

BTC Junior Policy

If your child is U14 then the policy below applies.

- All Junior competitors aged 12/13 must be chaperoned during the bike leg of club races. Exception to this rule is - if the junior is in their 2nd season of participation having completed a minimum of 3 Club Short Course events as a chaperoned rider and deemed competent by the current Bunbury Triathlon Club Committee. A request for exception can be lodged in writing to the Chair of Bunbury Triathlon Club with each case being considered on the juniors own merits and experience but the junior must be chaperoned until the Committee finalise their decision. This by-law has been implemented as not all club races have road closure and are considerably more dangerous than School Sports races, State races, Women's Triathlon and the Trystars series which have full or partial road closure.
- All junior competitors aged 12/13 must be chaperoned during Bunbury Triathlon Time Trials or training as they are conducted on open roads with passing cyclists reaching high speeds. A request for exception to this rule can be lodged in writing to the Chair of Bunbury Triathlon Club with each case being considered on the juniors own merits and experience but the junior must be chaperoned until the Committee finalise their decision.
- Guidelines for 'Chaperoning' Riders U14 in BTC Events. Riders U14 (aged 12/13) are requested to have a guardian ride with them when they are participating in events on the open road. This is to improve their visibility on the road to other road users (including other competitors), and to provide on the road advice with regard to road safety / road awareness.
 - When appropriate one guardian may look after 2-3 juniors however the group should stay together in this situation so that no junior is left riding on own with no guardian.
 - The guardian should generally ride behind the young rider and only move up alongside them when it is safe to do so and when a message needs to be passed on e.g. encouragement, advice about gearing, reminder of upcoming turn etc.
 - The guardian should then drop back behind again. Guardians need to be aware of other riders or groups coming up behind and both guardian and junior should hold their line and keep left at all times.
 - Guardians should not get involved in the racing contest by blocking other riders or by providing unfair assistance e.g. allowing the junior to draft. Assistance may be provided (drafting or pushing) when it is safe to do so and when it is not going to significantly influence race results.
- Trystars are aged between 7-11 and will be accommodated in Bunbury Triathlon Club races with a mini Triathlon following the main event. Where possible all 3 legs of the triathlon will be completed however some venues do not facilitate a cycle as we do not have road closure at all events.