

VTTA Glossary Of Terms And Acronyms

Term	Description	Reference	Category
Active	A membership status whereby the member is eligible for all member benefits. Individual Members and Joint Members are active if they have paid their invoice for the current year. But they can pay that invoice at any time after 1 st October of the preceding year and will remain active until February 28 th of the following year. If they have not renewed by 28 th February, they will change from Active to Lapsed. . Active status is set by the system when payment of a membership subscription is made.		Membership
Actual Distance	The distance between the start line and the point which the rider reached at the end of the allowed time for the event (e.g. 12 hours)		Competitions, Standards Awards, Records
Actual Time	The time between a rider leaving the start line and arriving at the finish line, having cycled the specified distance (e.g. 10 miles).		Competitions, Standards Awards, Records
Admin	The security level of a person with the right to view, create, modify and delete data of all groups and reserved (National) 'Admin' features in the VTTA system.		General
Age Adjustment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The time to subtract from a rider's actual time to calculate their age adjusted time (distance events), quoted to the nearest second. 2) The distance to add to a rider's actual distance to calculate their age adjusted distance (time events), quoted to two decimal places. 3) The age adjustment is calculated as the difference between the standard for the rider's age and gender and the standard of a 40 year old male (from 2024 'open') solo bike rider. See below on 'open' category 		Competitions, Age Adjustments
Age Adjusted Time	The Actual Time minus the Age Adjustment (distance events)		Competitions, Standards Awards
Age Adjusted Distance	The Actual Distance plus the Age Adjustment (time events)		Competitions, Standards Awards
Age Adjusted Speed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Age Adjusted Distance divided by the time of the event (time events), or 2) the distance of the event divided by the Age Adjusted Time (distance events), 3) quoted in miles per hour to 3 decimal places. 		Competitions
Age Record	A result at an open event that is better than any previous result by a member of the same gender (or from 2024, classification) on that type of machine and of that age or older.		Records
Association Event	An event open to anyone from the specified association (e.g. VTTA, Tricycle Association). The rules and		Events

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	regulations for Association Events are set by the CTT or SC, and results from Association Events are acceptable for VTTA competitions and records.		
Average Speed	The distance a cyclist travelled divided by the time it took, normally quoted in miles per hour to 3 decimal places.		Competitions
Best All Rounder	The winner of the BAR Competition.		Competitions
Best All Rounder Competition	A Season Long Competition that requires the rider to complete a 25 mile, 50 mile, 100 mile and 12 hour time trial in the same season.		Competitions
CTT Number	A number that identifies a member in the CTT system.		Membership
Classification	Riders who were born female have a classification of “female” and all others are classified as “open”. A rider’s classification determines what competitions the rider is eligible to take part in.		Membership, Competitions (from 2024)
Club	A cycling club.		Membership, Competitions
Club Event	A cycling event organised by a club, which normally only club members may enter, but which may allow other cyclists to enter. The results from Club Events are not acceptable for VTTA competitions and records. In Scotland, results from Club Events may be used for Standards Awards if the event is run on an open event course with the same timekeeping and recording methods.		Standards Awards
Deceased	A membership status whereby the member has died. This status is set manually by an official or admin.		Membership
Gender	Male or Female. From 2024 this a person’s affirmed gender, which may be male or female or non-binary.		Membership, Competitions (to 2023)
Group	1) A set of VTTA members from a geographical region. 2) The security level of a person with the right to view, create, modify and delete data in the VTTA system belonging to a group.	Handbook Regulation 2.8	Membership
Handbook	The VTTA book of rules and regulations, published annually		General
Distinguished Life Member	A category of membership awarded by the NEC to a member for their singular and meritorious service. DLMs pay no subscription and have no expiry date.	Handbook Regulation 2.10.3	Membership
Honorary Life Member	A category of membership awarded by a Group to a member aged 80 or over for their outstanding service. HLMs pay no subscription and have no expiry date.	Handbook Regulation 2.10.2	Membership
Individual Member	A category of membership for a single person. IMs pay a subscription that expires at the end of each year.		Membership
Individual Member (No Veteran)	A category of membership for a single person. IMVs pay a subscription that expires at the end of each year. They do not receive the Handbook and Veteran, so pay a lower subscription. An IMV will normally be a partner of a DLM or HLM, since DLM/HLM membership cannot be joint.		Membership

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Joint Member	A category of membership for two people living at the same address One member is the primary member and receives all communications and manages the website accounts on behalf of both members. The other member is the secondary. Both members pay the same fee (half the joint member fee) and their membership expires at the end of the year.	Handbook Regulation 2.9.4	Membership
Joint Life Member	A category of membership for two people living at the same address. There is no membership fee and no expiry date. If they wish to receive the Veteran, they must purchase a subscription to it each year. Joint Life Membership was closed to new members n 27 th January 2018.	Handbook Regulation 2.10.1	Membership
Lapsed	A membership status whereby the member has left the VTTA but not notified the VTTA that they have done so. Lapsed members pay no fee and receive no communications from the VTTA. This status is set by an admin by running a process (normally on or after March 1 st) to lapse and members who have not renewed. DLM, HLM, LM and JLM can never be lapsed. Lapsing a member also cancels the link between their VTTA and CTT accounts.		Membership
Life Member	A category of membership for one person. There is no membership fee and no expiry date. If they wish to receive the Veteran, they must purchase a subscription to it each year. Life Membership was closed to new members on 27 th January 2018.	Handbook Regulation 2.10.1	Membership
Linked accounts	A facility across the VTTA and CTT websites whereby a VTTA member can link their VTTA membership account to their CTT registered rider account. This enables the automatic transfer of their results in open events from the CTT system to the VTTA system		Membership
Lockwood formula	The formula used to calculate the standard for a rider.		Age Adjustments
Machine	A bicycle or tricycle or tandem or tandem tricycle		Membership, Competitions, Standards Awards, Records
Membership Category	One of Individual Member, Individual Member (No Veteran), Joint Member, Joint Life Member, Honorary Life Member, Distinguished Life Member associated with a group to identify the subscription fee payable.		Membership
Membership Extra	A purchasable product additional to the membership fee, such as a Standards fee, Subscription to the Veteran or an Annual Lunch.		Membership
Membership Number	A unique number that identifies a VTTA member		Membership
Membership Status	One of Active, Pending, Lapsed, Resigned, Deceased.		Membership
Membership Type	One of Single Member, Primary Joint Member or Secondary Joint Member		Membership

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Minus	1) For a distance event, if the actual time of a rider subtracted from the standard of the rider is negative, the value is called a “minus” 2) For a time event, if the standard of a rider subtracted from the actual distance is negative, the value is called a “minus”		Competitions, Standards Awards
Mixed	A tandem that is ridden by a male and a female, or from 2024 a rider in the open and a rider in the female classifications.		Records
National Forum	A regular on-line forum for VTTA groups, normally one or two representatives per group, chaired by the National President		General
National Championship	A CTT open event, held annually, with priority to VTTA members, and decided on age adjusted time or distance. National Championships are held separately for the open (to 2023: male) and female classifications and for solo and tandem machines.		Events
Open Event	An event open to anyone (subject to any special conditions). The rules and regulations for Open Events are set by the CTT or SC, and results from Open Events are acceptable for VTTA competitions and records. Note both “Open classification” and “Female classification” riders can ride in “Open Events”.		Events
Open classification	The Open classification covers all riders who were not registered as female at birth.		Membership, Events, Competition
Order	A specification of a Standards Award, used to instruct an engraver on what is to be put on the medal or plaque.		Standards Awards
Pending	A membership status whereby the member has joined but payment of the subscription has not been received. Used for members who have used the postal payment option to join or renew. This status is set by the system when the invoice is raised and is changed to active when the payment is marked received.		Membership
Plus	1) For a distance event, if the actual time of a rider subtracted from the standard of the rider is positive, the value is called the “plus” 2) For a time event, if the standard of a rider subtracted from the actual distance is positive, the value is called the “plus”		Competitions, Standards Awards
Qualifying Event	A result from an open event that can be used in one or more Season Long Competitions.		Competitions
Season Long Competition	A competition that combines the best results of riders during a season. There are three competitions: Short Distance, Three Distance and BAR.		Competitions
Semi-Open Event	An event open to riders meeting certain criteria. The rules and regulations for Semi-Open Events are set by the CTT or SC, and results from Semi-Open Events are acceptable for VTTA competitions and records.		
Short Distance Competition	A Season Long Competition that requires the rider to complete two 10 mile and two 25 mile time trials in the same season.		Competitions

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Solo	A machine for one person.		Membership, Age Adjustments, Competitions, Standards Awards, Records
Standard	1) The time that a rider of a specified age and gender (or from 2024, classification), on a type of machine, is expected to complete the distance of the course (e.g. 10 miles) 2) The distance that a rider of a specified age and gender (or from 2024, classification), on a type of machine, is expected to complete in the time allowed (e.g. 12 hours)		Age Adjustments, Competitions, Standards Awards
Standard Award	An award given to a member who has purchased the standards membership extra and achieved an age adjusted time or distance that improved upon their baseline performance. Each performance improvement earns a medal. A group may award a plaque when a member wins more than one medal.		Standards Awards
Standard Distance	One of 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 100 miles		Standards Awards
Standard Event	An event with a distance of one of 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 100 mile or 12 and 24 hours.		Standards Awards
Standards Table	A table of solo or tandem Standards and Age Adjustments for riders of specified gender (or classification from 2024) on types of machine (bikes or trikes) at Standard Distances and Times.		Age Adjustments
Standard Time	12 hours or 24 hours.		Standards Awards
Tandem	A machine for two people.		Membership, Age Adjustments, Competitions, Standards Awards, Records
Three Distance Competition	A Season Long Competition that requires the rider to complete a 25 mile and a 50 mile and a 100 mile time trial in the same season.		Competitions
User	1) A user of the VTTA system, with a login to the website 2) The security level of a person with the right to change their personal data in the VTTA system		General
Veteran	1) a cyclist 40 or over 2) 'The Veteran' is the VTTA quarterly magazine		General
VTTA Time Trial	VTTA time trials are Type A events: either 'Open', 'Semi-open' or 'Association', as defined in the CTT regulations. In Scotland, Type B Club Events are eligible for Standards awards if they are run on measured courses with Type A timekeeping.	Handbook Regulation 3.1.1 & 3.2.2	Events

Acronym	Definition
AAD	Age Adjusted Distance
AAT	Age Adjusted Distance
AGM	Annual General Meeting
BAR	Best All Rounder
CTT	Cycling Time Trials
DLM	Distinguished Life Member
HLM	Honorary Life Member
IM	Individual Member
IMV	Individual Member (No Veteran)
JM	Joint Member
JLM	Joint Life Member
LM	Life Member
NEC	National Executive Committee of VTTA
SC	Scottish Cyclist's Union
VTTA	Veterans Time Trials Association