

# Rider assistance policy

The Hunter District Cycling assistance policy aims to provide financial support to all competitors.

Costs are a big part of all sports and can be a barrier to participation. This policy aims to reduce that barrier and encourage all riders to strive for excellence in the sport.

Subject to the “**General Conditions**” as stated at the bottom of this document. Riders may be entitled to a range of subsidies and reimbursements as outlined below.

## **1. Payment of Junior Cycling Australia affiliation fees**

All juniors up to and including Under 17s are entitled to reimbursement of their annual Cycling Australia affiliation fees, provided that they have been a financial racing member of the club for the previous 12 months.

## **2. Under 19 Reimbursement for Hunter District Skin Suit**

Riders who have been a racing member with the club for at least 2 years and have reached Under 19 level, will be entitled to reimbursement for a standard Hunter District long sleeve Skin Suit.

## **3. Senior Riders State Open and State/National Championships**

Riders participating in State open, State or National championship events can apply for the following travel subsidies:

### *Championships*

- 50% of entry fees
- Use of club van and fuel (3 or more riders) **or**
- Reimbursement of approved Van Hire (3 or more riders, no fuel) **or**
- Reimbursement of fuel costs (Own vehicle, 3 or more riders) **or**
- 50% Reimbursement of fuel costs (Own vehicle, < 3 riders)

### *State Opens*

- 50% of entry fees
- Use of club van and fuel (3 or more riders) **or**
- Reimbursement of fuel costs (3 or more riders) **or**
- 50% Reimbursement of fuel costs (< 3 riders)

Note: Travel funding is not available for local events (i.e. events within 250km of residence) and is subject to the discretion of the HDCC executive committee; Travel subsidies will be capped at \$150.00 per rider, per financial year.

## **4. Representative Team selection Subsidy**

The following subsidies will be paid to riders selected in the following representative teams ONLY:

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| a. | State team    | \$200 |
| b. | National Team | \$500 |

## 5. Team funding

### *Oceania Track Championships.*

Riders, plus 1 club official, endorsed by the club to participate in the Oceania track championships, are entitled to a subsidy of up to \$300 per person for domestic events and up to \$500 for overseas events. The total amount available for the team is \$3,000.

### *National Junior Track Series*

The club will fund the NJTS team to a total of \$3,000 for the entire series. Cycling Australia, provide a rider levy credit of approximately \$150 per rider for each out of state event. Riders who are not selected in the HDCC NJTS team but who choose to attend an out of state NJTS round will be eligible for the equivalent rider levy credit from Cycling Australia. The balance of funds required will be managed by the club appointed NJTS manager. A rider levy will be charged for each trip to meet the balance. The amount will be confirmed by the NJTS manager each trip in line with the budget at the time<sup>1</sup>. Parents who have been nominated in the role of chaperones or coaches will also be required to pay a levy charge equivalent to that of the rider levy.

### *Teams events*

All riders participating in championship team's events will have the team entry subsidised

## General Conditions

- a. Riders who receive a subsidy or benefit for a given event agree to wear Hunter District kit during that event.
- b. Junior riders who have had their membership fees reimbursed agree to wear Hunter District kit at all events, provided it is practical to do so (e.g. if the rider is competing in several races in short period of time. it is reasonable to wear an alternate kit).
- c. Riders who are members of the following representative teams are exempt from the requirements of part A and B, provided they are wearing their representative team kit:
  - i. Hunter Academy Of Sport
  - ii. NSW state team
  - iii. National team

In addition to specific requirements indicated above all riders and their support persons, are expected to observe the following while representing the club:

- Display good sportsmanship
- Exhibit a high standard of behaviour at all times (in and out of competition)
- Show respect to coaching staff and race officials

All subsidies will be paid after the event, provided all of the associated conditions are met.

## Penalties

Where a rider accepts a subsidy or reimbursement from the club and fails to observe the conditions as set out above, the club may impose a penalty up to the amount of the subsidy or reimbursement paid to the rider.

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<sup>1</sup> Indicative amount as charged for 2017/18 was \$220, consisting of travel (\$170) and food (\$50). The food levy will be payable by all selected riders. All efforts will be made to meet dietary requirements