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MASTERS TRACK CARNIVAL

Race for the Sprint, Endurance or Omnium Cup



2026 INFORMATION PACK

WHOOSH MASTERS RACE INFORMATION

We're promising a thrilling showcase of speed, strategy, stamina, and fun as beginners through to seasoned masters riders go head-to-head from around the world. The Grassroots Trust Velodrome is home to Cycling New Zealand and their outstanding 2024 Olympic team. As a UCI WCC Continental Satellite Centre, it provides the perfect backdrop for bringing the cycling community together.

Enjoy a carnival atmosphere with music, food, drinks, and some of the best masters' riders in the world. Cambridge, in the heart of the Waikato, proudly holds the unofficial title of the 'Home of Champions', with world-class horse racing, rowing, kayaking, and cycling all based here.

For the Riders

Open to riders aged 30+, this event is graded on ability, not age, making it suitable for beginners through to professionals. Riders compete for points across the weekend, with age bonus points also available.

Why not make a holiday of it? Alongside the racing, explore nearby attractions including Hobbiton, the Waitomo Glowworm Caves, Rotorua, and Taupō, all within easy reach. Hamilton Airport now offers international flights, making getting here even easier.

For the Spectators

Whether you're a die-hard fan, a casual rider, or simply looking for a family-friendly day out, there's something for everyone. General admission is free.



2026 Key Dates

Entries Open	3 rd July 2026. *Standard pricing until 11:59pm on the 10th of August. Late entry fee applies thereafter.
Entries Close	11:59pm 14th of August
Pricing	\$80 For Individual Cups, \$15 Team and Family Sprint, \$10 per additional races
Race Day	Friday 21 st - Sunday 23 rd August 2026
Entry Link	https://www.velodrome.nz/masters-track-carnival-2026/

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THE RACES

A mix of carnival and traditional events create a full and spectacular race schedule.

Riders can enter ONE of three different Cup Events. **Endurance Cup** for those that like pushing themselves for longer periods of time. **Sprint Cup** for those that just like to hurt themselves quick and fast, and the **Omnium Cup** for those that can't make their mind up how they like to hurt themselves.

Cups will be awarded for the top female and male races.

Just for fun, we even have team events - Team Sprint, Team Pursuit and Family Sprint. Grab some mates or we can help you find a team.

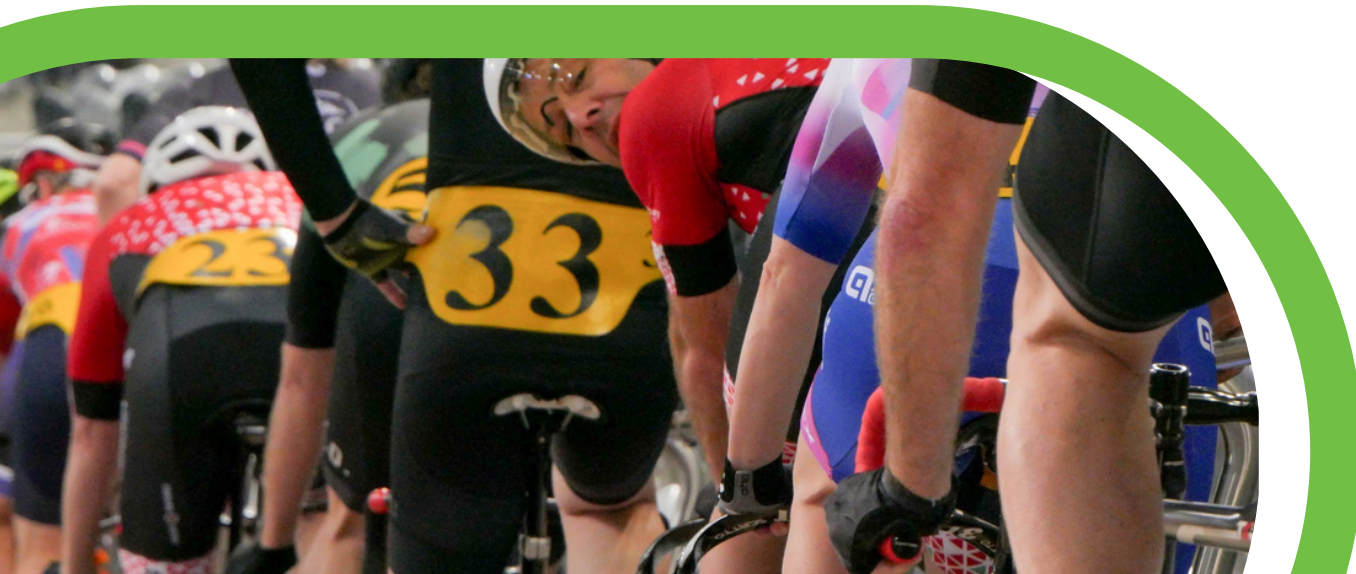
GENERAL INFORMATION

Cambridge is situated in the heart of rural Waikato, near the centre of the North Island of New Zealand. With a long-standing history of thoroughbred horse racing and high-performance sport, Cambridge boasts the unofficial title of 'Home of Champions'. Cambridge is also fast becoming New Zealand's 'Cycling Central'.

It offers the best of track cycling at the Grassroots Trust Velodrome, and a network of top road cycle trails, including the Te Awa Cycleway. The Grassroots Trust Velodrome is a UCI WCC Continental Satellite Centre.

ABOUT THE TRACK

The Velodrome was opened in February 2014. It is a UCI homologated 250m indoor track, made from Siberian Spruce. It is 7m wide, 43.6 degree banking in the corners, and 13.5 degrees in the straights. We have hosted 3 UCI World Cup rounds (December 2015; January 2019, December 2019), as well as the World Masters Games in April 2017; and the Oceania Continental Championships in 2018 and 2024. The Velodrome is equipped with Tissot start gates and lap boards on both straights and a Swiss Timing electronic timing system.



WHOOSH MASTERS - THE CUPS

There are three main cups to choose from which will determine your races across the weekend. This year, you will have the option to sign up for add-on races, but these don't contribute to your chosen cup points.

Sprint Cup

- Sprint Qualifying (flying 200)
- 500 TT
- Keirin
- Match Sprints

Endurance Cup

- Endurance Qualifying (scratch race)
- Elimination Race
- Tempo Race
- Scratch Race
- Points Race

Omnium Cup

- Omnium Qualifying (scratch race)
- 500 TT
- Keirin
- Scratch Race
- Points Race

Team Events

- Team Sprint
- Team Pursuit
- Family Sprint



You will only gain points towards the cup you have selected for your individual entry. You may choose to add additional races, but you will not be awarded points for races outside of your cup.

You will have the option to select these additional races when you register.

WHOOSH MASTERS VENUE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL EVENT SITE

Grassroots Trust Velodrome

Address: 15 Hanlin Road,
Cambridge, 3283, Waikato,
New Zealand

Website: www.velodrome.nz

EVENT TEAM

For more information, contact:

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to race, you must be 30 years or more as of 8 am on 21st August 2026. Family Sprint is OPEN age category, but both riders must be in the same family.

ACCOMODATION

For those travelling domestically and Internationally for the competition, the organising committee recommend Podium Lodge. Only a 4min walk to the Grassroots Trust Velodrome. Designed with an 'Olympic Village' feel in mind, Podium Lodge is a place for visitors to enjoy the spirit of Cambridge – from cyclists and sports teams, to schools, families and independent travellers. For more information go to <https://www.podiumlodge.co.nz/>

TRAINING SESSIONS

Open training sessions will be scheduled throughout the week prior to the event – these can be booked through the velodrome website <https://www.velodrome.nz/track-schedule-and-bookings/> or by phoning the reception team +64 07 823 1421. Alternatively join in with one of our many Coached sessions throughout the week and meet some of the locals. For more information check our website for details.



WHOOSH MASTERS SCHEDULE

Please note, this is a guideline only. May be subject to change depending on registrations.

Friday 21 August – Evening session: Warm up 5:30/Racing starts 6:30pm

Warm up
Family Sprint Heats
Flying 200m seeding
Endurance qualifying – C/D
Endurance qualifying – A/B
Family Sprint Final

Saturday 22 August – Morning session: Warm Up 8am/Racing starts 9am

500m TT
Elimination Races
Team Sprint - Heats
Team Pursuit - Heats
Keirin Heats

Saturday 22 August – Evening session: Racing starts 4:30pm

Tempo Races
Keirin finals
Team Pursuit Finals
Team Sprint Finals

Sunday 23 August – Morning session: Warm Up 8am/Racing starts 9am

Match Sprints Round 1
Scratch Races
Match Sprints Round 2
Points Races
Match Sprints Round 3 (If required)
Prize-giving, food and drinks

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to all who sign-up, support and sponsor this event! We couldn't run it without you. We rely on a huge team of incredible volunteers and sponsorship makes these events come to life. A particular huge thanks to our naming sponsor, Whoosh!

If you are interested in supporting or volunteering at the event, please get in touch with Lizzy at events@velodrome.nz.