

### **Introductory Licence**

If you have never been a member of Cycling Ireland, and are not interested in racing you can select an "Introductory" licence for €15. This covers you while you are out training, on club spins, and while participating in leisure tours.

### **Club Competition Licence**

This licence is €60 if you are in a club, and €90 if you are not in a club. If you are from Ulster, there is a further €10 charge. This licence allows you to race in club leagues in road racing, but not in Open Races.

### **Restricted Licences**

You have the option of getting a restricted licence if you want to race unlimited domestically in one discipline. This licence is €90 if you are in a club and €120 if you are not in a club. There is a further €10 charge if you are from Ulster. Once you select a restricted licence you must select a category. The choices are "Time Trial", "Track", "BMX", "Bicycle Polo", and "Off Road".

If you select "Off Road" you must select the type of licence you need depending on your standard. If you are unsure as to which type you need you are best off asking a member of the club for advice. The types are: elite; expert (intermediate level); masters (age 30-39); senior/sport (usually novice/beginner level); veteran (age over 40).

### **Full Competition Licence**

This licence costs €125 if you are in a club, and €155 if you are not in a club. There is a further €10 charge if you are from Ulster. This licence qualifies you for racing in any discipline in Ireland. If you want to race overseas you can get overseas authorisation for an extra €20, and submit/upload a photo ID electronically. If you want to race on the road in open races, this is the type of licence you want. The categories you can select from are based on your ability, the highest being A+, which is reserved for those road riders who are on pro-teams (with the exception of female pro riders). A1 is the next highest category, then A2, the majority of the members are either A3 or A4 riders, with the A4 category being reserved for new members, and weaker/less experienced riders. The distances vary depending on the category.

### **Junior**

At the 2011 AGM it was decided that the Junior Category would be a stand alone category. Where there is an A3 race is part of a promotion the Juniors would race with the A3s.

### **Women, Vets:**

In previous years there were separate categories for Juniors, Women and Vets, but due to the varying speeds and abilities of riders within these categories, this old system has been replaced with the new grading system. Now riders are racing against riders of similar speeds. At the National Championships there is still a separate race for Juniors, Women and Vets. The Women's Commission also run a programme of races for women only, for those of you not ready yet to race in big bunches.