



Competition Format and Rules

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Competition Format

GC2018 will host track cycling with 20 medal events, including four Para sport medal events. GC2018 will be the first time that an equal number of medal events are included in the schedule for men and women:

Men's medal events: 10	Women's medal events: 10
Sprint	Sprint
B&VI sprint	B&VI sprint
1000m time trial	500m time trial
B&VI 1000m time trial	B&VI 1000m time trial
4000m individual pursuit	3000m individual pursuit
4000m team pursuit	4000m team pursuit
40km points race	25km points race
15km scratch race	10km scratch race
Team sprint	Team sprint
Keirin	Keirin

The track cycling competition at GC2018 will be delivered in accordance with the UCI rules and regulations available at uci.ch/inside-uci/rules-and-regulations.

Sprint events

Individual sprint:

The Individual Sprint competition is conducted over three laps of the track.

Cyclists complete a 200m qualifying time trial and are then seeded into heats of two cyclists, with the winners of each race progressing to the next round. Lots are drawn to determine the cyclist's start position. The cyclist who draws the inside starting position has an obligation to lead the first half lap of the race. This is a tactical race in which the cyclists may use the whole track to manoeuvre into position.

The sprint competition consists of five phases: qualifying, 1/8th finals, quarterfinals, semifinals and finals.

In the qualifying phase, all cyclists will complete a 200m flying start (time trial, after 3.5 build-up laps) to determine the seeding order for the 1/8th finals.

Finals are raced as a head-to-head competition. Winners of the 1/8th finals go to the quarterfinals. From the quarterfinals, two-up matches over two races (with a third deciding race, if necessary) will be held. Winners of the quarterfinals go to the semifinal, and winners of semifinals into the finals race. The final will be held as two-up matches over two races (with a third deciding race, if necessary).

In the case of a tie (to the closest one-thousandth of a second in the 200m flying start), the cyclists concerned will be classified according to the best time in the last 100m. In the case that the last 100m time cannot be recorded or if the cyclists are still tied, the cyclists concerned will be classified by drawing lots.



Team sprint:

Each team member in the team sprint competition is required to lead for one complete lap of the track. The team is awarded a finishing time when the third cyclist crosses the finish line on the final lap (men) and second cyclist (women).

The team sprint competition consists of two phases: qualifying and finals.

For men, the qualifying round is run over three laps by teams of three, who must each lead for one lap of the race. For women, the qualifying round is run over two laps by teams of two, who must each lead for one lap of the race.

The qualifying round determines the four best teams on the basis of their times, and will be matched in the finals as follows:

- The two fastest teams ride the final for the gold medal
- The next two fastest teams ride the final for the bronze medal

In case of a tie (to the closest one thousandth of a second), the fastest time over the last lap shall decide the winner.

This is the first time the women's team sprint has been included in the Commonwealth Games.

Keirin:

The Keirin is a race in which the cyclists complete three laps paced behind a motorised bike, known as the derny. The derny starts at 30km/h, increasing to 50km/h and leaves the track with three laps to go, at which point the cyclists begin a sprint to the finish.

The Keirin competition consists of four phases: first round, first round repechage, second round and finals.

If ties for the last qualifying spot cannot be resolved by photo-finish, all involved cyclists will qualify for the next round (or share the same rank if it is in the final round).

This is the first time the women's keirin has been included in the Commonwealth Games.

Individual Time Trial:

The time trial competitions consist of a finals phase only. The cyclist is alone on the track, racing against the clock, over a distance of 1000m for men and 500m for women.

Endurance events

Team pursuit:

Teams of four cyclists race around the track over a distance of 4000m for both the men's and women's events.

The Team Pursuit competition consists of two phases: qualifying and finals.

The qualifying round determines the four best teams on the basis of their times. The time and the classification of each team shall be taken on that of the third cyclist of each team. The time shall be measured on the front wheel of the third cyclist of each team.



The four teams recording the best times in the qualifying round will be matched in the finals as follows:

- The two fastest teams ride the final for the gold medal
- The next two fastest teams ride the final for the bronze medal
- In the case of a tie (to the closest one-thousandth of a second), the team with the fastest time over the last lap will be declared the winner

This is the first time the women's team pursuit has been included in the Commonwealth Games.

Individual pursuit:

For the individual pursuit competition, cyclists start on opposite sides of the track in a race against each other and the clock over a distance of 4000m for men and 3000m for women.

For the initial rounds of competition, cyclists of near equal ability are matched. The four fastest cyclists from the first round will qualify for the final.

The individual pursuit competition consists of two phases: qualifying and finals.

The qualifying round determines the four best cyclists on the basis of their times.

The four cyclists recording the best times in the qualifying round will be matched in the finals as follows:

- The two fastest cyclists ride the final for the gold medal
- The next two fastest cyclists ride the final for the bronze medal

In the case of a tie (to the closest one-thousandth of a second), the cyclist with the fastest time over the last lap will be declared the winner.

Scratch race:

The scratch race is a mass start event run over a distance of 15km for men and 10km for women. The winner is the first cyclist across the finish line.

If one or more cyclist(s) manage to lap the field, the race will continue and the final placings determined at the crossing of the finish line after the full distance has been completed. Cyclists who are lapped more than twice will be eliminated.

The scratch race competition consists of two phases: heats (if there are more than 24 entries) and finals.

The heats will determine the 24 cyclists who progress to the finals.

The final placings are determined during the final sprint, taking into account laps gained.

Points race:

The points race is a mass start race over a distance of 40km for men and 25km for women. The object of the points race is to accumulate points over the duration of the race.

The competition consists of two phases: heats (if there are more than 24 entries) and finals.

The heats will determine the 24 cyclists who progress to the finals.



Sprints for points take place every 10 laps, with the first cyclist in each sprint awarded five points, the second three points, the third two points and the fourth one point.

Points awarded in the last sprint after the full distance will be doubled (ten points, six points, four points, two points). Twenty points can also be awarded for lapping the field whilst 20 points will be deducted from cyclists who lose a lap.

The winner is the cyclist with the most points at the end of the race. Where two or more cyclists are equal on points, the places in the final sprint shall declare the winner.

Para-sport events

The following Para-sport events are included in the GC2018 track cycling competition:

Men:

- Blind and visually impaired (B&VI) sprint
- Blind and visually impaired (B&VI) 1000m time trial

Women:

- Blind and visually impaired (B&VI) sprint
- Blind and visually impaired (B&VI) time trial

The B&VI cyclists have vision impairment and ride with a pilot at the front of the bike on a tandem cycle.

B&VI sprint:

The B&VI sprint competition consists of two phases: qualifying and finals.

In the qualifying phase, all cyclists will complete a 200m flying start (time trial, after six build-up laps) to determine the seeding order for the finals.

In the case of a tie (to the closest one-thousandth of a second in the 200m flying start), the cyclists concerned will be classified according to the best time in the last 100m. In the case that the last 100m time cannot be recorded or if the cyclists are still tied, the cyclists concerned will be classified by drawing lots. If there is a tie in the decider, additional decider(s) will be run until the tie is resolved. The final will be held as two-up matches over two races (with a third deciding race if necessary).

B&VI 1000m time trial:

The B&VI time trials consist of a finals phase only. The tandem cyclists are alone on the track racing against the clock over a distance of 1000m for both men and women.

Classification for Para track cycling:

Para-sport events at the Games will be open to specified sport classes only.

Athletes must comply with the classification rules in order to qualify, enter and compete in these events.

There will be no classification held at GC2018.

B&VI cyclists have a visual acuity at or below 6/60 or a visual field less than 20 degree radius in both eyes with best corrected vision (i.e. all athletes who use contact or corrective lenses must wear them for classification, whether they



intend to wear them in competition or not). Cyclists are accompanied by a pilot at the front of the bike on a tandem cycle as per CGF regulations.

Sprint events

Individual sprint	The first cyclist to cross the finish line in a best-of-three races format will be the winner
Team sprint	The teams with the third and fourth fastest times will compete for bronze, whilst teams with the fastest and second fastest times compete for gold and silver
Keirin	The first cyclist to cross the finish line will be declared the winner
Individual time trial	The cyclist with the fastest time is declared the winner

Endurance events

Team pursuit	The four fastest teams from the qualifying round will contest the final, with the winning time taken from the third cyclist in each team to cross the finish line The teams with third and fourth fastest times compete for the bronze, whilst teams with the first and second fastest times compete for gold and silver
Individual pursuit	Cyclists with the third and fourth fastest times will compete for bronze, whilst the cyclists with the fastest and second fastest times will compete for gold and silver
Scratch race	The first cyclist to cross the finish line will be declared the winner
Points race	The winner will be the cyclist with the most points at the conclusion of the race