

The Escape Velocity WTNC are a Grassroots community-level race series included on the Cycling BC calendar.

WTNC Schedule

May 7

May 14

May 21

May 28

June 4

June 11

June 18

June 25

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

The Route (2.3km)

Loops of Glenlyon Parkway and North Fraser Way, Burnaby



Race Times and Categories

Start Times (may be subject to change):

- -6:20 Wave 1, 25 mins, Master (Open), M5, W4, DEVO Youth
- -6:55 Wave 2, 30 mins, M4, W1/2/3
- -7:30 Wave 3, 35 mins, M1/2 Open, M3 Open

Price

- -\$25 per race if you pre reg
- -\$250 for a Season Pass
- -\$30 'night of race' reg

Rules and Regulations

• Helmets must be worn anytime a rider is on a bike

Equipment

- UCI Standard Road bikes with drop bars must be used
- Disc-brakes will be allowed
- Fenders must be removed for all races
- Small, saddle-mounted fenders (e.g. "Ass-savers") are permitted
- Flat bars are not allowed.
- Aero Bars (e.g. Triathlon or TT bikes) are not allowed

Licenses

- All races are sanctioned by Cycling BC and all participants must hold one of the following valid licenses:
 - Any UCI license
 - Cycling BC Provincial Race license
 - Cycling For All Ride license (only allowed to race M5 or W4)
 - USA racers need to have a UCI license

Racing Categories & Upgrades

- Adult participants must race in the category indicated on their Cycling BC or other valid license
- Youth may race either in their age category OR optionally according to the ability category on their UCI license
- Participants with a a Cycling For All license must race in the lowest category available: M5 or W4
- Riders seeking category upgrades must submit a formal request to Cycling BC and follow the UCI Category Upgrade procedure

Waivers

- All riders must sign an Escape Velocity waiver
- Riders under the age of 19 must have a parent or legal guardian sign their waiver

Timing chips

- All riders must have a timing tag on their bike for all races with Escape Velocity
- Tags are provided for the first race and are good for any Escape Velocity race indefinitely
- Lost or Damaged tags must be replaced for \$5 each

Number Bibs

- All riders must have an Escape Velocity 2024 BIB (except for the May 7th race) and pin it visibly during all Escape Velocity races mid back low pockets
- Lost or damaged bibs must be replaced at a cost of \$5 each

Race Experience

 Riders with no race experience must complete a Learn To Race (LTR) course prior to participating in WTNC

Mechanical Incidents

- If you suffer a mechanical and sit out a lap you will be allowed to re-enter the race in the main group (if that was the group you were in at the time of the mechanical) or any group behind the main group at the discretion of the Race Director
- You will be allowed to finish the race but must not influence the outcome of the race in any way including not contending for the finish sprint if you have re-entered the race
- Any racer observed violating the above rules associated with mechanical incidents may be disqualified from the race and receive a warning from the Race Director

DNF - Did Not Finish

 All racers who DNF MUST report to the finish line, registration or to medical staff (if a medical issue is the reason for the DNF). Failure to report a DNF may result in receiving a warning from the Race Director

Yellow / Center Line Rule

- Escape Velocity races are held on open roads and there will be oncoming traffic in the opposite lane. Crossing the center line is dangerous for both you, the peloton and other users of the road. DO NOT DO IT!!!!
- All racers must remain to the right of the yellow center line. Riders must also remain to the right of cones or other traffic furniture used to delineate turns and corners on the course
- If you are forced over the center line by another rider, you must re-enter the peloton at, or behind, your original position. Riders must not cross the centerline in order to gain advantage or advance up the peloton either intentionally or unintentionally. This will result in immediate disqualification and an additional surcharge may be added to their next EV race event fee
- Violators of this rule should be reported to the Race Director at registration after the race or to the finish line

Crossing the Finish Line

- Once you cross the finish line on your final lap you may not cross the finish line again in the direction of the race while riding your bicycle. Any racer observed violating this rule will be disqualified from the race, and receive a warning from the Race Director
- Do not loiter near the finish line with your bike timing tags as this interferes with the timing equipment. You can bring the finish line crew chocolate and other goodies but leave your bike chip behind

Overtaking

- If your race group is being overtaken by a faster rider or group, your entire peloton must immediately neutralize your pace (20 km/hour for neutralization) and pull as far, as safely possible, to the right to allow the other group(s) to pass
- Once the other group(s) have safely passed, communication should occur
 within your entire group and a reasonable gap should be allowed to form
 before your group's pace is brought back up to race speed

- Faster groups must not overtake slower groups around turns and other areas
 of the course with low visibility. Self-neutralize, and overtake on the next clear
 section of the course. Please communicate with all groups on the road when
 you are approaching to pass
- Racers must not take advantage of a passing group by attempting to bridge to, and then drafting, the faster group. Any racer observed violating this rule will be disqualified from the race

Neutralization and Race Control

- Riders must obey instructions from all race officials, traffic control personnel, finish line officials, motorcycle crews, and other race personnel and volunteers
- Riders may not join or work with other groups from a different start time. If passing a group, or individual rider, riders from different start times ARE NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN OR WORK TOGETHER
- Red flags signal neutralization of the race. If you see a red flag, the pack should neutralize (20 km/hour for neutralization) immediately, and prepare to obey instructions, up to and including coming to a stop
- Riders must not pass a motorcycle or car that is neutralizing them unless specifically ordered to do so. Violation of any order to neutralize is punishable by disqualification and an additional surcharge may be added to their next EV race event fee
- Yellow flags are a warning of an upcoming hazard on course, effectively a "local neutral" in the next section. The pack is expected to self-neutralize and self-resume racing after the hazard has been cleared by the entire pack
- Traffic control personnel may also signal the pack using a slow/stop paddle, voice, or hand gestures which must also be obeyed
- Disobeying any orders from all race officials, traffic control personnel, finish line officials, motorcycle crews, and other race personnel and volunteers, will result in disqualification

First Aid

• First aid will be located near the Start/Finish Line

• If an incident is serious, please remain where you are. A first aid attendant will be notified and will come to you

Be Nice

- Be courteous and respectful to all, including non-race vehicles and residents
- Any participant caught going to the bathroom outside washroom facilities will be expelled from the event by the organizers
- Put your litter in the garbage cans, and retrieve any discarded bottles. Any
 racer or team representative observed littering will receive immediate
 disqualification and an additional surcharge may be added to their next EV
 race event fee
- Offensive language, whether directed at passers-by, fellow racers, officials, or yourself, is not acceptable
- Complaints from the public regarding the violation of these guidelines will jeopardize our ability to organize future races

Warnings and Repeat Offenders

Any racer who has received a warning from the Race Director for violating one
of the above rules who subsequently violates another rule may be banned
from all remaining races at the Race Director's discretion

Make Smart Decisions

- Use sound judgment while at races, including warming up and cooling down
- Think twice before chopping a corner or trying to squeeze through a gap that may or may not be there
- We want races to be competitive and for you to challenge yourself and have fun, but remember that at the end of the day, EVERYBODY has to go back to work on Wednesday

Disputes

- All disputes regarding race results, or race incidents, must be made with the Finish Line Officials immediately after the conclusion of your event
- Results and decisions made by the Finish Line Officials are considered final 20 minutes after posting