



Membership Information for BMX Clubs



Memberships and Prices

1. **Open Membership \$88** - An open membership allows members to ride at any club in Australia, including club carnivals and events. This is only available to members over the age of eight.
2. **Club Membership \$64** - A club membership allows members to compete at their own club only. They will not be able to compete at any other club or other clubs carnivals. They will also be unable to compete at open events held at their own club.
3. **Sprocket Rocket Membership \$82** - Sprocket Rocket membership is for any member under the age of 8. The Sprocket Rocket program is a participation based program, taking the focus from competition to skill based learning programs. This allows children the opportunity to fine tune their BMX racing skills in a fun, non-competitive environment.

Sprocket Rocket members who are seven years of age will be issued with a sprocket licence initially, and if they turn eight during their sprocket membership they will be reissued with an Open licence which reflects their new age. Seven year olds may choose to ride as an eight year old at their club. This rule is up to the discretion of the club.

4. **4 Month Membership \$40-** A new 4 month licence is being introduced by BMX Australia to replace the existing 3 ride permit. The aim of this introductory licence is to allow new riders unlimited access to try BMX for 4 months before joining the sport permanently. The licence is aimed at riders to try BMX at a beginner club level. The below guidelines provide further information on the licence:
 - This licence is an open licence and therefore members can ride at club and state level, however will not be eligible to ride at State Titles and National events;
 - Following the 4 month introductory period the member is then eligible to become a full member (only **Open** or **Sprocket**, NOT club) and they will receive a \$20 discount off the cost of their full licence;
 - Only new members can apply for this licence (no renewals);
 - This licence is only allowed to be purchased once by the member.
5. **Non Competitor Membership \$11** - Coaching membership is aimed at all BMXA coaches. This covers coaches, within their coach accreditation remit, at any club in Australia and provides public liability, professional indemnity and personal accident cover. This also covers all administration fees.
6. **Volunteer Membership Free** Volunteers (including club/ state officials) can become members of BMX Australia and fall under our insurance, for free of charge. No membership card will be issued and this does not allow the applicant to race.
7. **Freestyle Membership- \$33-** Freestyle membership is aimed at Freestyle riders riding at skate parks and other council approved facilities. This covers riders during training and competition at council approved facilities.

Other available membership options:

- **Add Value Membership \$36** – Mountain Bike Australia members and Cycling Australia can submit a completed Add Value Membership form directly to BMXA together with a photocopy of their current MTBA/CA license. They must select a BMX club that they wish to join. Please see below for additional information.
- **Membership upgrade \$24** - Members eight and over can upgrade from a Club Membership to an Open Membership at any time throughout their membership period. They will receive a new membership card which shows their new category on it.



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- **Club Transfer** - At any stage a rider can transfer to a different club within Australia for free. A club transfer form must be sighted by the club secretary and sent into the BMXA office.

Replacement licences can be obtained from the BMXA office for \$15.

Please note that these membership costs are the National fees only. State and Club fees may have to be paid on top of these.



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MTBA/CA Upgrade

Members wishing to join/renew their licence and are a current member of MTBA/CA receive a discounted rate for membership. The fee for this membership is \$36.

1. Get the member to fill in a Value Add membership form (available from the BMXA website).
2. Attach their CA/MTBA membership card (to be eligible, their affiliate membership must have at least three months remaining).
3. Attach the copy of their affiliate membership card to the application form and send with the next batch of membership forms.
4. The Value Add membership form can be sent directly to the BMXA office by the member, however the club may choose to stamp the form to know who has renewed/joined their club.

Membership Process

The club is responsible for taking membership applications for new members to the club, renewing members and also transferring members.

All manual membership forms are legally required to be completed correctly and clearly. Please take special note that the following sections are correctly filled in (all fields must be clearly printed to ensure information is correctly imported into the database)

1. The membership form is to be filled out in full by the member. If the rider is under 18 years of age the form must be filled out by a parent or guardian. Ensure that the disclaimer is signed and any medical issues that the member may have are noted. The member must supply an email address, as this is the best method of communication.
2. Once the form has been completed, the club registrar is to double check that all information has been provided. The registrar must sign the club verification section at the bottom of the form before sending it to the BMXA office.
3. When the form has been filled out in full, the member keeps the green copy for their records. This green copy can be used as proof of membership until the new membership card arrives at the member's home address.
4. If any of the above items are not correctly completed, there will be a delay in processing and potentially forms can be sent back to the state/club. If the club takes responsibility for making sure that the form is correct, then it will be easier for the data to be imported and the membership card can be processed and sent to the member sooner.
5. For new members, a copy of their identification must be sighted by the registrar and attached to the membership form to be sent to the BMXA office. Clubs are encouraged not to take new members until they can supply the identification to speed up the completion process. The new membership card cannot be sent out to the member if BMXA does not receive a copy of the identification to sight the member's date of birth. The new member may choose to send the identification directly to the BMXA office to speed up the process of them getting their new membership card.
6. All new memberships will be dated from the day the membership form is signed by the club registrar.
7. The club keeps the pink copy for their records and the yellow copy is to be sent to the State office.
8. The original membership form is to be sent to the BMXA office, and must include a membership cover page form. This form can be downloaded from the BMXA website. This cover page is to be filled out in full, including listing the club name and any relevant notes.



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9. Membership forms must be sent to the BMXA office within two weeks of members joining BMXA- even if there is only one membership form.
10. Once BMXA receives the membership form, the member can expect their new membership card to be sent to their home address within two weeks.

Payment

The club is responsible for taking payment of the total membership fee, including the club, state and national components. The club has the option of selecting their fee; this can vary based on benefits and inclusions of different club membership.

Payment of membership can be taken in the following ways by the club, depending on the facilities the club has available:

- Cheque
- Money order
- Credit Card
- Eftpos
- Cash

Once payment is made, please follow the following steps:

1. The form should be signed by a club official.
2. A payment receipt issued to the member.
3. A membership receipt (green membership form) issued to the member to use as proof of membership until the licence card arrives.
4. If the member has filled in a printed version of the form, three additional copies are to be made – one of these is for the member to keep.
5. The member may choose to submit their credit card details to BMXA for payment.

Once the payment is taken at the club, a club cheque is to be sent to BMXA, along with the membership form. **No personal cheques will be accepted at BMXA.**

Weekly Reports

Every Monday a report is issued to the state registrars with the list of all memberships processed in the previous week. It is advised that club secretaries contact their state office for an updated list of riders who have joined/renewed within the past.

Additional Information

1. Even if the rider has not been a member of BMXA for a few years, they are still classed as a renewing member. Their information is stored in the database, as a record of their history. When filling out the membership form, they are to tick renewing member.
2. All new sprocket members will receive a sprocket pack two weeks after their membership form is sent into the BMXA office.
3. Monthly membership reminders are sent to riders one month before their expiry date. Please remind riders when their membership is about to expire.

Important things to remember



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- Make sure your member is warmly welcomed to the club!
- Introduce the member to any club officials they may need to know (e.g. Coach)
- Recommend any cycling websites (especially bmxaustralia.com.au which has all the latest BMX news and links to all state and club websites)
- Don't forget to call your state or the BMXA office if you are unsure of any of the procedures.