

Ultra Mini Cyclone Squad FAQ

Here are some frequently asked questions to help you understand what Ultra Mini Cyclones (UMC) is all about.

What is this program?

The Program was developed by Orienteering Queensland to help you build a sound base of skills that you can enjoy using for orienteering, and life. The program is six stages. Each stage is covered in the six Ultra Mini Cyclone events held through the year.

How long does the program take?

The program has six stages. We aim to run about six sessions per year, one for each stage, but this depends on availability of events and coaches.

Each stage is approximately thirty minutes as well as the time you need to complete the orienteering courses on the day.

Some of you might 'fast track', passing more than one assessment stage quite quickly. Others will take longer as you may miss sessions and so on – this is OK.

The program is designed so that if a participant attends all six sessions they can complete this program in a year or less. If you miss a few it may take longer to complete the program – there is no hurry or pressure, you can learn at your own pace. We want you to enjoy the sport as much as possible. Most people will take between 18 months and 2 years to complete the program and gain enough experience to graduate.

Note: Assessment includes documented experience, which must be completed as well as other activities

How will assessment happen?

You decide when you want to be assessed, and that should be when you're confident about the stage you're doing.

Some people who have confidence in a particular skill might ask to be assessed for more than one stage at a time. In this way they'll complete more than one stage quite quickly.

If you want to progress to Mini Cyclones a "competent assessment" is necessary – that way we know you're ready to graduate!

What happens when I have finished the program?

When you complete the program assessments to a competent standard, you will be approved by the coaches to graduate to the Mini Cyclone squad – you need skills and event experience to do this. We want you to be confident of your skills and be able to enjoy your next level events! It is important to remember that you are not limited by your age – your enthusiasm and learning are the most important aspects we are looking at.

Do UMC's have to be Orienteering Queensland club members?

Yes, there are 12 clubs in Queensland to choose from!

Do UMC's have to attend every event?

No – If you miss a session you can catch up over the program.

Can I participate in non-UMC events?

ABSOLUTELY - we encourage you to do as many other club events as you can to grow your orienteering experience with different events.