

TEAM CHALLENGE

Race for the Corporate or Community Cup



2026 INFORMATION PACK

TEAM CHALLENGE RACE INFORMATION

The Team Challenge (previously named Corporate Challenge) is an epic team-building experience combining track cycling, food trucks, music, spot prizes, and the Paper Plus kid's zone.

The Team Challenge is a track cycling event that brings teams from far and wide together at the Grassroots Trust Velodrome for six weeks of training, camaraderie, competition, fun, and world-class coaching.

Formerly known as the Corporate Challenge, this year we're introducing the Community Cup and welcoming an even wider range of participants. Teams can now choose to compete in either the Corporate Cup or the Community Cup.

Whether you're lining up alongside your workmates in the Corporate Cup or rallying a club, group, sports team, or a few friends for the Community Cup, the Team Challenge is a unique opportunity to challenge yourself and enjoy some healthy competition along the way while getting fitter over winter!

Teams of 4–5 riders will train together through a progressive six-week coached programme, with weekly track sessions designed to build skills and confidence. The programme is suitable for complete beginners through to experienced cyclists and includes all the preparation needed to compete, as well as the accreditation modules required to continue riding at the velodrome after the event.

No previous track cycling experience is required, and all bikes and riding equipment are provided. On race day, teams will go head-to-head in one of track cycling's most exciting events - the Italian Pursuit - as they race for glory and the chance to be crowned Corporate Cup or Community Cup Champions.

Training begins Sunday 2nd August, with Race Day taking place on Saturday 12 September.



2026 Key Dates

Entries Open	5th of June 2026. *Early bird pricing until 11:59pm on the 12th of July. Standard entry fee applies thereafter.
Entries Close	11:59pm 24th of July
Team Price	\$800 Early Bird, \$950 Standard
Trainings Start	2nd of August (6 weeks of training)
Race Day	12th of September (details to follow)
Entry Link	https://www.velodrome.nz/team-challenge/

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EVENT COMPOSITION & TRAINING

ITALIAN PURSUIT - 1km

The 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. Teams of 4 or 5 riders (4 riders in each race, completing one lap each).

This provides the opportunity for participants to ride anywhere from 1 to 4 laps with their team, depending on the start order. 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.

This year, we're going back to our roots and re-introducing the Community Cup category. Teams will be seeded for race day at the end of the 6-week training block. Corporate and Community teams will race off in group format together.

Grassroots Trust Velodrome bikes and helmets are included in the entry fee and riders are encouraged to make use of these. Riders can use their own helmets, we just don't encourage peaked helmets. The minimum number of riders required per team is four.

Event Categories

» MIXED: CORPORATE CUP OR COMMUNITY CUP

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

» MEN'S: CORPORATE CUP OR COMMUNITY CUP

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

» WOMEN'S: CORPORATE CUP OR COMMUNITY CUP

Each team is composed of four or five female 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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GENERAL INFORMATION

Equipment & 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 this may include carbon deep section spoked wheels (no disc or 5 spoke wheels).

Maximum gearing for the Italian Pursuit is 90" (50x15)

Grassroots Trust Velodrome bikes are included in the entry fee and riders are encouraged to make use of these.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Riders: Corporate Cup

Corporate Cup teams must be made up entirely of employees from the company they are representing, and proof of employment may be requested.

To be eligible to race, all riders must attend a minimum of four training sessions and successfully gain their track accreditation prior to Race Day. This is signed off by Velodrome coaches in the lead-up.

Eligible Riders: Community Cup

Clubs, community groups, sports teams, and groups of mates should enter the **Community Cup**.

This category is open to anyone who wants to come together with their team and ride on the track. Parents, teachers, sports clubs - this is for you!

To be eligible to race, all riders must attend a minimum of four training sessions and successfully gain their track accreditation prior to Race Day. This is signed off by Velodrome coaches in the lead-up.

TEAM CHALLENGE GENERAL INFORMATION

Awards

The awards ceremony will be at the conclusion of racing on race day. All team members in the top three teams for both the Community and Corporate cup will receive recognition (such as event medal or other form of award)

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 supporters so go wild! Spectator entry is free so the more the merrier! We've also got food trucks and a Paper Plus 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

Early bird pricing: \$800.00 per team
Standard pricing: \$950.00 per team

Your entry fee includes:

- » 6 weeks of training with our qualified Velodrome coaches.
- » Entry to the Race Day on Saturday 12th September
- » Completed accreditation for each rider (if successful)
- » Velodrome bike and helmet hire
- » Event participant award (such as medal or specialty glass)

Payment is required when entering the event and you are only confirmed in the competition once payment is complete. The Team Manager is required to register/book and then each team member will receive an email with their own registration form.

If you would prefer to be invoiced, please let us know at events@velodrome.nz.

Team Formation

If you don't yet have your team members locked in, you can still sign up - you can let us know your final team and your category prior to training starting on Monday 3rd August. Any questions about this process, email us at events@velodrome.nz.



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Training Times Information

As part of your registration, you will be asked to indicate your preferred Team training time. We will do our very best to accommodate all requests.

Communication

We will communicate key updates via email for all team members (when possible).

Cancellation & Team Changes

Person-to-person transfers can be made between teams if the new team member is able to complete a minimum of 4 training sessions. All changes must be made in writing to events@velodrome.nz with the new rider's contact details.

Team Withdrawals

- » Withdrawals before Monday 10th August are entitled to a 50% refund less an admin fee of \$100.
- » Team withdrawals after the 10th August will not be eligible for a refund.

To Enter

To enter your team into the 202 Team Challenge Event please complete the entry form by 11:59pm 24th of July 2026. <https://www.velodrome.nz/team-challenge/>

Please make sure you have ranked your preferred training days and times, and any previous experience on the track (if applicable).

More Info/Contact

For more information, please keep an eye on our website www.velodrome.nz

If you have any questions, please contact lizzy.crouch@velodrome.nz

