

Welcome

As the 2017 youth circuit racing season comes to a close we are please to present the inaugural Autumn Classic Youth Circuit Races, incorporating the Preston Park Youth Cycling Club (PPYCC) Circuit Championships. The event is organised by PPYCC and located at Cyclopark, Gravesend, Kent.

We hope you have a great day and are looking forward to some exciting racing.

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Location

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Getting There

http://www.cyclopark.com/plan-your-visit/how-to-get-here/

By Car: Cyclopark is located close to the A2 to the south of Gravesend, Kent. Take the A227 junction, (Gravesend Central) and follow the signs for Cyclopark.

Facilities

The circuit facilities will open at 9:00 am on Saturday 30th September and the first race commences at 12:00.

Please ensure that you allow sufficient time prior to your race to park, register and warm up.

Keep your bikes(s) and all other equipment safe and secure at all times as the entire area, with the exception of the course itself, is open to both the general public and riders alike.

The clubhouse has changing facilities and showers. There is hard standing both

adjacent to the clubhouse and for using turbo trainers and rollers. Please do not block the walkways or access to the clubhouse or circuit when using turbo trainers or rollers.

There will catering available from the cafe. Please take your rubbish home with you or use the bins provided.

First aid provision

First aid cover will be provided on the day by PPYCC coaches trained in First Aid. In the unfortunate event of a rider needing to be taken to hospital, the nearest A&E is:

Darent Valley Hospital, Darent Wood Road, Dartford, Kent, DA2 8DA. Tel: 01322 428100 (switchboard)

Racing Schedule

The main circuit will not be available for warm-up before the races start. For Cat C,D,E the circuit F will be available for warm up.

Category	Sign on	Start time	Duration	Circuit
Cat E&D Mixed U8/U10	11-11:30	12:00	20 mins	В
Cat C Mixed U12	11-12:00	12:30	30 mins	B + F
Cat B Boys U14	11:30-12:30	13:10	45 mins	Full
Cat A & B Girls U16 & U14	12:30-13:30	14:00	45 mins	Full
Cat A Boys U16	13:30-14:30	14:55	50 mins	Full

Circuit details can be found here: https://www.cyclopark.com/enterprise/road-circuit

Due to the time available on the circuit youth categories C,D & E events will be mixed boys and girls. However, there will be separate results for boys and girls in each age category.

Gear Check

All races are run under the rules and regulations of British Cycling. Please ensure that your bikes comply with BC regulations and age category based gear restrictions. Any gear adjustment required on the day will need to be completed by parents or

riders.

Cat A U16 Cat B U14 Cat C U12 Cat D U10 Cat E U8 6.93m 6.45m 5.40m 5.10m

Gear check opens at 11am for all age categories outside the bike shop. Before signing on please ensure your child bike has been gear checked and you have a sticker on your licence.

If this is your childs first competitive road circuit event and you're unfamiliar with gear restrictions please contact your club coaches who will be more than happy to provide advice.

Sign on

Sign-on is in the clubhouse. Last sign-on for each age category is 30 minutes before their race. Sign on times for each age group are detailed in the racing schedule.

You will need to produce your valid 2017 BC racing licence – as youth members of British Cycling these are provided as part of your membership.

Race entry is online, however, if space is available there will be entry on the day £10 per rider covering track hire and BC fees.

Numbers

At sign-on you will be provided with one number for your race along with safety pins in exchange for your racing licence. It is important that you position your number on the bottom left of your jersey so that it can be clearly seen by the race judges who will be recording your laps and finishing position. Please ensure you return all numbers at the completion of your race. On return of your race number your licence will be returned.

Safety

The circuit has been risk-assessed. However, there are a number of corners that with bunch racing require extra vigilance. With this in mind, any rider who is not confident in the bunch is respectfully reminded to stay out of trouble. We all need to be aware that 'racing incidents' can occur without fault. Each rider owes a duty of care to his or her fellow riders.

Your race

All races will be clockwise around the circuits. Please assemble by the start finish area 10 minutes before your race and await confirmation from the marshals that the circuit is clear and safe to ride. Note, the schedule does not allow opportunity to warm up on the circuit between races.

There will be no formal gridding based on BC ranking. Youth D & E riders will be called to start line with and Youth D riders lined up in front of Youth E riders but starting at the same time. This same approach will be applied to the Youth A & B girls race. Riders will then ride clockwise from the pit area around circuit C before assembling on the start line for the rider briefing.

The estimated race durations are provided in the racing schedule and a lap count down board will be shown with 3 laps to go on the finish line with a bell at the start of the final lap.

There are no laps out, wheel changes may be provided to riders on the left of the circuit before the finish line but no wheel changes are permitted on the final lap of any race to avoid collisions in the finish area.

Prizes

Presentations will take place by finish area. There will be prizes for both Boys and Girls in all age categories and BC points for applicable age groups.

Thank you

A big thank you to the coaches, volunteers and members of the PPYCC supporting this event and the support from Cyclopark in the hosting of the event.