

# Track Cycling

## Velodrome

men women

**EVENTS:** First Olympics to feature equal number of events for men and women – five each

**Bike:** Super-lightweight. One gear and no brakes – riders control speed by pressure on pedals

One-piece skinsuit

Solid disc wheels

Aerodynamic helmet

Drop handlebars for sprint events

● **Sprint:** Three laps head-to-head, last 200m against clock

● **Team sprint:** Teams of three riders race over three laps (two riders, two laps for women)

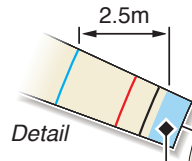
● **Team pursuit:** 16 laps for men, 12 for women

● **Keirin:** Riders follow motorized pace bike for 1,400m before it leaves track, prompting 600m dash for finish

● **Omnium:** Olympic debut. Riders compete for points across six different disciplines

Olympic sprint champion **Victoria Pendleton (GBR)**

**VELODROME:** 250m circuit



**Cote d'azur**  
Allows riders to access track. Cannot be used to "shortcut" other riders

**Black line:** Shortest route around track

**Straights**  
12° bank

**Sprinter's line (red)**  
Lead rider between red and black lines cannot be passed on inside

**Sprint timing line**  
Indicates start of final 200m in sprint race

**Curves**  
42° bank

**Finish line**

**Pursuit line**  
Start / finish for pursuit events

**Stayer's line (blue)**  
Used as guide for team racing