acknowledged between all parties.
- To the fullest extent of the law, all Sponsors indemnify all employees, agents, contractors and volunteers of WAGE against any loss, injury or death inflicted as a part of operation.
- Termination of Sponsorship Agreement may occur where a party breaches a Term and is not capable of remedy, and/or if insolvency of a party occurs.
- Sponsorship of WA Gravity Enduro is supportive of the entire organisation, affiliations and competitors. Sponsors must be respectful and supportive of others at all times. Intimidation, bullying and exclusiveness will not be tolerated and will result in termination of Sponsorship.

## 5.5 Drugs, Smoking and Alcohol

Smoking or vaping are strongly discouraged at WA Gravity Enduro events, particularly with children present. If you must smoke or vape, leave the venue area.

Drugs such as Cannabis are not permitted at WA Gravity Enduro events, including car parking areas and designated camping areas.

Performance enhancing drugs and any other illegal drugs are not permitted.

Riders must not be under the influence of alcohol during practise and racing.

## 5.6 The Spirit of Enduro

WA Gravity Enduro aims to run a series that pushes the level of athleticism and competition while also firmly promoting a welcoming and inclusive sport for all. Competitors and spectators considered to have broken the standards expected of them may face disqualification or ban. Therefore, if at any time in the opinion of WA Gravity Enduro a competitor becomes the subject of public disrepute, contempt, or scandal that affects the image, reputation or goodwill of the discipline, WA Gravity Enduro will notify the individual/s or affiliates and may immediately suspend or terminate their racing.

We simply ask all attendees to:

- Respect the racing trail
- Respect each other
- Respect the environment
- Respect the local community
- Respect the organisers, staff and volunteers
- Respect the rules and fair sport

## 6 CONSIDERATIONS

### 6.1 COVID

COVID-19 may effect WA Gravity Enduro's actions in preparing for or undertaking an event which may occur at anytime. If an event is to be cancelled or postponed as a results of COVID-19, competitors may expect a rescheduled date. If a competitor cannot attend a rescheduled date, a refund minus 5% admin fees is offered.

If an event must be cancelled and there is no immediate rescheduled date, a refund minus 5% admin fees is offered.

## 6.2 Weather

Extreme weather may effect WA Gravity Enduro's actions in preparing for or undertaking an event which may occur at anytime. WA Gravity Enduro adheres to the Auscycling Extreme Weather Policy.

Reference to the AusCycling Extreme Weather Policy

<https://assets.auscycling.org.au/s3fs-public/2021-11/extreme-weather-policy-v1-website.pdf>

## 6.3 Privacy

Privacy is taken very seriously. No competitor contact information will be given to any other person. The only exemptions are to Auscycling to verify insurance details and to St John Health Services for injury management or emergency contact.

## 6.4 Media

As a condition of attending a WA Gravity Enduro event, all attendees accept that they may be recorded via videography and/or photography which may be stored for future use, or may be streamed live to a social media platform such as Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

WA Gravity Enduro may also be operating CCTV at the Event including Race Village and on course.

Affiliated venue operates may also operate their own recording services which must be accepted as a condition on entry.

Media may be collected through paid services or may be supplied free by others. All captured media are intended to be published at some time now or in the future for the benefit and promotion of WA Gravity Enduro.

All paid media services may remain the copyright of WA Gravity Enduro as per agreements with paid services. All content on the website remains the property of WA Gravity Enduro and may not be reproduced in part or whole unless explicitly approved.

# 7 INFRINGEMENT AND PENALTIES

Infringements, penalties, fines or prosecution may impact Event attendees. Criminal activity, parking infringements and other fines imposed by external authorities such as Department of Parks and Wildlife, local Rangers or Police may occur in conjunction with WA Gravity Enduro penalties.

Penalties are a guide and are based on the Commissaires and/or Race Directors judgement and is considered final. Penalties as outlined in the Rulebook but additional penalties may include verbal warnings, relegation of position, time or points penalty and/or disqualification.

## 7.1 Yellow and Red Cards

WA Gravity Enduro has the right to issue any rider with a yellow or red card at any time throughout the season.

Yellow Cards may be issued following clear and supported evidence of a serious rule violation post-event, or following circumstances during an event.

A second Card issued to a competitor in a series will be a Red Card. A rider receiving a Red Card will have 200 Series Points deducted from their Series Total.

Yellow and Red Cards issued will be publicly available and hosted on the WA Gravity Enduro website.

## 7.2 Penalties Quick Reference

REFERENCE	TOPIC	PENALTY
Section 4.2	The Bike	Competitors who do not wish to participate in random bike checks will be disqualified. Competitors who are disqualified must return their SIAC immediately and cannot continue in the event. No refund possible. eBikes failing to satisfy our testing procedure will be deemed modified and therefore not within the specifications of WAGE, Auscycling or UCI and the eBike and competitor disqualified. The competitor must return their SIAC immediately and cannot continue in the event.
Section 4.5	Shuttling	Failure to comply with Shuttling directives (shuttling when not permitted) is instant disqualification.
Section 4.6	Shadow Riders and Outside Assistance	Failure for a Shadow Rider to be trailing behind a Competitor on a Special Stage is a 60 second penalty.  During Liaison, a Shadow Rider is not permitted to tow or push any competitor at anytime, or risk a 60 second penalty.  No other competitor or spectator can push, tow or shuttle a competitor. Penalty can range from deeming a competitor 'non-competitive' (results show but no podium or series points), 60 seconds to 5 minutes at the discretion of the Race Director or Commissaire.
Section 4.10.5	Stage Start Stop Sign	Failure to come to a complete stop at a Stop Sign is a 60 second penalty.

		<p>Additionally, 2 competitors can appeal to a Marshal that the Stop Sign was not adhered to. If the 2 competitors are found to be intentionally lying, the penalty is instant disqualification.</p> <p>Competitors can be penalised after the event particularly if video footage emerges or if an appeal is made. A podium competitor found breaching a Stop Sign or violating any other rules such as course cutting must return all medals, vouchers and/or prize money.</p> <p>If a competitor alters course signage without explicit approval from a Marshal or Race Director, the penalty is disqualification.</p>
Section 4.11	Practise	<p>If at anytime a Competitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intentionally moves Course Bunting or Course Signage, the penalty is disqualification</li> <li>- Unintentionally breaking Course Bunting or knocks Course Signage, the Competitor must repair the Course Signage. The penalty can range from 5minutes to disqualification.</li> <li>- Modifies the course by moving vegetation, rocks, technical trail features or makes adjustments to any other natural feature without explicit approval from a Course Marshal or Race Director, the penalty is disqualification.</li> <li>- Uses an eBike during practise (not genuinely Shadowing) and is racing on an 'analogue' bike, the minimum penalty is 30 seconds.</li> </ul>
Section 4.15	Course Cutting	<p>If a competitor intentionally leaves a trail, the competitor is deemed to be cheating themselves, their mates and other competitors and will be disqualified. If there is confusion or concern about trail bunting or racing lines, always clarify with a Commissaire before racing the stage.</p>
Section 4.16.5	Presentations	<p>If a competitor finishes the course during or after presentations without acceptable reasoning, a 2minute penalty is applied.</p> <p>Acceptable reasoning may be stopping to assist an injured rider. Mechanicals are not considered an acceptable delay.</p>