ROY Scheme Rules

These are the rules **Rider of the Year (ROY)** competition for MTBO in Queensland. There will be a number of event stages that attract ROY points throughout the year. A rider's best 5 scores (stage results) will count towards their final points total. Any individual stage (race) in the QLD Championships or any other multi-day ROY event will attract points.

At each ROY event stage, there will be 5 courses offered (refer below). To be eligible for ROY points a competitor will need to ride in one of the gender/age based categories listed below. A competitor may ride any course they wish, but to be eligible for ROY points, they must enter a category which aligns with their gender and then their age.

A competitor can enter a harder course and will earn ROY points, but will not be able to transfer those points to another category. A competitor needs to enter the same category at each event, in order to have the best chance of an award. The age category is determined by the competitor's age at 31 December. Event organisers and volunteers, where they can't compete in an event, will earn points based on their mean score over contested ROY stages. Where competitors ride in pairs or groups, they will be considered as social riders only. Social riders accrue points for rider information only, as no awards are on offer. Interstate residents are eligible for points but not awards.

Course Number	Age Categories
Course 1	Men Open, Women Open Long
Course 2	Women Open, Men 40-49
Course 3	Men 50-59, Women 40-49, Men 17-20
Course 4	Men 60+, Women 50-59, Women 17-20
Course 5	Women 60+, Women 14-16, Men 14-16

Trophies are awarded to overall winners in each of the following classes:-

Males - M14-16, 17-20, 30-49, 50-59, 60+, Open

Females - W14-16, 17-20, 30-49, 50-59, 60+, Open, Open Long

- Women Open Long category is now available on Course 1
- The best 5 stage results in a category count towards a competitors final score
- Each stage at multi day events will attract individual ROY points
- Competitors must record a valid time in a stage to earn ROY points (unless volunteering)
- Competitors must enter a category that matches their gender to be eligible for ROY points
- The number of stages for which a competitor earns ROY points for organising or volunteering, shall not exceed the number of stages they actually earned points in by competing.
- Competitors from interstate are eligible for ROY awards

Points Calculation Method

The scoring for 'Spanish' (controls in sequence) stages works in conjunction with the SportIdent timing system by using 'MTPoints' program to calculate points based on a standard deviation method. A competitors ROY score depends on the number of competitors in the class and the time gap between each competitor. Points are calculated for eligible riders in each category based on their times.

The scoring for 'Score' and 'Scatter' stages is calculated by SportIdent software 'OEScore' program. Points are calculated for eligible riders in each category based on the number of control visited, any applicable points values for controls visited and any late penalties.

Points will be published on the OQ ROY page after each event. Awards will be presented at the end of the year.