

Why join our club?

BMX Clubs have an open door for visitors, welcoming families as new members, and our club is no different. Members are rewarded by developing physical fitness, balance, and skills for handling a bicycle. To encourage children under 8 to develop their skills at their pace, under 8's (they are called sprockets), are participation only. We have accredited coaches in the club, and training is held on Tuesday afternoons at the following times, Juniors 4Pm – 5.15 Pm, and Gate starts from 5Pm.

How much does it cost? (Prices apply from 14th June 2003)

An Australian BMX licence must be obtained before participating in race meetings. The nomination fee (normally \$4 for under 8 years and \$5 for all others) applies after obtaining a licence. Contact the secretary or ask at the canteen regarding this. New licences are \$44.00 for club \$64.00 for open (*a birth certificate or proof of age is required with all new licence applications*). There is a state levy of \$10.00 and a family club membership of \$20 GST inclusive. These are annual costs, with the Club Membership being adjusted to \$10.00 for family membership after 28th February. These forms are available from the club secretary, or other officials on race days.

What equipment do I need?

Bike: Mostly 20" wheel BMX, but also 12" and 16" wheel BMX and 24" and 26" wheel bikes can compete. Safety requirement is for pads on the top bar, head stem and handlebar; remove chain-guards, bell, lights or anything that might cause damage; and brakes, tyres, frame, wheels, etc to be in good, safe condition.

Clothing: Should protect the rider in case of a fall. Long sleeve top, long pants, closed shoes, gloves and approved BMX helmet. Discuss the details with the secretary or nomination secretary

When is racing held?

BMX is a year round, all weather sport, with our club racing most Sundays and some Friday nights (See the calendar page for a full list of local racing dates). Racing starts at 11.00 am on Sundays, and 7.00 pm on Fridays nights. *Riders must register prior to racing, and registrations close 30 mins prior to racing commencing.*

There are normally 3 **motors** before a break and 2 **motors** after the break. Riders are grouped by age or ability. Racing starts from the starting gate and travels in one direction only. Practice is encouraged before racing starts.

What to do there!

Enjoy the racing for the first few weeks. If you want to help with the running of the club, ask at the canteen for what to do or who to see. While volunteers are welcome, there is no pressure to perform official duties, and parents and children form some great friendships. Volunteer parents run the club, and extra assistance is always welcome. Work required includes setting up the starting gate, PA system, helping in the canteen, clearing loose rocks and debris from the track and, after warm up, acting as track officials.

Is there catering available?

The canteen is open every race day and has a range of food and drinks available. All profits from the canteen and any other activities go back into the club. We require that no alcohol is consumed within the confines of the track during racing, and smoking is not allowed.

Do we give awards to riders?

Yes, the nomination fees pay for trophies for each round of competition (usually 4 or 5 weeks of racing). These are usually presented at the completion of racing on the final event of each series. Dates of these are on the race calendar. Incentive points are awarded for the number of race meetings attended each year.