

2018 BATTLE OF BRITAIN**REGULATIONS – January 2018****1. Purpose**

An exciting new top tier of team based league racing to replace the previous Elite League series.

2. League Make Up

Teams from each CS Region:

- Midlands
- North and Scotland
- South East and East
- South and South Wales

3. Categories and Awards

- Elite Men (Minimum age 2003) (2:30pm) - Elite League Trophy
- Elite Junior – (2000 - 2004) (1pm) - Trophy as supplied by Dash Trophies
- Women - Refer to specific competition regulations
- Overall (The combined points Totals of each Team in each of the 3 leagues)- Trophy as Supplied by Dash Trophies
- Medals awarded to winning team in Elite Men, Elite Junior and Women categories

4. Competition Format (Elite Men & Elite Juniors)

- 4.1 Two teams face each other in home and away fixtures over six Sundays, between late April & September resulting in two league tables - Elite Men and Elite Junior
- 4.2 Formulae-
 - Elite Men - 8-rider formula with 18 heats, plus two nominated heats (20 total).
 - Elite Junior - 8-rider formula with 18 heats, plus two nominated heats (20 total).
- 4.3 League Points Awarded – Win 2 Points, Draw 1 Point
- 4.4 Where there is a tie on points at the conclusion of either competition, a playoff will be held at a neutral track.
- 4.5 Where two regions are combined to keep any of the Battle of Britain competitions running, any League points gained shall be split between the two teams.

5. Venues

- 5.1 Each region will host three home matches over the course of the season.
- 5.2 The home tracks must be Go-Ride/Clubmark accredited
- 5.3 Tracks will be selected to reduce journey times for regions where possible

6. Match Promotion

- 6.1 Home tracks will be required to stick to scheduled times.
- 6.2 Home Tracks must promote their event adequately to local media and online
- 6.3 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 each day of racing.
- 6.4 Host clubs are responsible for the payment of the Match Registration Fee but not the rider levies

7. Team Selection

- 7.1 Each CS region shall determine its own rider selection and team management appointment process

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8 Rider Eligibility

- 8.1 All riders must have a current & valid British Cycling membership.
- 8.2 Riders may choose to compete either for that CS region in which their residence is shown on their current and valid British Cycling membership card for their homegrown region
- 8.3 Once a rider has ridden for a region in the current season, he/she may not then ride for an alternative region
- 8.4 Domiciled non-UK riders are permitted to race with proof of residence.
- 8.5 In cases of dispute with regard to 8.2, 3 & 4 above the BC CS Commission shall rule

9 Sponsorship

- 9.1 Each region will be encouraged to raise sponsorship and potentially brand their teams.

10 Referee Appointment

- 10.1 Referees for this competition 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

11. Event Management

- 11.1 Qualified first aid - Attendants must be present throughout the meeting, including any time allocated to pre-meeting warm up sessions.
- 11.2 Announcer - An announcer with appropriate PA equipment must be provided to keep spectators and competitors informed.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.6 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

- The best riders across two categories will be competing in the highest level of competition close to/if not international standard.
- Promotional opportunities; club and sport-wide because of the high standard of racing.
- Each host club will promote the competition for maximum exposure and crowd attendance.
- Frees up 4 Sundays of racing for regional racing.
- creates opportunity for all riders to compete at the highest club level