

REGULATIONS – January 2018

1. Purpose

An invigorating new way to end to the season! Top four clubs from each region's league enter CS Cup playoffs to determine the British Team CS Cup Play Off Champions
This competition is designed to provide clubs with an involvement in highly competitive matches and an opportunity to sell the sport locally to the press and public.

2. Play Off Grand Final Qualification Route

- 2.1 Regional league matches to run from March-early September
- 2.2 Regional league winners plus next three teams qualify for regional play offs (Week 27)
- 2.3 Winners of the four Regional play offs qualify to ride the Grand Final (Week 28)
- 2.4 Where one or more of those teams which qualify for the Regional Play Offs cannot participate in the Play offs, the next ranked team in that League shall be permitted to participate.

3. Competition Structure

- 3.1 4s racing - as per Worlds and European team championships, using 32 heat formula
- 3.2 Teams made of 8 riders with two optional junior reserves.
- 3.3 8 rider teams split into 4 a-side a and B teams.
- 3.4 A-teams consist of top 4 available riders in averages.
- 3.5 The two optional reserves can ride up to four times across the A and B Teams
- 3.6 Graded riders can only be used in the A Team. Maximum of two permitted
- 3.7 B-team made up of ungraded riders excluding the team's top 4 available riders in averages.

4. Awards

- 4.1 KO Cup Trophy for winners with medals for top 4 teams.

5. Participation

- 5.1 All teams entered into the top tier of league racing in their region, including multiple teams that exist at one club - however, they must compete separately and not share riders across teams.
- 5.2 All nationalities.
- 5.3 Non-homegrown riders must compete in 50% of regional matches to be eligible for the play offs.
- 5.4 Riders on loan to another club through the rider loan scheme will not be permitted to race for a primary club team in the play offs, only their loan team.
- 5.5 Clubs with multiple teams entered shall declare riders by first appearance with either team.

6. Referee Appointment

- 10.1 Referees for both the Regional and Grand Final Play Offs shall be appointed by the BC CS Referee Manager. Mileage (currently 40p) and other reasonable costs will be claimed directly from BCHQ by the appointed Referee following submission of the appropriate Referee's Report

7. Play Off Finals Management

- 7.1 Host clubs are responsible for the payment of the Match Registration Fee but not the rider levies
- 7.2 Publicity - Host Tracks must promote their event adequately to local media and online
- 7.3 Results & Match Reports - Host clubs are responsible for the submission of results and match reports to British Cycling, the BC CS Competition Manager and other appropriate persons/websites. Results must be submitted by text or email to the BC CS Competition Manager immediately following completion of the day of racing.
- 7.4 Qualified first aid - Attendants must be present throughout the meeting, including any time allocated to pre-meeting warm up sessions.
- 7.5 Announcer - An announcer with appropriate PA equipment must be provided to keep spectators and competitors informed.
- 7.6 Anti-doping control -Organisers are advised that an anti-doping control may be carried out and arrangements should be made for an anti-doping control station to be available. The anti-doping control station should be positioned within the grounds of the meeting facility. There should be separate administrative and waiting areas equipped with tables and seating. An adjacent toilet is required for the sole use of the doping control. Particularly important is the security of the station and the privacy afforded to competitors. The anti-doping control station may need to remain open for at least three hours following the finish of the meeting. A supply of non-

alcoholic drinks in sealed containers must be available for the riders. Event organisers should make preparations to provide this facility in all cases as notice that a control will take place may only be received by the organiser shortly before the event. No prior announcement should be given that there is to be a control at the event.

- 7.7 Event branding - Meeting programmes, posters and web pages must bear the name of the competition, the British Cycling logo as supplied, and the name of the sponsor of the overall competition (if applicable). At all meetings British Cycling shall be afforded reasonable facilities, if requested, for publicity or promotion of themselves and their sponsors at the event. BCHQ and the promoter will identify any potential sector clash between BC sponsors and local sponsors of the event, and promoters will be provided with a branding sequence from BCHQ to be agreed. Any Series sponsor or co-sponsors shall be entitled to branding positioned track side and on flag signs. In the case of televised events, these facilities shall be the subject of individual negotiation between BC and the event organiser.

Competition Benefits

- 16 teams take part in the competition.
- Qualification through regional leagues, creating a greater importance for regional racing.
- A/B team delivers close racing and a spectacle.
- 4s based final should provide excitement, similar the World and European team cups.
- Rewards clubs using homegrown talent.
- Averages and 50% rule reduces opportunities for “flying in” riders for finals.