



PRO KEIRIN
EW DERBY WHEEL

GLOBAL PRO KEIRIN RACING
RACE MANUAL



1. INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

OUR VISION

DerbyWheel (DW) is a new global Pro Keirin Racing sports event focusing on globalizing historic Professional Keirin Track Cycle Racing which currently is organized largely as a closed domestic enterprise in Japan and Korea.

DW's intent, mission and goal is to create an open Professional Keirin League with equal accessibility available for the entire cycling family providing benefits to riders, venues and other stakeholders across the globe.

Our vision is to establish an annual calendar hosting DW events each week across multiple territories.

Our plan to launch DW is to host an exhibition event in the first half of 2024 and introduce the first full DW season after the Olympics.

This Race Manual provides information for Riders.



BENEFITS OF DERBYWHEEL

DW will provide a new foundation to the track cycling ecosystem that will help make the economic model of the sport more sustainable and facilitate growth. Benefits will include:

- **Riders** - DW events will provide significant additional earning potential for riders at all levels making the sport sustainable for existing riders and providing a pathway for new riders to enter the sport.
- **Talent Development** - DW will provide a pathway to develop riders through the creation of Keirin academies. We will work with Federations to complement their existing talent development programmes.
- **Venue Utilisation** - DW events will utilise velodromes across the globe providing important sources of revenue and content.
- **Charitable Initiatives** - DW will invest in charitable and community initiatives to create a positive impact.

KEY INFORMATION FOR RIDERS

This document provides an initial overview of the main elements of DW races and protocols for riders. A full Rule Book will be available to all riders who complete the induction process. Summary of key information for riders:

Rider Eligibility	DW is open to male and females from age 19 upwards and a wide range of physical abilities.
Calendar	The DW calendar will provide regular races across the year providing a consistent season. Initially events will be hosted every 2 weeks increasing to weekly events in the future. It is not compulsory to ride every event - once the calendar is published riders can indicate their availability then will be notified of their schedule. Depending on your availability riders could expect to race 8+ times each season.
Prize Money	Riders will be able to earn considerable prize money across the season - a special class tournament will provide a prize fund of \$600k - refer to prize money section below.
Rider Equipment	Riders will be required to race using the standardised DW bike and approved components + DW helmet and race uniform - refer to rider equipment section below.
Provisions for Riders	All riders will receive additional support to participate in DW events including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Travel, accommodation and meals will be provided at each event.○ Rider insurance will be provided across the season to cover accident and damage to bikes.
Integrity	Integrity is a key part of DW events with strict adherence to the DW Integrity Protocols for anti-doping, prevention of competition manipulation, technical fraud and safeguarding athletes.

LAUNCH PLAN

Our launch plan will follow 3 phases:

PHASE 1: RIDER INDUCTION - COMPLETE

Over 550 riders from 39 countries registered. 345 riders went through the induction process at induction centres in Melbourne, Seoul & Manchester

PHASE 2: TEST EVENT

We will host a Test Event in the UK in the first half of 2024 (date TBC). This will be a full simulation of a real race with live broadcast and race data

PHASE 3: SEASON START

The inaugural season is scheduled to begin in the UK in the second half of 2024 (date TBC). Subsequent races will take place every 2 weeks



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2. HOW TO BECOME A DERBYWHEEL RIDER

REGISTRATION PROCESS

All riders who are interested in becoming a DW Rider should register your interest using the form on derbywheelplayer.com.

The registration process will include the following stages:

- 1. Registration Form** - riders will be required to complete the registration form providing details of your race results and other performance data.
- 2. Rider Induction** - all riders who meet the minimum requirement will be invited to attend a rider induction centre where you will be fully briefed and tested to determine your classification - see induction section below.
- 3. Rider License** - all riders who are approved will be offered a pro rider contract and allocated a DW licence to enable them to compete in DW events.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Riders must meet a minimum level of Keirin race experience. Eligible riders will include:

- Current Riders - elite UCI / National Federation license holders.
- Current riders registered with Korea / Japan Keirin Authority.
- Former Riders / Masters - active riders who have previous top level Keirin race experience.
- Riders who do not fall into any of the above criteria, but have sufficient Keirin race experience and abilities to pass the DW induction process
- Riders must be aged 19 to participate in DW events - riders who are currently 18 but will turn 19 in 2024 are eligible to attend the induction centres.

Riders will be required to meet a minimum physical ability to gain a DW licence. The minimum standards for the 2024 season are detailed in the table below - riders must achieve these standards to pass the induction.

TEST	MEN	WOMEN
200m FLYING START	12.5 seconds	13.5 seconds
500m FLYING START	32.5 seconds	35.5 seconds

INDUCTION PROCESS

All riders who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be invited to the induction process. The induction process will include the following:

- Introduction to DW and full briefing on all aspects of DW racing and rider responsibilities
- Education in sports integrity
- Rider interview
- Practice races
- Testing to determine rider eligibility and class. Each rider will perform two tests to capture peak performance data:
 - Flying 200m
 - Wattbike 30 second peak power test

DW may exempt a person from parts of the qualification tests who falls within the following categories:

- Candidates who have passed the graduation recognition standards of the DW Keirin Training Center (TBC)
- A person registered as a Keirin racer by a National Federation or Keirin Racing Authority
- Those who have achieved grades in the following cycling track events within previous 5 years: Olympics (1-10), World Championships (1-3), Nations Cup / World Cup (1-3), Continental Championships (1-3)

PLEASE NOTE: Riders will be required to pay travel expenses to attend the induction centres which will be reimbursed via a travel subsidy to all riders who successfully become a DW Player.

RIDER CATEGORIES

Rider classification will follow a similar model to Pro Keirin Racing in Japan / Korea:

- Players will only race against other riders in the same class.
- There are three classes for all players: Special, A Class and B Class.
- In addition to the player class, there are levels that indicate the superiority and inferiority of each player within same class.
- Classes are divided into S1~3 for special class, A1~3 for excellent class, and B1~3 for general class. Therefore, the skills of actual players are divided into a total of 9 levels.

Class	Special			A Class			B Class		
Level	S1	S2	S3	A1	A2	A3	B1	B2	B3

Ahead of the first DW season riders will be classified during the induction process. Riders will then score points at each DW event and riders' class will be recalculated based after each event.

More prize money will be awarded to the races of the higher classes providing motivation for riders to perform and move up a class.



3. COMPETITION FORMAT

DERBYWHEEL EVENTS

The first full DW season will begin in 2024 and will feature the following event types:

- **Standard Events** - Standard events will take place every 2 weeks initially increasing to every week in the future. Each event will feature two tournaments of different classes or categories (male / female). Riders will score points in each event which will impact your classification and global rankings.
- **Grand Prix Events** - Riders will be able to qualify for the Grand Prix events based on performance and points across the season. The final Grand Prix will decide the season champions and will feature the largest prize fund of the season.

DW events will be hosted in three continents initially: Europe, Oceania and Asia and will be expanded globally following the inaugural season.

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

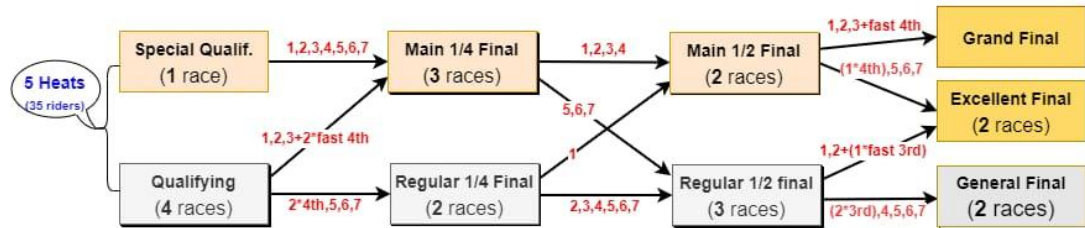
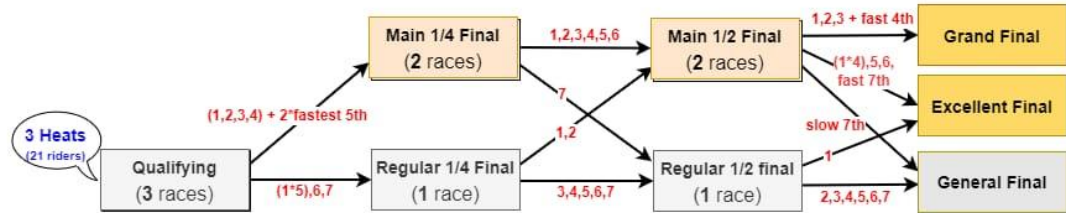
Each event will take place across 3 race days.

The tournament structure will include heats with progression to quarter finals > semi finals > finals. There will be opportunities for riders to move up or down in the different category of finals.

Riders participating in each race will do their best to earn as much prize money as possible, which is paid differentially according to the finishing order (average prize money - 10,000 USD per event, based on special class).

There will be a 20 minute break between each race and approximately 12-14 races a day (40 races for each event).

Different tournament structures will be applied to regular races and Grand Prix events based on the rider composition.



RACE PROTOCOLS

Integrity is a crucial part of DW racing (please refer to integrity section below). We will be enforcing the following race protocols at each DW event:

- All riders will remain in the event bubble from arrival until departure to eliminate any external contact.
- Riders will be required to hand in their mobile phone and any other communication devices on arrival at the velodrome each day.
- Riders will remain in isolation in the rider enclosure throughout the event.
- Riders will only enter the track infield for their race. Except for their race, riders are not permitted to enter the infield or track while spectators are in the stands.
- Riders must avoid any contact or form of communication with spectators during their race.

A full race protocol briefing will be provided during the induction process and at the rider briefing before each event.

Comprehensive guidelines will be provided in the DW Rule Book.



PRIZE MONEY

- Prize money will be awarded in each race to incentivise riders to race for every position.
- Prize money will be different according to class (see table below).
- Prize money will be paid to your nominated bank account following each event.
- Tax regulations of the country where the event is held will be applied - we will advise riders of the tax requirements in each territory.
- All prize money is in US Dollars.

CLASS	TOP EARNINGS	LOWEST EARNINGS	AVERAGE EARNINGS
S Class	\$38,543	\$5,319	\$10,000
A Class	\$12,931	\$3,758	\$6,400
B Class	\$8,356	\$2,428	\$4,100

PLEASE NOTE: The exact prize money may change depending on the number of qualifying races and players participating per race



4. RIDER EQUIPMENT

BIKES & EQUIPMENT

All DW riders are required to use the standardised bike frame and components to ensure a level playing field for all riders. Bike setup will include a modern carbon frame with power cranks mixed with traditional keirin race wheels.

Frames and equipment must be kept with the utmost care. A strict 20 point Bike check will be carried out before each competition day. Any piece that does not pass will need to be replaced. Frame and equipment will be purchased from approved distributors only - please refer to the list [approved parts and components](#).

Riders are required to purchase their own bike and components. DW will subsidise ordering of frame, wheels, and SRM which will be reimbursed out of prize money. Riders will be responsible for the purchase of all other parts and equipment.

Compensation may be awarded for damages during the event refer to insurance section.

Riders will be obligated to ride with SRM PM9 power meters - the data will be shared with fans highlighting peak powers along with race data to be shared with integrity agency Sportradar.

RACE KIT

Riders will wear the official race kit which will identify start position / number. Riders will also wear official shorts which will identify their classification. Riders are responsible for purchasing race kit (jerseys / body armour / helmet) and will own these items:

- **Helmet** - riders will be required to race using the approved helmet.
- **Race Kit**
 - Riders will be required to order a full set of race jerseys (numbers 1-7)
 - This is to ensure there will be in your exact size to provide an aero fit
 - You will wear the relevant jersey for your start position in each race
 - Facilities will be available to wash kit at each event
 - Spare jerseys will be available in case of accident and damage to rider's jersey
- **Body Armour** - can be used and is optional.
- **Rider Nickname** - will be printed on your kit.





5. PROVISIONS FOR RIDERS

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

A comprehensive travel service will be provided for riders - travel, accommodation, transportation and meals will be provided for each event. All travel and accommodation will be coordinated by the DW Official Travel Agency.

The following protocols will apply:

- DW will provide 4 nights accommodation at the designated official event hotel (Wednesday to Sunday).
- If riders wish to arrive or depart on alternative days they will be required to pay for additional accommodation.
- DW will provide meals according to the schedule provided including breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Airport transfer will be provided and managed by the Official Travel Agency on the designated arrival and departure days including bike transportation.
- A shuttle service will be provided between the event hotel and velodrome.
- Flights must be booked using the Official Travel Agency - if a rider misses their flight or requests a change the costs will be charged to the rider.
- Any riders who are able to travel to the event via car will be provided a travel subsidy.

VISAS

Riders will be responsible for organising relevant visas to participate in DW races - the DW organisation will provide official invitation letters and assist with the visa application process.

INSURANCE

Two types of insurance will be provided to riders which will be valid for participation in DW events:

- Accident / injury insurance
- Compensation for damage to bikes

Full details of the insurance policies and provision will be provided ahead of the first season.

DAMAGE INSURANCE

- Damage insurance is provided by DW for certain damage to bikes and equipment incurred during DW events including training sessions
- Damage to parts due to product defects or damage caused by negligence will be excluded from compensation
- If a rider is at fault of an accident of coming together you will be responsible for cost of damage
- Full details of cover and claims process will be confirmed ahead of the first race



6. INTEGRITY

INTEGRITY PROTOCOLS

DW events and races will be organized and conducted as the perfected example of the pinnacle of integrity through strict adherence to the DW Integrity Protocols for anti-doping, prevention of competition manipulation, technical fraud and safeguarding athletes.

Integrity is a top priority so the following measures will be implemented for all DW events:

- **Preventative Measures** - The DW team has decades of experience of developing and managing integrity measures for Korean Pro Keirin racing. This methodology and preventative measures will be applied to DW races.
- **Integrity and Monitoring Agency** - DW has partnered with [Sportradar](#) - a global leader in protecting sports against match-fixing, doping and other integrity threats.
- **Education and Rider Welfare** - Education will be a key tool to prepare riders for the risks and consequences of competition manipulation. We will work with Sportradar to deliver workshops and education programmes that will also focus on rider welfare.
- **Anti-Doping** - we will follow all WADA guidelines and implement anti doping testing at DW events.

Full details of all integrity protocols and rules and regulations will be detailed in the DW Rule Book. Further details can be viewed in our [Integrity Report](#).



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME

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