



# LYG Road Cycling 2026

## Entry Information & Rules

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### Event Overview

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Venue:** Lee Valley VeloPark, QEOP, London E20 3AB.

**Approx Timings:** 8:30am – 17:30pm

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Squad Size:** 16 total – made up of ABC Open= 3, ABC Female= 3, DE Open= 3, DE Female= 3, RR Open= 2, RR Female= 2.

**Competitions:** Open & Female (compete separately).

**Eligibility Criteria:** All riders must have British Cycling third party liability insurance (approximate £1.50 each). Boroughs will be invoiced. BCF members are free (membership number must be provided on entry form).

### Age Categories

Race	Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
Road Race - Open	U16, U14	1/1/2010	31/12/2013
Road Race - Female	U16, U14	1/1/2010	31/12/2013
ITT Youth ABC - Open	U16, U14, U12	1/1/2010	31/12/2015
ITT Youth ABC - Female	U16, U14, U12	1/1/2010	31/12/2015
ITT Youth DE - Open	U10, U8	1/1/2016	31/12/2018
ITT Youth DE - Female	U10, U8	1/1/2016	31/12/2018

*\*Please see rule **RCYC 6.8.4** or more information on conditions of younger riders racing up an age category.*

**Replacements:** Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. Any replacements must be in line with the eligibility criteria. All replacement details must be provided at registration on the day. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number.

- **3 competitors + 3 replacements for ABC races, per gender.**
- **3 competitors + 3 replacements for DE races, per gender.**
- **2 competitors + 2 replacements for RR races, per gender.**

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### Full Rules & Regulations

**RCYC 1** The London Youth Games Road Cycling competition will run in accordance with the rules of [British Cycling Federation](#).

**RCYC 1.1** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by British Cycling Federation, these rules will supersede those.

**RCYC 1.2** It will be at the discretion of the Competition Director, Chief Commissaire and Race Organisation and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

### RCYC 2 Age Category

**RCYC 2.1** The following age groups and respective maximum and minimum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Road Cycling Competition:

Race	Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
Road Race - Open	U16, U14	1/1/2010	31/12/2013
Road Race - Female	U16, U14	1/1/2010	31/12/2013
ITT Youth ABC - Open	U16, U14,U12	1/1/2010	31/12/2015
ITT Youth ABC - Female	U16, U14, U12	1/1/2010	31/12/2015
ITT Youth DE - Open	U10, U8	1/1/2016	31/12/2018
ITT Youth DE - Female	U10, U8	1/1/2016	31/12/2018

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**RCYC 2.2** BCF third party liability insurance required. Approximate £1.50 each. Boroughs will be invoiced. BCF members are free (membership number must be provided on the entry form).

**RCYC 2.3** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**RCYC 2.4** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [LYG Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**RCYC 2.4.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.



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### RCYC 3 Squad Size

**RCYC 3.2** Boroughs are permitted to bring 16 competitors entered to the event on the day made up of the following squad composition;

- 3 competitors for ABC races per gender.
- 3 competitors for DE races per gender.
- 2 competitors for RR races per gender.

Please follow the replacement guidelines above should any of the registered competitors be able to participate on the day.

### RCYC 4 Kit & Equipment

**RCYC 4.1** All competitors must wear protective head gear whilst on the course.

**RCYC 4.2** No bikes provided. Riders must use their own bikes.

**RCYC 4.3** Specialised time-trial bikes are not allowed.

**RCYC 4.4** Cameras must not be worn by riders, nor can they be attached to any equipment.

**RCYC 4.5** Any bikes that do not comply with the British Cycling regulations will be subject to approval or rejection by the commissaire on the day.

**RCYC 4.6** The bike must have efficient brakes and be in a roadworthy condition.

**RCYC 5 Competition Format** The competition will have both individual time trials and road races.

**RCYC 5.1** Individual Time Trial:

- Youth DE: 2 laps
- Youth ABC: 4 laps

**RCYC 5.2** Road Race: 12 laps (B&G)

**RCYC 5.3** Each lap of the circuit is 1.6km

**RCYC 5.4** Time trial races will be clockwise and road races will be anti-clockwise laps.

### RCYC 6 Competition Rules

**RCYC 6.1** The British Cycling 'Youth A' gear restriction of 7.18m will apply for all riders in the Road Races, irrespective of age, i.e., both A and B riders may ride Youth A gears. In the Time Trials, gear restrictions and rim depth restrictions following British Cycling Handbook 2026 regulations (R2.1.7.1 and R1.7.3.1.1., page 143) will apply.

- Youth A: 7.18m, no maximum rim depth
- Youth B: 6.73m, 40mm maximum rim depth
- Youth C: 6.34m, 35mm maximum rim depth
- Youth D and E: Unrestricted, 35mm maximum rim depth

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**RCYC 6.2** Team Managers should sign the British Cycling 'sign on' form on behalf of their team at registration, this will be provided by the London Youth Games.

**RCYC 6.3** Whilst queuing up for their start, riders will be asked to check their name against their race number and borough for the use of those running the results.

**RCYC 6.4** Team Managers must ensure their riders get to the start area in number order, in good time and present themselves to the 'starter'.

**RCYC 6.5** In the event of adverse weather or any other exigency, the circuit configuration and/or the number of laps may be altered. This decision will be taken by the race organisation, race director and race commissaire.

**RCYC 6.6** No warmup or racing session will be permitted to commence until the track is marshalled sufficiently. Any rider contravening this rule will be uninsured whilst doing so. No competitor is allowed to warm up without their number pinned on.

**RCYC 6.7** Riders can compete in both the individual time trial and road race but please note that the road races are open to A&B riders and not CDE.

### **RCYC 6.8 Individual Time Trial**

**RCYC 6.8.1** Each rider presenting themselves to compete will be required to ride a multi-lap trial, alone and unassisted. A rider must not impede the progress of other riders wishing to overtake.

**RCYC 6.8.2** The rider may not slipstream or take shelter from the other riders who may be on the course.

**RCYC 6.8.3** Any riders presenting themselves to the start line late may incur a time penalty. This time penalty will equal the amount of time by which the rider was late, up to a maximum of 5 minutes.

**RCYC 6.8.4** Youth DE competitors may race in the youth ABC ITT, but each competitor can race only once in either ITT. Boroughs/Team managers should ensure any participant possesses the required skill level to compete in the older age group. LYG will not accept responsibility for any participant of a younger age group being injured if playing up.

**RCYC 6.8.5** Each competitor will race in their individual categories despite racing together. This means the quickest time from each category rider in the ITT will be medalled.

**RCYC 6.8.6** ITT medalling categories:

- Category A medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (based on fastest A category riders)
- Category B medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (based on fastest B category riders)
- Category C medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (based on fastest C category riders)
- Category D medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (based on fastest D category riders)
- Category E medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (based on fastest E category riders)

### **RCYC 6.9 Road Race**

**RCYC 6.9.1** In each race (open and female) riders will start together and ride a set number of laps. At the end of the final lap, the first over the line is the winner, next takes second place, etc.



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**RCYC 6.9.2** Contrary to the time trial, riders may slipstream and give pace or shelter to other riders but must at all times ride safely and in control.

**RCYC 6.9.3** The winner's last lap is the last lap for all riders: lapped riders do not have to make up lost laps. Riders who are lapped or about to be lapped may be told to stop before the main race has finished, e.g., to ensure the head of the race has a clear passage. Such riders will still be placed in the result.

**RCYC 6.9.4** For the start, riders will be gridded. Gridding will be based on the borough standings after the time trial competition.

**RCYC 6.9.5** Should a limit need to be imposed on the number of riders in any particular race precedence will be according to borough standings after the time trial and will be applied firstly to the boroughs' first rider then to the boroughs' second rider until the limit is reached.

**RCYC 6.9.6** Gear checks will be undertaken just before gridding.

**RCYC 7 Overall Scoring** Team points from all 6 events are combined to produce overall borough points and ranked.

### RCYC 7.1 Time Trial

- In each of the 4 events, the boroughs best 2 times are combined.
- Each team is then ranked by their total best time and is allocated points (1<sup>st</sup> = 33 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 32 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 32 pts etc.)
- Where one cyclist completes the course, their team will be placed behind the teams with two cyclists.

### RCYC 7.2 Road Race

- The open and female events will each score points i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> = 33 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 32 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 31 pts etc. based on the top scoring competitor for each borough.

**RCYC 7.3 Incomplete competition** if the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a final result;

- Results from all completed races are combined and used to identify the overall winner.
- Minimum requirements: to determine a completed time trial event, 1 rider from each borough must have completed the course.
- To determine a result for the competition, 2 events must be completed.
- Tied teams will not be separated once scores from events are combined, except if the top 3 teams have the same number of points, then the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers will be the deciding factor, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place event finishers and so on.

**RCYC 8 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows:

**RCYC 8.1** Overall Borough medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams.

**RCYC 8.2** Medals awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed competitor in each event.



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**RCYC 8.3** Borough trophy awarded to the overall winner.

### **RCYC 9 Borough Volunteers**

**RCYC 9.1** In the spirit of cycling, each borough is to provide a volunteer over the age of 16 to assist in the running of the event. Volunteers will be utilised for either the first or second half of the day and will provide assistance, as befitting their experience and ability, in roles including, but not limited to: race marshal, timekeeper, recorder, caller, and judging support.

**RCYC 9.2** Volunteers must be made known to the organiser, by email, by the squad selection deadline and should not be from one of the named Team Managers or support staff. Volunteers are not to wear borough-specific clothing during their volunteering duties on the event day.