

Rules and Regulations  
2008  
Atlantic Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference

**1. Eligibility:**

To race, students should meet the same criteria laid down by the NCCA for participation in Nationals. Only full-time students may race. To race at national championships, students must meet NCCA criteria and have a full season NCCA license, not simply a one-day license.

ANY USA Cycling license will qualify for either road or mountain bike races. Eligible participants may race any collegiate race with a collegiate only license.

**2. Road Racing**

**2.1 National Qualification**

Qualification for road Nationals will use the guidelines set forth by Rule 6.4.2 of the NCCA rulebook.

**2.2 Categories:**

Presently there are 5 Men's (A, B, C, D and intro) and 3 Women's (A, B and intro) categories. All races must have all categories. Men's intro may be combined with Men D and women's intro may be combined with Wm B. A and B categories may never work together except in TTT (see rules below for TTT). Women A and B races will always have separate starts and will not be on a criterium course at the same time. Each team may enter up to 9 riders in the A category. However only the 4 riders with the most points in each category score team points. Any additional riders who place at the finish would displace other riders and the points would count for the individual totals only, not towards team points.

Category suggestions from USCF must be followed according to the NCCA rules. However, riders who won the individual title in any non-A category during the previous season may only race in categories above the category in which they won the title. Riders not in the A fields will be automatically upgraded to the next category after 3 wins in their current category during a single season. After the mid-point, racers may not move down. Riders who upgrade may carry half of their points up with them.

B Men and Women may race in the A Men's race as a second race on any day, but would neither score nor displace points. Such racing would not freeze the B's in the A category. Similarly C men may race in the B category as the second race of the day but not score points.

Women A will be combined with Men B in road races in order to facilitate the women's experience with larger fields in preparation for racing in the National championships. However, the promoter should provide a separate support vehicle in case the women are dropped as a large group. Exceptions may be made on extremely challenging courses as

well as in races that offer a combination with USCF women 1,2,3.

### **2.3 Races:**

Spring racing should conclude the next to last weekend in April with conference championships.

The following year's road race schedule should be set at a conference meeting in the spring. Any school committing to host a race on a certain date may reserve that date at that time. Conflicting dates will be settled by majority vote. After the spring meeting, the first school to inform the conference director that they commit to hold a race on a certain date has rights to that date. If a school commits to a date and then is unable to hold the race, the following year they will be given last choice of dates at the spring meeting or the conference director may deny them a guaranteed date after the meeting.

If no school is available to host conference championships, the designation of championships shall be done by majority vote of the clubs.

In order for a conference race to award national points, the race announcement should be sent out to the conference director and schools 3 weeks in advance of the race. Alternately, as long as the conference director is notified of the race 3 weeks in advance, the race announcements may be distributed 2 weeks prior to the race if it is done electronically and the announcements are handed out if a conference race is taking place on that weekend. Race announcements should include detailed course information if possible, at least the names/numbers of the roads to be used.

### **2.4 Scoring**

#### **2.4.1 Individual standings (Road season):**

The individual standings shall be determined by a rider's top N races, where N is the number of races held in the current season divided by 2 and rounded, plus the mass start conference championship races, weighed 1.5 times. Primes at conference championships will also be multiplied by 1.5 for individual points. A rider who has raced in different categories should be ranked in the category where she/he ends the season.

Points shall be awarded according to the NCCA rulebook for road races and criteriums ([http://www.usacycling.org/forms/collegiate/collegiate\\_rulebook.pdf](http://www.usacycling.org/forms/collegiate/collegiate_rulebook.pdf)).

TTTs shall not count toward individual standings.

The top 3-4 teams per division (depending on our conference allocation) at the end of the season will represent the ACCCC at nationals. In addition, the top individual A not on a team going to nationals shall represent the ACCC at nationals. If the top A is unable to go to nationals, alternates shall be designated according to the individual standings. If a school is unable to send a full complement of 4 men/4 women, the unfilled positions shall be awarded to individuals according to individual standing (subject to NCCA regulations). B Men riders may not qualify as individuals for nationals.

Dual conference races may be weighted differently and/or scored on a special scale. This weighting and scaling applies to both individual and team standings.

#### **2.4.2 Individual Points: Road Race**

Points will be awarded according to the points schedule for regular season races in the NCCA rulebook. One King/Queen of the Mountains sprint for 4,3,2,1 points may be added at the promoters discretion.

#### **2.4.3 Individual Points: Criterium**

Points will be awarded according to the points schedule for regular season races in the NCCA rulebook. The number of primes and points awarded will follow the guideline of the NCCA rulebook. Primes will be scored in the style of a points race (i.e. Lapped riders will be eligible for primes and any rider who has lapped the field must sprint to get the points. Riders who are off the front but have not lapped the field will continue to get the prime points.) However, if lapped riders are being pulled from the race and a lapped rider has not withdrawn, then the lapped rider will not be eligible for the prime. The prime laps should not be pre-determined prior to the race.

#### **2.4.4 Individual Time Trials:**

Time trials should be scored on the Road Race schedule. Riders shall start according to inverse order of conference standing by category. In no case, however, should two riders from the same team be allowed to start immediately after each other.

#### **2.4.5 Team Time Trials:**

Teams for team time trials shall be made up of up to four men or four women. The time for the team is taken when the front wheel of the third rider crosses the finish line for men's teams, and when the front wheel of the second rider crosses the finish line for women's teams. In order to have a valid team in a team time trial the minimum number of finishers must start the race (i.e., three men or two women). The team time trial points count only toward the team standings. Only the best placed TTT team from each school shall score points in each category, any others that place will displace teams behind them. Teams shall go off according to inverse order of conference standing. In no case shall two TTT teams from the same team start immediately after each other. Each team of a particular category may be comprised of only riders in that category and categories below that category. Women may fill spots on any (A,B or C) men's team.

Composite teams may be formed from small schools unable to form full TTT teams. Team points will be divided among the schools according to the composition of the team.

TTTs shall be scored according to the NCCA rulebook:

#### **2.4.6 Out of conference races:**

Racers may not score either team or individual points at out of conference races.

#### **2.4.8 Team Scoring For Regular Season Races:**

At the end of each race, individual scores for the top 4 riders from a team in each category shall be added up. Each team will be ranked by position and awarded points as provided below. These points will be used for overall team conference standings.

1	90
2	80
3	74
4	68
5	62
6	56
7	50
8	44
9	38
10	32
11	28
12	24
13	20
14	16
15	12
16	8
17	6
18	4
19	2
20	1

#### **2.4.9 Final Road Team Conference Standings:**

The final team conference standings shall be determined by adding points from the best X regular season races, where X is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the number of races held in the current season rounded, plus the team points from all conference championship events multiplied by 1.5. Only points from A riders will be counted towards a team's qualifications for nationals. Individual points and team points at the conference championships for team point computation will have 1.5 times the values of the regular season. Only the top four riders in each category score points. The team conference standings shall determine which teams are selected to go to nationals.

#### **2.4.10 Out of conference teams:**

Teams and riders from other conferences may compete in any ACCC race except championships at the discretion of the race director and conference director. Such riders do not score points but do displace ACCC riders from points. If fields are full, under no circumstances should an out of conference rider be allowed to race if an ACCC rider wishes to race.

#### **2.5 USCF races.**

In general, collegiate categories should not be combined with USCF categories. This requirement may be waived for Road Races for all categories and for Women's

criteria if a majority of the teams and the conference director agree. If for some reason the promoters are unable to separate the USCF from collegiate racers and, thus not provide an accurate finish order, the race shall be nullified and a 50% refund be provided to the entering teams. No collegiate riders should be shut out of a combined race because of field limits.

### **3. Mountain Bike Racing**

#### **3.1 Mountain Bike Competition**

Qualification for NCCA mountain bike national competition shall be determined for those riders who compete in and finish at least two separate A races in at least two separate ACCC race weekends during the current racing season.

#### **3.2 Races:**

Mountain bike races should not begin before the first week of classes for any of the conference schools in the fall. Fall racing should conclude the 4th weekend in October.

In order for a conference race to award national points, the race announcement should be sent out to the conference director and schools 3 weeks in advance of the race.

Alternately, as long as the conference director is notified of the race 3 weeks in advance, the race announcements may be distributed 2 weeks prior to the race if it is done electronically and the announcements are handed out if a conference race is taking place on that weekend. Race announcements should include detailed course information if possible.

#### **3.3 Scoring**

##### **3.3.1 Individual standings (MTB season):**

The final individual standings shall be determined by adding the rider's points from N best regular season races, where N is the number of races held in the current season divided by 2 and rounded, with the points from ALL conference championship events multiplied by 1.5. A rider who has raced in different categories should be ranked in the category where she/he ends the season.

##### **3.3.2 Individual Points: XC:**

Points for Cross Country events will be awarded according to the NCCA Rulebook.

##### **3.3.3 Individual Points: ST, ITT, SD, DH, HC:**

Points for Short Track and Downhill events will be awarded according to the NCCA Rulebook. Individual Time Trial and Hill Climb events will be scored according to the guidelines for Short Track Events. Super-D events will be scored according to the guidelines for Downhill Events.

### **3.3.4 Individual Points: DS, MX:**

Points for Dual Slalom and Mountain Cross events will be awarded according to the scale for Mountain Cross events according to the NCCA rulebook.

### **3.3.5 Team Scoring For Regular Season Races:**

At the end of each race individual scores for the top four riders from a team in each category shall be added up. Each team will be ranked by position and awarded points as provided below. These points will be used for overall team conference standings.

1	100
2	86
3	74
4	62
5	52
6	42
7	32
8	24
9	16
10	8

### **3.3.6 Out of conference teams:**

Teams and riders from other conferences may compete in any ACCC race except championships at the discretion of the race director and conference director. Such riders do not score points but do displace ACCC riders from points. If fields are full, under no circumstances should an out of conference rider be allowed to race if an ACCC rider wishes to race.

### **3.3.7 Out of conference races:**

Racers may not score individual or team points in out of conference races.

### **3.3.8 Final Mountain Bike Team Conference Standings:**

The final team conference standings shall be determined by adding team points from the best X regular season races, where X is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the number of races held in the current season rounded, with the team points from all conference championship events multiplied by 1.5. Only the top four riders in each category score team points. The team conference standings shall determine which teams are selected to go to nationals.

### **3.4 NORBA and non-NORBA mountain bike races.**

Collegiate categories should not be combined with NORBA or other non-collegiate categories.

## **4.0 Dispute Settlement**

In general the conference director is the arbiter and may make decisions to waive rules if it is in the good of the conference or the sport. If a school wishes to challenge such a

waiver, the dispute should be settled by a majority vote of the conference schools, with a tie going to the school.

Race day disputes should be settled by a race jury made up of one representative from each team not involved in the dispute. In the case of a tie, the conference director shall break the tie. In general, race day judgments should be considered final unless the conference director has overriding reasons to reopen the case.

### **5.0 Race Entry Fees**

Entry fees, including insurance fees, shall be limited to \$12 for TT or TTT, \$17 for crits and mtb races, and \$20 for road races. All exceptions must be approved by the conference director.

### **5.1 Conference Surcharge**

A surcharge of 50 cents per rider per day of racing will be charged payable to the ACCC for use as the conference sees fit.

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