



# Format Changes for 2023

## What are the Changes?

1. The previous Division 2, Division 3 and Challenge categories are merged into one **Non-NRS** race. The results will focus on overall, age category and team classifications for both men and women. Details can be found [here](#). If entries exceed 200 riders in the non-NRS race, riders will be split into two separate convoys based on age categories and gender.
2. The Women's NRS race will be conducted between Grafton and Mt Mitchell (119km). Details can be found [here](#).
3. The Event Dinner will be reinvigorated for 2023 (after a COVID imposed absence for the last two editions). Details will be available [here](#).
4. The Lake Inverell purpose built cycling circuit will host circuit races for the Men's and Women's NRS on Sunday morning after the Grafton to Inverell on Saturday.
5. There will be a Grafton to Inverell Group Recovery Ride option for all riders in Inverell on Sunday morning after the race. This will be a great opportunity to experience the best riding around Inverell led by the local club. Details will be available [here](#)

## What do the Changes Mean?

1. Riders who previously competed in Division 2 will experience little change. There will still be overall race placing prizes, although riders will also now be eligible for additional age category prizes and team results.
2. Riders who previously competed in Division 3 now have the incentive of competing for age category results and contributing toward team results.
3. Riders who previously participated in the Challenge event will require a minimum of a one-day AusCycling Racing licence to enter and are now eligible for age category and team results.
4. Female riders participating in the Non-NRS race will be eligible for overall, age category and team results over the full Grafton to Inverell distance.
5. The Women's NRS race will now feature the iconic climb of the Gibraltar Range. The riders will transfer from Mt Mitchell to Inverell for the event presentation, event dinner and Lake Inverell circuit racing on Sunday.
6. The Event Dinner on Saturday evening will provide the opportunity to celebrate the day's accomplishments and socialise with riders and supporters.
7. The event experience extends into Sunday with an organised group ride for all riders and circuit racing for the NRS Men and Women.

We are committed to continuing to preserve the history and ethos of the event, and always value our faithful riders. We are confident that the format changes will present some new goals, challenges, and incentives for riders in 2023!