



Dear members and friends of the Waratahs,

As we kick off the 2025 season I wanted to provide you with a couple of updates regarding racing and training. There is a fair bit of information here and I have tried to be succinct. Please take your time in the coming week to go over what has been covered here. Any feedback is greatly appreciated!!!

2025 points Competition

As you may be aware, the Waratahs run an annual points competition from February to November of each year. This includes non-WMCC members.

In summary, riders are awarded points for podiums on a weekly basis. In addition, riders are awarded 3 points where they help with Race Duty. The details of how points are awarded is on our website and can be found through this link: [WMCC Points Competition](#)

For 2025, cash prizes at the end of the year will be issued to the top 10 positions in the competition. This is a change from previous seasons where the top 20 positions received a prize. Budgetary pressures are the reason for this change.

Race management duty

Stating the obvious, we cannot run a race without officials and volunteers.

The Waratahs run a race every week and the following officials and volunteers are needed:

- Commissaire
- First aid officer
- Sign on desk officer
- Duty officer
- Duty helpers (we need two)
- Van driver

Officials and Duty Officers/Helpers for upcoming races are listed on our website here: [Race Calendar](#). Duty has been allocated to mid-April. We will build out the rest of the year in the next month.

I ask that you have a look at it and get to see when you are on for duty. If everyone does their turn then most people racing with the Waratahs will need to do **Duty 2 times per year**.



Have a look at the schedule and lock the dates in advance. If you know you cannot make a particular date, then please get in contact with our Race Manager, Eddie Younger, at waratahmasters@gmail.com or send a message on our WhatsApp Clubhouse Group

Race Duty - more people to help out

The Club is going to include some people on the Duty Roster who are not WMCC members but race with us on a regular basis and have agreed to support us. This is really appreciated 😊

Training Rides

You may be aware the Waratahs are starting up some Training Rides in order to build more connections across the cycle community and provide additional training opportunities to our members. All the rides are no drop rides and will be led in the Waratah spirit of having fun. It would be fantastic to see our Lifestyle members on these training rides.

If you are interested in becoming a ride leader, speak to one of our Committee members.

The rides are listed on our website page [WMCC Training Rides](#). The list will be maintained several weeks in advance. Cancellations (wet weather) will be posted via the Waratah WhatsApp Group.

In summary, this is the plan for new training rides:

Friday training rides Parramatta Park 6.30 to 7:30 a.m.

Moderate pace at 30 km/hr average. Meet at the top of Parramatta Park Hill.

Saturday morning training rides - 6.30am start - 2 hrs duration at around 28km/h average speed.

We are starting up training rides on the first four Saturdays of each month - rotated for each area of Sydney as follows:

- 1st Saturday - North
- 2nd Saturday - West
- 3rd Saturday - East
- 4th Saturday - South

WhatsApp Group

The Club's WhatsApp Group has been mentioned a few times in this update. This is now the place to get short term updates on racing/training rides status. Here is a link to the WhatsApp Group if you would like to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jo9mGcSliQ65HCYhMY6Sto>



The Club maintains 7 Groups for different reasons (eg. Commissaire Group). The only one you need is the Clubhouse. You can post messages to the Clubhouse.

Follow up questions/future topics

There is a fair bit of information here and if you have any follow-up questions please send them to waratahmasters@gmail.com or speak to one of our Committee members.

See you at a race or one of our training rides soon,

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