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# BNZ Corporate Challenge Race Information

The BNZ Corporate Challenge is the most epic team-building experience you'll ever encounter, combining track cycling, food trucks, music, spot prizes, and a kid's zone. Over the course of seven weeks, our relentless (and accredited) Coaches will without a doubt get you in the shape of your life for race day.

For those who haven't ridden the track before the Coaches will teach you all the necessary skills to transform you into a track cycling rock star. The regular riders amongst you will focus on pure speed and executing their plan to perfection.

Accreditation is built into this year's entry cost. Providing all the necessary skills are shown; our coaches will sign you off after seven weeks of training. This will enable you to jump into all our other sessions we have to offer outside of the BNZ Corporate Challenge!

## 2023 series dates

**Entries close:** 11:59pm 1st of April

**Training starts:** 15<sup>th</sup> of April (6 training sessions and one qualifying session)

**Finals day:** 27<sup>th</sup> of May (more details to follow)

Follow this link to register: <https://homeofcycling.formstack.com/forms/bnzcc2023>

Italian Pursuit - teams of 4 or 5; four riders in each race completing one lap (250m) each.

1. Italian Pursuit Men's
2. Italian Pursuit Mixed
3. A women's category will be added subject to a minimum of four teams entered

Cambridge Pursuit - teams of 3 or 4; three riders in each race completing two laps (500m) each.

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## Event composition and training

### ITALIAN PURSUIT - 1km

**Best suited to riders who have never ridden the track before or don't regularly ride on the velodrome.**

An Italian Pursuit is a 1km team race where each team drops a rider at the completion of each lap until only one rider per team is left to race in the final lap. The winner is the team with the fastest time.

This provides the opportunity for novices to ride anywhere from 1 to 4 laps with their team, depending on the start order and your Grassroots Trust Velodrome Coach will guide you through this process and the necessary skills to participate. It really is a race anyone can do.

Grassroots Trust Velodrome bikes and helmets are included in the entry fee and riders are encouraged to make use of these. The minimum number of riders required per team is four. This year we will run up to three categories\* in the Italian Pursuit:

- **Italian Pursuit Mixed**

Each team is composed of four or five members, both female and male; four riders will be engaged in the race. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day. Each team must comprise at least one woman. Each race must also have one woman in the racing team on race day.

- **Italian Pursuit Men's**

Each team is composed of four or five members; four riders will be engaged in the race. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day.

- **Italian Pursuit Women's\***

Each team is composed of four or five members; four riders will be engaged in the race. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day.

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## **CAMBRIDGE PURSUIT (1.5km)**

**This is a great event for riders who are more experienced and are looking to take on a greater challenge.**

Essentially, it's a team sprint with a bit of endurance in that each rider must do 2 laps (500m). Each team drops a rider at the completion of every second lap until only one rider per team is left to race in the final 2 laps. The winner is the team with the fastest time.

This year we will run up to three categories\* in the Cambridge Pursuit:

- **Cambridge Pursuit Mixed**

Each team is composed of three or four members, both male and female; three riders will be engaged in the race. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day. Each team must comprise at least one female. Each race must also have a woman in the racing team.

- **Cambridge Pursuit Men's**

Each team is composed of three or four members with three riders engaging in the races. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day.

- **Cambridge Pursuit Women's\***

Each team is composed of three or four members with three riders engaging in the races. Riders may be substituted to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate on race day. \*Subject to a minimum of four teams entered.

## **Equipment and Gearing Reminder**

If you have your own bike, you are welcome to use it for training and race day. The bike must have standard spoked wheels (no disc or 5 spoke wheels). **Gearing for the Cambridge pursuit is 90" (50x15) and 81" (48x16) for the Italian Pursuit.** Grassroots Trust Velodrome bikes and helmets are included in the entry fee and riders are encouraged to make use of these.

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## **Eligible Riders**

Each team member must be employed by (or be a member of) the company or organisation that they are representing. As such they should be able to show proof of employment (or membership) on request.

## **Awards**

The awards ceremony will be at the conclusion of racing on race day. All team members in the top three teams in each division will receive medals. A trophy will be awarded to the top team in the Mixed Italian Pursuit and Cambridge Pursuit Open.

## **Team Supporters**

Race Day is the perfect time to show your team spirit and get behind your riders! We've got spot prizes for the best dressed and loudest supports so go wild! Spectator entry is free so the more the merrier! We've also got food trucks and a kid's zone - there's something for everyone.

## **Corporate Branding**

Each corporate team is invited to display a free-standing company banner in their pit area in the infield on race day. Make sure you get your supporters some signs to hold up!

## **Team Entry Costs**

\$1100.00 per team.

This will include 6 weeks of training with a Grassroots Trust Velodrome accredited Coach, and entry to the 2023 Final of the BNZ Corporate Challenge. Your invoice must be paid in full before Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.

Payment is required when entering the event and you are only confirmed in the competition once payment is complete. Invoices will be sent to team captains after entries have closed.

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## **Cancellation and team changes**

Person to person transfers can be made between teams if the new team member is able to complete 4 training sessions. All changes must be made in writing to [jorja.swain@velodrome.nz](mailto:jorja.swain@velodrome.nz) with the new rider's registration form attached.

Team withdrawals must be made before 5pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 to be eligible for a full refund, although a 20% administration fee will also be deducted.

## **To Enter**

To enter your team into the 2023 BNZ Corporate Challenge Event please complete the entry form by 11:59pm 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023. The form can be found at <https://homeofcycling.formstack.com/forms/bnzcc2023>

Please make sure you have ranked your preferred training days and times, and any previous experience on the track (if applicable). If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email [jorja.swain@velodrome.nz](mailto:jorja.swain@velodrome.nz)