

Organized by: Cycling Association of Yukon (CAY)

Location: Titanium Way, Whitehorse, Yukon

Website: www.yukoncycling.com

Purpose of the Events

CAY is seeking to provide a new fun race experience for all Yukon cycling enthusiasts, including our U15-U19 race team.

1. RACE FORMAT

The Yukon Crit Series will take place on:

Dates: May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Location: Titanium Way, Whitehorse

- Circuit length: approx. 0.9 km
- Fully closed course
- Map
 - Course route highlighted in light blue
 - Start/Finish line highlighted in green and red
 - Parking location (off course marked in purple) - next to Trappers Association (bike to the race if you can)
 - Sign-in and post-race BBQ marked in dark blue (RPAY parking lot)
 - Pit (not marked) just before the sign-in area (north of the blue rectangle)
 - Pedestrian crossing is marked in orange
 - Washrooms - please use RPAY washrooms located at 170 Titanium Way Suite



Weekly Schedule

Each event includes:

5:30–6:00 PM — Learn to Race (Mandatory – One Time Only)

All riders must attend at least one Learn to Race session before participating in the series. This session will be led weekly by CAY coaches Hudson Lucier and Steph Bester and the Race Commissaires.

Topics covered:

- Criterium rules & safety (presented by Race Commissaires)
- Cornering technique
- Riding in a group
- Hand signals
- Race etiquette
- Strategy basics

Open to all ages and abilities.

6:00–6:40 PM — “B” Race (Intermediate Category)

Designed for:

- Newer riders
- Youth riders (age 10+)
- Riders building confidence
- Riders not yet comfortable maintaining 35+ kph

Race Distance: 25 minutes + 5 laps

Equipment:

- Drop bars required (see notes below)
- No aero bars

This category focuses on skill-building and safe race experience. CAY strongly recommends that any first-time crit rider begins in B category. Riders may race in the B and A categories on the same night. New riders that have not attended at least one Learn to Race will not be permitted to race.

Riders are advised to race within their comfort zone - If riders are not 100% comfortable in a peloton (a tight bunch of riders), they are advised to still participate in the race, but alongside 1-2 other riders who are at the same pace. If a peloton is coming behind you, try to stay two abreast if possible to allow safe passage.

We would like to invite all experienced A Crit riders to participate in the B Crit, unchipped, to mentor our younger and newer riders. We encourage you to match up with a newer rider and mentor them in real-time through tactics, drafting and pacing. We will chip all A racers in the break between B and A.

6:45–7:45 PM — “A” Race (Advanced Category)

Designed for:

- Experienced riders
- Riders able to maintain 35+ kph
- Competitive racers

Race Distance: 50 minutes + 10 laps

This is a fast, tactical, mass-start race. Riders in A who are obstructing the race due to slow speeds may be removed by the Pit Race Commissaire during the race if it is deemed to be a safety concern.

6:45–8:30 PM — Post-Race BBQ & Community Social

Open to:

- Racers
- Families
- Volunteers
- Spectators

Feed Zone/Support

There will be no feed zone in the Criterium. Riders are expected to carry sufficient fuel and water. Riders are not allowed to shed equipment on course (empty water bottles stay on your bike).

Parking

Parking will all be off course. Please park outside the course area and walk your bike in. Please bike to the event if you can.

2. REGISTRATION

All participants must:

- Hold a **Competitive Membership with CAY**
- Have signed the current season waiver
- <https://ccnbikes.com/#!/events/titanium-way-criterium-series>

Entry Fee:

- \$20 per race (includes BBQ)
- Series package option (\$60 for all races - your 4th race is free)

Registration closes: **3:30 PM on race day**

No late registrations.

On-site sign-in and chip pick/return:

- Located near Start/Finish at the RPAY Parking Lot
- All riders must sign in at least 15 minutes before race start
- Chips are picked up and returned from the sign-in location. A Crit racers will be chipped between the B and A races.
- Placement instructions – race official will direct, observe or place the chips in the required position.
- Return procedure – racers will return chips immediately after race finish.

No warming up on the course.

3. RULES & REGULATIONS

Race Commissaires will have the final decision on the enforcement of all rules listed below, including pulling any rider for any safety concern. Race Commissaires reserve the right to modify the rules in subsequent crit races as required to maintain safety.

General Conduct

Participants must:

- Follow CAY Code of Conduct
- Respect pedestrians, drivers, and property
- Use designated washrooms
- Not litter or damage property

Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Equipment Rules

For A and B categories:

- Drop-style handlebars required (gravel, road, cyclocross, commuter bikes with drop bars all welcome)
- No aero bars
- No mountain bikes, BMX bikes
- No e-bikes
- Bikes must be mechanically sound
- No headphones or audio devices permitted

Helmets:

- Approved cycling helmet required at all times
- Must be undamaged and properly secured

On Course Rules (to be reviewed by Race Commissaries before the start Learn to Race, A and B races)

- All riders must conduct themselves in a safe and respectful manner while on course
- Obey all course marshalls and race commissaires
- No passing on the inside approaching a corner (start of “no pass zones” will be clearly marked with spray paint at each corner - in these zones you may only pass on the outside, or hold your position throughout the corner)
- In final 200m of the final lap, riders must hold their line during their sprint and not change lanes (if failing to comply results in impeding another rider, you will be disqualified)

Pit Procedure (to be reviewed by Race Commissaries before the start of A and B races)

- Decisions made by the Pit Race Commissaire are final
- Any rule infraction or safety concerns will be radioed from the Corner Race Commissionaires to the Pit Race Commissaire

- Any flagged rider will have their name placed on the white board at the pit and will be announced by megaphone - that rider is required to stop at the Pit for discussion with the Pit Race Commissaire
- If the Pit Race Commissaire determines that the rider can re-enter the race with a warning, they can rejoin the race on the next lap
- If the Pit Race Commissaire determines that the rider cannot return to the race, the rider is disqualified (disqualifications can also be made retroactively after the race)
- In the event of minor mechanicals (dropped chain or minor flat on a tubeless tire) or minor crashes (road rash only with no helmet impact), the rider may walk/run their bike to the pit (in the direction of the race). If the issue can be resolved in less than the time of two laps, the Pit Race Commissaire can allow that rider to re-enter the peloton with credit for up to two missed laps (Pit Race Commissaire will take note of this on their rider list).
- Any race-reentry (for flagged behavior or minor mechanical/crash) will involve rejoining the back of the group which the rider was last riding with (i.e. may not jump into the lead peloton if they were not already with that group before the issue).

Timing Procedure (to be reviewed by Race Commissaries before the start of A and B races)

- Timing system will be provided by Sport Yukon and will calculate total laps completed and final finishing time for each rider
- No warming up on course to avoid tripping the timing system
- No cool down on course until the timing system has been shut off (to avoid tripping the timing system, riders will be stopped $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through their cool down lap until the system is off)
- Sprint laps (10 in A and 5 in B) start once the race time has run out (50min in A, 25min in B)
- The sprint lap countdown starts once the race leader has crossed the line for the first time after the time has run out - the lap counter now shows how many laps are left for the race leader
- When the lap marker says "1" that means only one lap to go - that means this will be your final lap
- When the lap maker says "0" that means your race is finished once you cross the line
- If riders have completed less laps than the winner, they will still be giving a finishing placement and will have "+ Laps" added to their finishing time

Crash Protocol

In the event of a crash:

- Race will be neutralized by the Race Commissaire
- Mandatory bike and helmet check
- Riders with helmet impact may not re-enter (see above re minor crashes with no helmet impact)

4. SAFETY

- Emergency ambulance call is 911
- If there is an incident on course during a race and First Aid is required, the race may be neutralized for a period while first aid attends the scene. If the matter is serious enough, EMS will be called in
- For your safety, if you withdraw from the event for any reason, you must inform the nearest Race Marschall that you are no longer racing. Any unreported DNF may result in a penalty
- Roads are fully closed during race times, no driving on course between 5:30–8:30 PM
- You are required to wear an approved, regulation cycling helmet at all times while astride your bike, from the moment you arrive at the race until you leave. Non-compliance may result in disqualification.
- Course marshalls and commissaires will be stationed on course
- Emergency access maintained at all times
- Nearest hospital: Whitehorse General Hospital

Participants are responsible for racing within their limits.

5. POINTS & AWARDS

Competitors will be awarded points based on their final position each week (most number of laps wins - if riders have the same number of laps then it goes to time). Points are awarded to the first ten male and first ten female riders crossing the line in each of A and B races.

Points awarded to top 10 finishers in A and B categories, for both male and female:

1st – 25 points

2nd – 20

3rd – 16

4th – 13

5th – 11

6th – 10

7th – 9

8th – 8

9th – 7

10th – 6

Overall Yukon Crit Series awards will be presented at the celebration event on May 29th, based on points earned at each rider's top 3 finishes throughout the series (ties will be broken by using a 4th result).

Awards will be given for A male champion, A female champion, B male champion, and B female champion.

Placings determined via timing chips.

Draw prizes will be given out weekly for female riders and new riders, and prizes for the “Heart of the Race”, someone who tried their hardest, tried something new, and/or let their spirit shine

7. KEY CONTACTS

Event Director: Steve Biss, Cycling Association Yukon

Event Co-ordinator: Monika Kozlerova