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SCHWALBE BRITISH 4X SERIES

TECHNICAL GUIDE

ROUND: 1 & 2

DATE: APRIL 18TH/19TH 2026

VENUE: CHICKSANDS, BEDFORDSHIRE, SG17 5QQ

Date: April 18th/19th 2026

Series Co-ordination: British Cycling
National Cycling Centre
Stuart Street
Manchester
M11 4DQ
0161 274 2020

Organisation: Scott Beaumont
UK 4X

Event Location: Chicksands Bike Park,
Northwood End Road,
Shefford,
SG17 5QQ.

Directions: From the A600 main road, turn into Northwood End Road. The car park is on your right and visible from the A600. The event will be signposted from the M1 motorway.

Class of Event: National Ranking – National B. This event is part of the British Cycling National Series run under current BC regulations.

Classes:

Fun 13 - 16 open
Big Fun 17+
Rippers 7 - 9 open
Rippers 10 - 12 open
Juvenile Open
Youth Open
17 -29 Open
Masters 30 Open
Masters 40 Open
Masters 50 Open
Rippers 7 - 9 Female
Rippers 10 - 12 Female
13 - 16 Female
17 - 29 Female
30+ Female
Elite Open

Entry Fees: £40 all categories - Entry via British Cycling website
£50 on the day

Registration: Entry via the British Cycling website - https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/?series_id=439
Online entries will close at 22.00 on Wednesday before the event - no exceptions.

Riders must sign in at registration at the event. Please bring your British Cycling race licence with uploaded photograph. You will be provided with a number plate at registration.

Timing/Scoring: Provided by Sqorz. Link will be available at race registration.
www.our.sqorz.com

Number Boards: Number boards will be issued to riders at registration of their first event in 2026. This number board will be used at every round in 2026 that you race. Lost or replacement boards will be charged at £10. No exceptions. Please remember your number plate at every race.

Results: Results can be found on the BC website after the event or live on Sgorz. Link will be available at every race:

www.our.sgorz.com/org/british4x

Commissaires: The commissaire panel is appointed by British Cycling:

Chief Commissaire: Len Hay

Panel: Liz Hodges

Medical Provision:

Medical provision will be by Emats.

Emats Medical Services,
Office AY107,
7 Smeaton Close,
Aylesbury,
HP19 8SU.

Media / Press: All media personnel should contact the organiser prior to arriving onsite. We ask that the rules and regulations are adhered to at all times and that you make yourself aware of exclusion zones.

Official media will be required to present their public liability insurance certificate before being issued with a media vest, which must be worn at all times.

Photographers are to respect the course at all times and having a media vest does not allow additional access to areas defined as a "Safety Zone" or "B-Zones".

Photographers are not permitted in any exclusions zones and may be asked to leave if this is not adhered to.

Tech / Expo Areas:

Contact the organiser before April 12th to reserve your space.

Course Map A course map will be available in race registration.

On foot track inspection will be available each morning before practice begins.



SATURDAY - Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9

08:00	Venue open.
08:30 10:30	Registration
09:00 9.45	Track open for on foot track inspection
09:30	Officials Briefing - Event officials, marshals, commissaries, medics
10.00	Training - all categories
11.20	Gate Practice - Rippers, Juvenile, Youth, Juniors
12.00	Gate Practice - Seniors, Masters, Vets, Grand Vets, Elite
12.40	Track Closed
13.00	Rider Briefing
13.15	Motos
15.00	Break
15.15	Quarter Finals, Semi Finals
15.45	Break
16.00	Finals
16.45	Track Closed
16.45	Podiums
18.00	Venue Closed

SUNDAY - Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10

08:00	Venue open.
08:30 10:00	Registration
08.30 9.15	Track open for on foot track inspection
09.15	Officials Briefing - Event officials, marshals, commissaries, medics
09.30	Training - all categories
10.45	Gate Practice - Rippers, Juvenile, Youth, Juniors
11.15	Gate Practice - Seniors, Masters, Vets, Grand Vets, Elite
11.45	Track Closed
12.00	Rider Briefing
12.15	Motos
14.00	Break
14.15	Quarter Finals, Semi Finals
14.45	Break
15.00	Finals
15.45	Track Closed
15.45	Podiums
17.00	Venue Closed

* *Times will run as close to those published. All timings can be subject to change. Please listen for announcements on the day of the event.*

Podium Presentation:

Bikestow trophies will be given to the top 5 in each category. The presentation will take place immediately after racing. Riders are required to attend the podium in full race kit. Riders who do not attend the presentation will forfeit their prize/award.

The winner of each category can also place their bike in the Bikestow - Not in front of the podium.

Round Points:

Final Position	Points	Motos
1	50	4
2	46	3
3	44	2
4	42	1
5	40	
6	38	
7	36	
8	34	
9	32	
10	30	
11	28	
12	26	
13	24	
14	22	
15	20	
16	19	
17	18	
18	17	
19	16	
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21	14	
22	13	
23	12	
24	11	
25	10	
26	9	
27	8	
28	7	
29	6	
30	5	
31	4	
32	3	
33	2	
34	1	

Series Standings will be based on a riders best seven results from ten rounds of racing. In the event of a tie, series position will be determined by the best last round. Riders will be classified in the overall after entering one event.

Nearest Hospital:

Bedford Hospital
South Wing,
Kempston Road,
Bedford MK42 9DJ

Overnight Parking:

Overnight camping is permitted at Chicksands Bike Park in vans, motorhomes or caravans. No tents.

Spectator Information:

Spectator safety is of paramount importance at Schwalbe British 4X Series

Watching a live 4X event is a thrilling experience and there are very few sports where you as a spectator can get this close to the action. British Cycling and the series organisers strive to keep all spectators safe from harm but all spectators are responsible for their own personal safety.

Here are some pointers to help spectators stay safe while watching a live event:

- Be responsible and keep your own safety in mind
- Always follow and obey marshal's instructions - there are there to keep you safe and not to spoil your fun
- Observe and follow all event signs
- Do not cross or enter taped areas
- Stay within the designated spectator areas
- Do not enter any restricted areas. If you are unsure, please ask a marshal
- Keep off the track and always pay attention
- Keep dogs on a lead at all times
- Do not alter, move or disturb any part of the course
- Children to be accompanied at all times
- Never stand on the outside of a corner or berm
- Stand above the track, rather than below
- Do not abuse alcohol or consume any illegal drugs
- Take you litter home
- Expect the unexpected

Remember:

- Riders may run wide on corners
- Riders may take lines close to the tape
- Riders may overshoot jumps and drops
- Riders occasionally over-estimate their ability and things go wrong
- Bikes throw up dirt and stones
- Mechanical issues may force a rider to leave the course



Security zone - keep out



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SECURITY ZONES

Security zones are for rider, spectator and photographer safety.

DO NOT CROSS TAPE
Do not risk yourself or others

Always

- ✓ Keep out of taped areas
- ✓ Keep security zones clear
- ✓ Watch children and dogs
- ✓ Follow race officials' instructions

Never

- ✗ Enter a security zone
- ✗ Spectate on outside of corners
- ✗ Lean over the tape into the course
- ✗ Move or alter any part of the course

Failure to comply may stop racing

