

Chapter 7

Collegiate Racing

7. Collegiate Racing

7A. Collegiate Cycling Mission Statement

7A1. Collegiate Cycling is team-oriented bicycle racing for women and men of all abilities. It focuses on:

- (a)** Providing new riders with a welcoming introduction to the Collegiate Cycling family;
- (b)** Enabling elite riders to pursue an education while benefiting from development opportunities that integrate with amateur and professional teams and national development programs;
- (c)** Creating personal growth and leadership development opportunities for scholar athletes both on and off the bike;
- (d)** Ensuring that the sport we love is low cost and accessible to any student who wants to race a bike.

7B. *Administration*

7B1. The Rules

(a) These are the rules of Collegiate Cycling (the "Rules"). Each rule contained in the Rules may be followed by a range of penalties for non-compliance indicated in "[]"s. In the absence of such a specifically identified set of penalties, one or more of the following set of penalties may be enforced against Rider(s) and/or their Team(s) for violation of these Rules:

- (i) Penalties considered appropriate pursuant to the rules of USA Cycling-Road or USA Cycling-Mountain, to the extent those rules also govern the behavior of Rider(s) and/or their Teams;
- (ii) Forfeiture of points earned by the Rider and/or Team in a Collegiate Cycling Race or Event (and moving up of lower placed Riders and Teams);
- (iii) Forfeiture of placings earned by the Rider and/or Team in a Collegiate Cycling Race or Event (and moving up of lower placed Riders and Teams);
- (iv) Disqualification of Rider and/or Team from a Race and/or Event (and moving up of lower Riders and Teams);

- (v) Fines payable by the Rider and/or Team to USA Cycling;
- (vi) Forfeiture of Rider and/or Team eligibility;
- (vii) Notification to School of Rider and/or Team of rules violations;
- (viii) Rider and/or Team suspension.

7B2. Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not defined elsewhere in these Rules have the following definitions:

(a) Academic Year means a year beginning on August 1 of one calendar year and ending on July 31 of the following calendar year.

(b) Combined Division Race means a Race in which Riders from both Divisions compete.

(c) Discipline means one of the disciplines in which Collegiate Cycling offers a national championship.

(d) Endurance Race means one of the following mountain bike race formats: cross country; short track.

(e) Event means all Races under a single race permit, or all Races in a single National Championship, as the context requires.

(f) Gravity Race means one of the following mountain bike race formats: Collegiate Slalom, dual slalom, dual, mountain cross, downhill and super-D.

(g) Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category: The Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category ("Intro Category") is designed for new riders to give them a safe and fun introduction to collegiate cycling. The points and distances for the intro category in each conference shall match those of the lowest category offered for each gender.

(h) IPEDS means the "Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System" database published annually by the U.S. Department of Education at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/pas/> or such other location as the Collegiate Cycling Manager may determine.

(i) Massed-start Road Race means any road Discipline Race other than an individual time trial or team time trial.

(j) Order of Call-Up means: the order of the previous year's team omnium from the national championship in

question. Teams that did not attend the previous year's event shall be called up after all other teams have been called up in a random order set at the close of registration.

(k) Order of Finish means Rider placings at the finish of a single Race.

(l) Race means a single Team scoring opportunity for all eligible Riders on a Team (e.g. a conference criterium, a short-track mountain bike Race, a Collegiate Cycling National Championship Women's 2 Kilometer Individual Pursuit).

(m) Rider means a member of a Team who is eligible pursuant to these Rules to participate in a Collegiate Cycling Race.

(n) School means a degree-granting institution as defined by IPEDS.

(o) Season is defined as a group of Races and Events in a Conference during a period of calendar time that is tracked and considered as a logical series of events, as determined by the Conference Director.

(p) Single Division Race means a Race in which Riders from only one Division compete.

(q) Team means a cycling club or team affiliated with and representing a School that is eligible pursuant to these Rules to participate in a Collegiate Cycling Race.

(r) Varsity Cycling Team means any USA Cycling Collegiate member club in good standing, having submitted the appropriate Varsity application to USA Cycling proving that the Team employs or is advised by at least one USAC-licensed coach, and also meets any 3 of the following 4 requirements: (i) The Team is recognized as holding varsity status by the school with which it is affiliated. (ii) The Team disburses at least \$10,000 in scholarships to its athletes annually. (iii) The Team attended any two of the four USA Cycling Collegiate National Championships in the previous calendar year. (iv) The Team pays for Riders' entry into Collegiate Cycling Races, so long as the funding is not derived from team dues of any kind. Teams will be required to submit a new Varsity

application every two years in order to maintain their status with USA Cycling.

7C. Code of Conduct

7C1. Collegiate Cycling is dependent on the goodwill of the volunteers, communities, sponsors, Schools and other stakeholders that support it. Membership in Collegiate Cycling, by Riders and Teams, is a privilege. Consequently, *USA Cycling* will penalize Riders, Teams and others who violate the *USA Cycling Code of Conduct*.

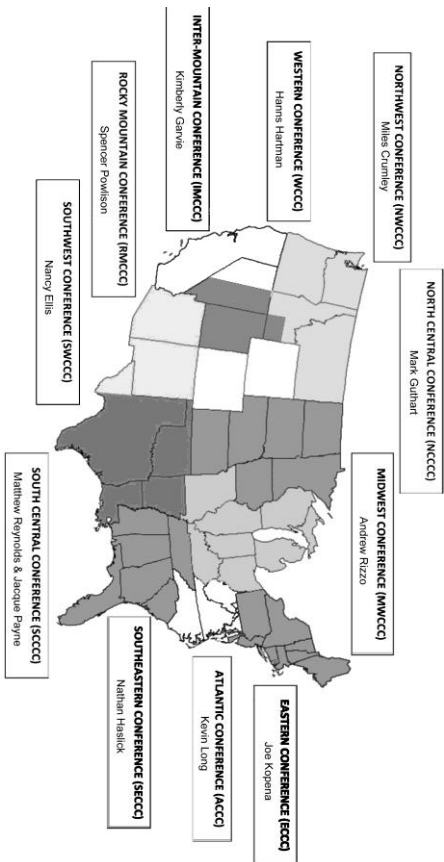
7C2. In all cases, such punishment may include official notification from the appropriate Conference Director *or USA Cycling* to:

- (a) representatives of the Schools whose affiliates are determined to have violated the Codes of Conduct, and
- (b) law enforcement.

7D. Collegiate Cycling Conferences and Conference Directors

7D1. Collegiate Cycling is divided into eleven geographic conferences (each a "Conference") for ease of administration of Collegiate Cycling. The name and location of each Conference is depicted in the following map:

Collegiate Cycling Conferences & Directors



7D2. Generally, each Team must belong to the Conference in which its School is geographically located. A Team may

petition for an exception to this requirement by submitting a petition to *USA Cycling*. Any exception approved by *USA Cycling* will be valid until either the Team petitions to return to, or until *USA Cycling* chooses to return the Team to, the Conference in which its School is geographically located.

7D3. Each Conference is administered by a conference director (each a "Conference Director") who is appointed by and reports to the Collegiate Cycling Manager. Each Conference Director may appoint one or more assistants to administer to specific Conference issues. A Conference Director or their appropriate assistant should be a Rider's and a Team's primary point of contact for all issues relating to Collegiate Cycling.

7D4. The Rules are set as a minimum for Conferences. Conference rules may not establish lower standards. Individual Conferences may enact rules that supersede the Rules only if such superseding rules are approved by *USA Cycling*. No such rules may supersede the rules of USA Cycling.

7D5. Each Conference Director shall conduct a Conference meeting at least annually to discuss the issues of their Conference, as well as to schedule the upcoming race season. Three weeks' written notice should be given to each Team in the Conference prior to the meeting. Teams should request agenda items no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda should be distributed to all Team contacts one week prior to the meeting.

7D6. Each Conference is governed by the vote of the Teams racing in that Conference. On each issue brought to a vote at a Conference meeting, each Team shall receive one vote.

7D7. A Conference Director shall vote only in case of a tie.

7D8. Minutes from a Conference meeting should be sent out to all Team contacts and to the Collegiate Cycling Manager not later than ten days after that Conference meeting.

7D9. Additional information on the proper administration of Conferences and the role of Conference Directors can be obtained from the Collegiate Cycling Manager.

7E. Teams

7E1. To participate in Collegiate Cycling Races, a team must be:

(a) Officially recognized by its School.

(b) A USA Cycling member club in good standing, having submitted the appropriate club application and having paid the appropriate club license fee to USA Cycling.

(c) A member in good standing of its Conference.

[Disqualification of Team and its Riders and forfeiture of Team and Rider points and places at the Race in question]

7E2. Schools that have more than one geographically separate campus, each of which granting a separate degree or having a separate and distinct athletic department, must develop a separate Team for each such campus location. *Only one Team is allowed per campus location.*

7E3. For purposes of USA Cycling record-keeping, each Team's name will be the name of the Team's School, as recorded in IPEDS and as may be modified by the Collegiate Cycling Manager. It is the responsibility of each Rider to ensure that they are registered under the appropriate Team name.

7F. Divisions

7F1. There are two divisions in Collegiate Cycling: Division I and Division II. Any Team at a School (or in the event of the applicability of Section 7E2 of the Rules, at a campus) with a Full-Time Enrollment of more than 15,000 students must compete in Division I. Any Team at a School (or in the event of the applicability of Section 7E2, at a campus) with a Full-Time Enrollment of 15,000 or fewer students is, by default, a Division II Team.

7F2. A Team that meets the Division II criteria may *petition USA Cycling to compete in Division I*. That Team's Division I status will take effect on the first September 1 following *the approval of its petition*, will apply to all Disciplines, and will

remain in effect until the first September 1 following the *approval of the* Team's *petition to* return to Division II status.

7F3. For purposes of this Section, "Full-Time Enrollment" is the number of students recorded in the "Full-Time Enrollment" field in the most recently published IPEDS database, or such other number as the Collegiate Cycling Manager determines.

7G. Riders

7G1. To participate in any Collegiate Cycling Race, a Rider must:

- (a)** Be a full-time student in good standing at the School that will grant their degree, as defined by the bursar or registrar at that School;
- (b)** Be a member in good standing of the Team at the School at which they are a full-time student;
- (c)** Be a member in good standing of Collegiate Cycling, having completed the appropriate USA Cycling license application and having paid the appropriate license fees to USA Cycling; and
- (d)** Present a valid Collegiate Cycling license at race registration or purchase a one-day license at race registration. One-day licenses will *only be accepted for entry into the lowest available category above "Intro," where offered, and will not be accepted for entry into category A races.* One-day licenses will not be accepted at any Collegiate Cycling National Championship.

[Disqualification of Rider and forfeiture of Rider points and places at the Race in question]

7G2. No School or Team may develop eligibility requirements that unduly hamper or deny any student at such School from participating as a Rider for such Team when the student otherwise satisfies the eligibility requirements of these Rules.

7G3. Current and former professional cyclists, who otherwise satisfy the eligibility requirements of these Rules, are allowed to compete in Collegiate Cycling Races.

7G4. International students, who otherwise satisfy the eligibility requirements of these Rules, are allowed to compete in Collegiate Cycling Races, including National Championships.

7H. Categories

7H1. Riders may *only enter Races open to the collegiate category shown on their license for the discipline in question. [(i) If the Race has not yet commenced, a prohibition on the Rider starting the Race; (ii) if the race has commenced, disqualification of the Rider from the Race and forfeiture of Rider points and places at the Race]*

(a) For Road and Track categories, Riders are required to have the following USA Cycling-Road *and USA Cycling-Track* categories, *respectively*, or their equivalent *Upgrade Points*:

<u>Road and Track Categories</u>	
A	Pro, Cat. 1, 2 or 3
B	Cat. 3 or 4
C	Cat. 4 or 5
D	Cat. 5 <i>(men) or 4 (women)</i>
E	Cat. 5 (men) or 4 (women)

(b) For Cyclo-cross *categories*, Riders are required to have the following USA Cycling cyclo-cross categories or their equivalent *Upgrade Points*:

<u>Cyclo-cross Category</u>	
A	Pro, Cat. 1, 2 or 3
B	Cat. 3 or 4
C	Cat. 4
D	Cat. 4
E	Cat. 4

(c) For Mountain Bike *Endurance, Dual Slalom/Mountain Cross, Downhill, and Observed Trials categories*, riders are required to have the following USA Cycling-Mountain *Endurance, Dual Slalom/Mountain Cross, Downhill, and Observed Trials* categories, *respectively*, or their equivalent *Upgrade Points*:

Mountain Bike Categories

A	Pro or Cat 1
B	Cat 1 or Cat 2
C	Cat 2 or Cat 3
D	Cat 3
E	Cat 3

(d) The Collegiate Cycling Manager and Conference Directors are responsible for the monitoring, upgrading and downgrading of Riders. The Collegiate Cycling Manager and Conference Directors are responsible for resolving disputes regarding categories.

(e) Riders are not allowed to downgrade at their conference championships.

7H2. Riders in a Collegiate Cycling Race are eligible for USA Cycling upgrade points, as appropriate, so long as that Race meets all upgrade requirements, including field size and distance, specified by USA Cycling. It is the responsibility of each Rider to request upgrades through their online USA Cycling account and to provide proof of category at registration. Results from categories of Collegiate Cycling Races count toward USA Cycling-Road and USA Cycling-Mountain upgrades as follows:

<u>Collegiate Category</u>	<u>Road, Cyclo-cross and Track Upgrades</u>	<u>Mountain Upgrade</u>
A	Cat. 3 to Cat. 2	n/a
B	Cat. 4 to Cat. 3	Cat 2 to Cat 1
C	Cat. 5 to Cat. 4	Cat 3 to Cat 2
D	Cat. 5 to Cat. 4	Cat 3 to Cat 2
E	None	None

7I. Clothing

7I1. At each Race, all Riders for a Team must wear identifiably similar

(a) team jerseys or

(b) blank jerseys with the School's name or abbreviation prominently displayed.

[(i) If the Race has not yet commenced, a prohibition on the Rider starting the Race; (ii) if the Race has commenced, a \$20 fine administered to the Rider at the Race, and at a Collegiate Cycling National Championship or at the option of the Chief Official, disqualification of the Rider from the Race and forfeiture of Rider points and places at the Race]

7I2. The School's name, nickname or initials must appear on the Team's jersey and must be the largest and most prominent image on the front and back of the jersey.

Sponsors' logos may appear in addition, provided they are smaller than the School name, nickname or initials. Jersey designs must be submitted to the Conference Directors and Conference Directors may disapprove jersey designs.

7I3. In Collegiate Cycling Races, Riders may only wear shorts **(a)** of their Team or

(b) shorts that are effectively blank.

[\$20 fine administered to the Rider at the Race]

7I4. Collegiate Cycling national champions are permitted to wear their national championship jersey only in Collegiate Cycling Races of the same format that they won (e.g. criterium, downhill). National championship jerseys may not be worn in a National Championship Race.

7J. Equipment

7J1. Bicycles

(a) Bicycles used in competition in all Collegiate Road and Time Trial Events must conform with the current UCI and USAC regulations for mass-start legal bicycles.

(b) No handlebar extensions, including "aero bars" or other forms of bars offering forearm support, shall be allowed.

7J2. Wheels

(a) Wheels used in competition in all Collegiate Road and Time Trial Events must conform with UCI mass-start legal

regulations. The UCI maintains a website with the information of approved wheels.

7K. Events

7K1. General

(a) Unless otherwise stated in the Rules, Collegiate Cycling Races follow the racing rules and regulations of USA Cycling for the discipline in question. It is each Rider's responsibility to understand USA Cycling Rules and Collegiate-specific rules.

(b) No cash prizes are allowed at Collegiate Cycling Races or Events. Other prizes may be awarded only to Teams, and not to Riders.

(c) Conference seasons are determined by each Conference.

(d) Each Conference may determine appropriate entry fees, including Conference surcharges and late fees. It is suggested that conference directors collect a deposit from race Race Directors upon confirmation of hosting an upcoming race.

(e) Use of race radios and mobile telephones by Riders in Collegiate Cycling Races is prohibited. [(i) If the Race has not yet commenced, a prohibition on the Rider starting the Race; (ii) if the Race has commenced, disqualification of the Rider from the Race and forfeiture of Rider points and places at the Race]

(f) At each conference race there shall be a minimum of two separate races for each gender under the A and Intro Categories. The Intro Category corresponds to the lowest category for that gender in that conference and shall be advertised as "Introduction to Bicycle Racing" or "Intro" category on all event flyers e.g.: Women's B/Intro OR Women's Intro OR Women's Introduction to Bicycle Racing.

7K2. Conference Events

(a) Conference Events are organized into four seasons.

(i) Road Season takes place in the spring. Standard race formats include road race, criterium, team time trial, and individual time trial.

(ii) Track Season takes place in the summer *and/or early fall*.

(iii) Mountain Season takes place in the fall. Standard race formats include short track, cross country, downhill, mountain cross, dual slalom, super D and mountain bike team relay.

(iv) Cyclo-cross season takes place in the winter.

(b) Conferences may organize and score Races not otherwise specified in the Rules (e.g. 24-hour mountain bike races, mountain bike team relay races, track races, BMX races)

(c) Suggested minimum race distances and durations for Massed-start Road Races and mountain bike Endurance Races are as follows:

	<u>Road Race</u>	<u>Criterium</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Short Track</u>
Women's A	40 mi	45 min/15 miles	90 min	30 min
Women's B	25 mi	30 min	40 min	20 min
Women's C	10 mi	20 min	40 min	10 min
Women's D	10 mi	20 min	40 min	10 min
Men's A	60 mi	60 min/ 20 mi	90 min	30 min
Men's B	40 mi	45 min	75 min	25 min
Men's C	30 mi	30 min	60 min	20 min
Men's D	20 mi	20 min	40 min	15 min
Men's E	10 mi	20 min	40 min	10 min

(d) In Conference races, teams for team time trials in the "A" category consist of at least three and up to four Riders. The time of the team is taken when the front wheel of the third Rider crosses the finish line. Team sizes for team time trials in categories B-D consist of at least two and up to four Riders, and the time is taken on the front wheel of the second rider.

(e) Collegiate Mountain Bike Team Relay may be defined by each Conference within the following parameters:

- (i) Each team shall consist of at least one woman and one man
- (ii) The suggested maximum number of riders per team is four.

(iii) The suggested race format is a circuit with lap times of at least 3 minutes or if lap times are shorter a minimum of two laps required between rider exchanges.

(f) Collegiate Super D may be classified as endurance or gravity at the discretion of each conference director. In Super D races, riders may race in either their gravity or endurance category. Super D races do not count as qualifying races for gravity races at mountain bike nationals.

(g) Collegiate Slalom is a Gravity Race with the following characteristics:

(i) **Definitions**

Cadence means the count-down sequence for the start.

Course means both Lanes of the slalom course. The Course shall be organized in such a manner that it takes a Rider approximately the same amount of time to complete a Run on either Lane.

Gate means a pole or marker on the slalom course the purpose of which is to define the boundaries of a Lane.

Heat means the completion of a best-out-of-three Run series between two riders.

Lane means a single track of the slalom course; typically referred to as "Right or Left" or "Red or Blue."

Run means a single trip down the slalom course.

(ii) **Qualifying**

(A) All Riders will have one timed Run for qualifying and seeding.

(B) All Riders in a single category will qualify on the same Lane. Different categories may qualify on the other Lane.

(C) Ties on time will require a second Run among the tied Riders.

(iii) **Seeding and Brackets**

(A) If there are between 5 and 11 Riders (inclusive) in a category, then that category's competition will start with a round of 8.

(B) If there are between 12 and 23 Riders (inclusive) in a category, then that category's competition will start with a round of 16.

(C) If there are 24 or more Riders in a category, then that category's competition will start with a round of 32.

(D) In the event there are fewer Riders in a category than there are slots in the appropriate starting round, those Riders that do not have opponents in the appropriate starting round as a result of seeding pursuant to subsection (E) will receive byes into the next round.

(E) The Riders in each category will be ranked according to their qualifying times. (1) The fastest qualifying Rider will be seeded against the slowest Rider admitted to the bracket (or, in the event that there is one unfilled start slot in the starting round, will receive a bye); the second fastest against the second slowest (or, in the event that there are two unfilled start slots in the starting round, will receive a bye), and so on, and (2) the brackets will be created so that, if, in each round, the Rider with the faster qualifying time defeats the rider with the slower qualifying time, in the next round the seeding requirement of clause (1) of this subsection is satisfied. Refer to Appendix 5 for charts depicting the brackets for seeding rounds of 8, 16 and 32.

(F) In each Heat, pairs of Riders will race head-to-head on the Course with the Rider crossing the finish line first being declared the winner of that Run. The first Rider to win two Runs in the Heat will advance to the next round.

(G) In each Heat, the Rider with the faster qualifying time will be given Lane choice for the first (and third, if necessary) Run. Riders will switch Lanes for the second Run.

(H) Riders automatically lose a Run in which they do not ride within the bounds of their assigned Lane. "Within the bounds of their assigned Lane" includes but is not limited to both wheels of a Rider's passing on the in-bounds side of all Gates. In the event that both Riders violate this rule in the same Run, that Run will be re-contested. Lane judges located along the course, whose decision is final, will enforce this rule.

(I) A Rider who does not finish a Run will be eliminated.

(J) All Riders are required to start at the same point, as designated by the Starter. A Rider causing a false start shall

receive a penalty, as determined by the Chief Referee. The rider's bicycle must be stationary at the moment of the start. (K) Once the Starter begins the Cadence, the heat is considered underway and the Cadence may not be discontinued.

(L) Field-of-play-related protests must be initiated immediately after a Run to the designated official and will be resolved prior to the next Run and must be resolved prior to the next Run in which one or both of the Riders must compete. The decision of the Referee is final. No post-race protest of field of play issues or decisions is permitted.

(iv) Rankings and Placings

(A) Riders that do not qualify for the starting round of competition will be ranked and placed according to qualifying time.

(B) Riders in places 3 and 4 will contest a consolation Heat to determine 3rd and 4th places.

(C) All other Riders that qualified for the starting round of competition will be ranked and placed ahead of all Riders who were eliminated in an earlier round of competition and will be ranked and placed according to qualifying time relative to all other Riders who were eliminated in the same round of competition (i.e. 5th-8th, 9th-16th, 17th-32nd).

(v) Penalties and Disqualifications

(A) Penalties may be handled differently at each Race, at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Suggested infractions and their penalties are as follows:

(B) False start [Rider warned for first offense and awarded a loss for that Run for all following offenses in the Race]

(C) Changing from one Course to another [Rider awarded loss for that Run]

(D) Interfering with the other Racer [Rider awarded loss for that Run]

(E) Not passing both wheels on the in-bounds side of a Gate [Rider awarded loss for that Run]

(F) Not finishing in possession of the bike [Rider awarded loss for that Run]

(G) Missing start time by more than two minutes after the final call [Rider awarded loss for that Run and disqualified for all following offenses in the Race]

(H) Each Race in a Conference's season must have the same categories as every other Race of that Conference in that season. Combined categories are allowed, subject to the approval of the Chief Referee and Conference Director. Categories that race combined races must be scored separately (i.e. the first Rider in each category gets first place points for that category).

(I) The field limit for Conference Races shall be set by the Race Director with the participation of the Conference Director and the approval of the chief referee. If no field limit is specified, it shall be 100.

7K3. Scoring

(a) The scoring for Collegiate Cycling Conference Races is as follows. Riders score the following points in road races, circuit races, individual time trials, all mountain bike races and cyclo-cross races:

Place	A	B	C	D	E
1	80	48	32	21	12
2	70	41	24	16	7
3	63	35	18	11	5
4	57	30	15	8	3
5	51	26	12	5	1
6	45	22	9	4	
7	40	18	7	3	
8	35	15	5	2	
9	30	12	4	1	
10	26	9	3		
11	22	7	2		
12	18	5	1		
13	15	3			
14	12	2			

15	9	1			
16	7				
17	5				
18	3				
19	2				
20	1				

Riders score the following points in criteriums:

Place	A	B	C	D	E	Primes
1	70	40	23	12	7	5
2	64	34	17	9	5	3
3	58	29	13	7	3	2
4	52	24	10	6	2	1
5	46	20	8	5	1	
6	41	17	7	4		
7	36	15	6	3		
8	31	13	5	2		
9	27	11	4	1		
10	23	9	3			
11	19	7	2			
12	15	5	1			
13	12	3				
14	9	2				
15	7	1				
16	5					
17	4					
18	3					
19	2					
20	1					

The number of primes per category for criteriums is as follows:

Category	Primes
A	6
B	4
C	3
D	2
E	0

Teams score the following points in the team time trial, mountain bike team relay, team-based enduro mountain bike race and similar races in which Riders do not earn individual results:

Place	A	B	C	D	E
1	110	65	42	27	15
2	92	52	33	20	11
3	79	43	25	14	7
4	68	36	18	10	
5	58	30	14		
6	49	24			
7	42	19			
8	36	16			
9	31				
10	26				

(b) The team time trial points count only toward the Team standings.

(c) Primes will be scored according to USA Cycling rule 3D7. Any primes for prizes must be contested on the same laps as primes for points. Any prime prizes must be awarded to the Team of the Rider who wins the prime and not the individual Rider.

(d) Conferences may determine how many Races and/or Events count toward Team and Rider omnium for the regular season championship.

(e) A maximum of 4 Riders per Team per category may score points towards the Team total in each Race. Other Riders from that Team displace other competitors; they retain

any individual points they may earn but their points are not included in the determination of their Team's total.

(f) *A Team may enter as many Team Time Trial teams in a Conference Race as they wish, but only the top placing team scores points; the remaining Team Time Trial teams displace other competitors but do not score points.*

(g) A Conference, or an individual Race Director with the approval of the Conference Director, may determine scoring opportunities other than finish placings and prime sprints (e.g., queen of the mountain) for Races and how those points will be awarded to Teams and Riders.

(h) A Rider may compete in a Collegiate Cycling Race outside their Team's Conference, but may not score either Rider or Team points in that Race (the points that otherwise would be scored by that Rider will be awarded to the next highest placing Rider in that Race whose Team belongs to the hosting Conference) unless it is specified as a dual conference Race.

(i) In the case of a tie on total points among Riders or among Teams, whether at a particular Event or over the course of the Conference season, the tie will be broken in favor of the Rider or Team that has:

(i) The most first place A finishes; or, if still tied, the most second place A finishes; or, if still tied, the most 3rd place A finishes, or if still tied;

(ii) The most first place B finishes; or, if still tied, the most second place B finishes; or, if still tied, the most 3rd place B finishes, or if still tied;

(iii) The most first place C finishes; or, if still tied, the most second place C finishes; or, if still tied, the most 3rd place C finishes, or if still tied;

(iv) The most first place D finishes; or, if still tied, the most second place D finishes; or, if still tied, the most 3rd place D finishes, or if still tied;

(v) The best finish in the last Race of the Event or season, as appropriate.

7K4. Conference Championships

- (a)** Each Conference is required to hold Conference championships for road and mountain bike Disciplines, and may hold Conference championships for other Disciplines.
- (b)** Conference road championships must consist of a road race and a criterium and should include a team time trial.
- (c)** Conference mountain bike championships must include a cross-country Race and at least one Gravity Race and should include a short track Race and a second Gravity Race.
- (d)** To facilitate providing quality Races to its Riders and Teams, a Conference may split its Conference championship between different venues and/or between different dates (e.g. mountain bike Endurance Races on one weekend at one location, mountain bike Gravity Races on the following weekend at another location).
- (e)** A Conference may choose to allow bonuses at Conference championships such as double or triple points, and may set standards for earning those points.

7L. National Championships

7L1. Eligibility

- (a)** The following eligibility requirements apply to all Riders and Teams at each Collegiate Cycling National Championship:
 - (i) Each Rider and each Team must satisfy all other applicable eligibility requirements contained in the Rules.
 - (ii) Each Rider must submit proof of eligibility in the form of a properly completed "Collegiate Cycling Championship Eligibility Verification Form" at registration. This form is available from the USA Cycling website, the Collegiate Cycling Manager and Conference Directors.
 - (iii) Each Rider must be enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by their School, and must be in good standing financially, academically and

disciplinarily, during the following relevant
Championship Eligibility Period:

Championship:	Championship Eligibility Period
<i>BMX</i>	<i>Spring session of the same calendar year</i>
Road	Spring session of the same calendar year
Mountain	Fall session of the same calendar year
Track	Summer or Fall session of the same calendar year
Cyclo-cross	Fall session <i>of the previous</i> or spring of the same calendar year

(*) Or if the rider is eligible *for the majority of Events* during the conference season, then they are eligible for Nationals.

(b) In the event a National Championship commences prior to the Championship Eligibility Period, a Rider wishing to compete in that National Championship may satisfy the requirements of this Section by providing written evidence that they have made the appropriate tuition payment for the Championship Eligibility Period.

(c) Teams may bring no more than 8 men and 8 women to any single National Championship Event.

7L2. Qualification

(a) For each division, Conferences qualify for start spots in a National Championship Race as follows:

(i) first the host Team (if any) qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race, so long as this Team and its Riders otherwise meet the eligibility requirements contained in the Rules; then

(ii) each Conference qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race; then

(iii) each Conference qualifies a single Rider; then

(iv) each Conference qualifies a total number of Riders equal to (A) the percentage of the total number of category A Riders in that division in that discipline that are recorded in USA Cycling's membership files on November 30 of the previous year as being members of Teams that are members

of that Conference, multiplied by (B) the field limit of such Race reduced by the number of Riders qualified pursuant to subsections (i)-(iii) of this Section.

(v) Conferences shall be notified of their rider allocations for a National Championship no less than two months before the Championship.

(b) Only points from Category A Conference Events from a Discipline count toward a Team's and a Rider's qualification for that Discipline's National Championship.

(c) Subject to the other requirements of the Rules, each Conference Director may decide how to allocate start spots in a National Championship Race among Teams and individual Riders from their Conference.

(d) *If a Conference will not use all of its allocated start spots, the remainder shall be put back into a pool and redistributed to conferences proportionally based on of the total number of category A Riders in that division in that discipline that are recorded in USA Cycling's membership files on November 30 of the previous year.*

7L3. Administration

(a) Start lists for each National Championship will be posted prior to the start of the first Race of such National Championship.

(b) Staging for Massed-start Races at a National Championship proceeds as follows:

(i) Previous year's national champion for the current Race; then

(ii) Conference omnium champion or conference champion for that Race format (e.g. criterium or cross country), as determined by each Conference Director (in a randomly determined order); then

(iii) One Rider per Team, called one Team at a time in the Order of Call-Up (for the first wave, to the extent not already staged pursuant to subsections (i) and (ii) of this paragraph); then

(iv) Step (iii) is repeated until all Riders have been staged.

(c) Subject to additional requirements contained elsewhere in these Rules, for each division and gender,

(i) a national championship jersey will be awarded to individual first place at a National Championship Race and
(ii) gold, silver, bronze, bronze and bronze medals will be awarded to first through fifth places, respectively.

(d) Subject to additional requirements contained elsewhere in these Rules, for each division and gender, (a) a national championship jersey will be awarded to first place Rider in a National Championship omnium and (b) gold, silver, bronze, bronze and bronze medals will be awarded to first through fifth places, respectively.

(e) Subject to additional requirements contained elsewhere in these Rules, for each division,

(i) national championship jerseys will be awarded to the first place Team at a National Championship and
(ii) gold, silver, bronze, bronze and bronze medals will be awarded to the first through fifth place Teams, respectively.

(f) *The points scoring for all Collegiate Cycling National Championship Races is set forth in Appendix 4.*

7L4. Individual Omnium Scoring

(a) For any Combined Division Race, the Rider placings, Order of Finish and points will be absolute, i.e. Riders will be ordered and ranked relative to all other Riders in that Combined Division Race and will not be separated by Division and ranked relative to other Riders in their Division.

(b) Subject to additional requirements for particular National Championships contained elsewhere in these Rules, the individual omnium in a National Championship is determined for each division (except in the case of Combined Division Races) and gender as follows:

(i) All the Riders in each Race are placed according to the Order of Finish in that Race.

(ii) For each Race, each Rider is (A) assigned Individual Omnium Points according to their place in the Order of Finish based on the Individual Omnium Points Table of the appropriate discipline in Appendix 4 and any prime points

they scored in that Race and then (B) ranked according to the total Individual Omnium Points they scored.

(iii) For each Race, the result is the "Rider Race Results," which include, for each Rider, rank, Rider name, license number, Team name and Individual Omnium Points.

(iv) The Individual Omnium Points scored by each Rider in all applicable Races are totaled and the Riders are ranked by this final total.

(c) In the case of a tie on total Individual Omnium Points among Riders, the tie will be broken in the favor of the Rider who has:

- (i) the most first place finishes or, if still tied,
- (ii) the most second place finishes, or, if still tied,
- (iii) the most third place finishes, or, if still tied,
- (iv) the most fourth place finishes, or, if still tied,
- (v) the most fifth place finishes, or if still tied,
- (vi) the highest placing in the Event, or if still tied,
- (vii) the highest placing in (A) the last Race, or (B) the Race in which at least one of the tied Riders placed, nearest in time to the last Race of the Event.

7L5. Team Omnium Scoring

(a) For any Combined Division Race, the Team placings and results will be relative to the other Teams in their Division, i.e. Teams will not be ordered and ranked relative to all other Teams in that Combined Division Race but instead will be separated by Division and then re-ordered or ranked relative to other Teams in their Division.

(b) Subject to additional requirements contained elsewhere in these Rules, the Team omnium in a National Championship is determined for each Division as follows:

(i) Determine Team Race Results for Each Race for Each Division

For each Race and each Gender (e.g. "Women's Division II Road Race" or "Men's Track Sprint Tournament"):

(A) For each team that has riders scoring points in that Race, the Individual Omnium Points of the top three points scoring riders on that team (including their prime points) are

summed.

(B) The Teams are ranked in descending order based on the sum of countable Individual Omnium Points.

(C) The result is the "Team Race Sums," which include, for each Team, rank, Team name, Individual Omnium Points awarded to each Rider whose points may be counted, and sum of all Individual Omnium Points awarded to all Riders whose points may be counted.

(D) Any ties that exist among Teams based on the sum of all Individual Omnium Points awarded to those Teams' Riders whose points may be counted are broken according to Section 7L4(c).

(E) Team Omnium Points are assigned to each Team according to the Team Omnium Points Table in Appendix 4.

(F) The result is the "Team Race Results," which include, for each Team, rank, Team name, Team Race Sum and Team Omnium Points.

(ii) **Determine Team Omnium Results for an Event**

(A) The Team Race Results are determined for all Races and both genders (e.g., for the Collegiate Cycling Road National Championship, the Team Race Results are determined for each Division based on that Division's Women's Team Time Trial, Men's Team Time Trial, Women's Road Race, Men's Road Race, Women's Criterium and Men's Criterium).

(B) The Team Omnium Points earned by each Team in each Race of the Event (and recorded on the Team Race Results for each Race) are summed and the Teams are ranked in descending order based on this sum.

(C) Any ties that exist among teams based on the sum of all Team Omnium Points awarded are broken according to Section 7K5(d).

(D) The result is the "Team Omnium Results," which include, for each Team, rank, Team name, Team Omnium Points for each Race and sum of all Team Omnium Points.

(c) In the case of a tie on total points among Teams in a Race, the tie will be broken in the favor of the Team that has the highest placed Rider in that Race.

(d) In the case of a tie among Teams based on total Team Omnium Points, the tie will be broken in the favor of the Team that has:

- (i) the most first place Rider finishes or, if still tied,
- (ii) the most second place Rider finishes, or, if still tied,
- (iii) the most third place Rider finishes, or, if still tied,
- (iv) the most fourth place Rider finishes, or, if still tied,
- (v) the most fifth place Rider finishes, or if still tied,
- (vi) the highest Rider placing in the Event, or if still tied,
- (vii) the highest placing in (A) the last Race, or (B) the Race, in which at least one of the tied Teams placed a Rider, nearest in time to the last Race of the Event.

(e) Interim Rider and Team omnium scoring, including Team Race Results, will be posted as soon as practicable, and protests of interim Rider and Team omnium scoring must be filed in the same manner as protests of race results,

(i) In the case of interim results posted other than on the last day of the National Championship, thirty minutes before the start of the first Race on the day following their posting (or by such other later time as the Collegiate Cycling Manager determines); and

(ii) In the case of interim results posted on the last day of the National Championship, within thirty minutes of their posting (or by such other later time as the Collegiate Cycling Manager determines).

(f) Final Rider and Team omnium scoring will be posted as soon as practicable, and protests of final Rider and Team omnium scoring must be filed, in the same manner as protests of race results, within thirty minutes of their posting (or by such other later time as the Collegiate Cycling Manager determines).

(g) If, upon review of an appropriately filed omnium scoring protest, USA Cycling determines that an error in scoring has occurred, USA Cycling may correct the error and adjust results and allocations of awards.

7L6. BMX National Championship

(a) Collegiate BMX National Championships are held in conjunction with USA Cycling BMX National Championships, and all rules of the event apply to the collegiate category. Additional rules and eligibility/qualification requirements of the event may be published on the event webpage at www.usacycling.org.

(b) Division I and Division II Teams are scored together, and Team Omnium results will be determined without regard for division.

(c) Men's and women's individual Race winners will be determined without regard for Division.

7L7. Road National Championship

(a) The following are the suggested distances for the Races for the road National Championship.

	<u>Road Race</u>	<u>Criterium</u>	<u>Team Time Trial</u>
Women	80-115 km	45-60 min	20-35 km
Men	100-160 km	60-90 min	20-35 km

(b) Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses and field limits for the national road championships. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances and field limits at the time of the Race based on these considerations.

(c) Separate road races and criterium races will be held for Division I and Division II at the National Championships.

(d) To compete in a Massed-start Road Race at a National Championship, a Rider must have *a category A Collegiate Road license and have competed as a category A Rider in at least three Massed-start Road Discipline Races during the current season. If the Conference Road Season would otherwise prohibit all riders from qualifying, the Conference Director may set alternative minimum requirements for participation in Road National Championships, so long as those requirements are first submitted to and approved by USA Cycling.*

- (e)** To compete in a time trial, riders must have raced at least two A races in the season in any road race discipline.
- (f)** Each Team may enter up to six Riders in the road race and up to four Riders in the criterium as follows: until the field limit of the Race is met or the Team has entered six Riders in the case of the road race or four Riders in the case of the criterium, each Team may enter (in the Order of Call-Up) one Rider at a time.
- (g)** The suggested minimum field limit for the criterium is 127 Riders.
- (h)** The suggested minimum field limit for the road race is 169 Riders.
- (i)** Six points primes occur in the criterium, with a points scale of 7, 5, 3, 2, 1, for first through fifth place. These points are Individual Omnium Points (and therefore are included directly in the determination of the individual Rider omnium and indirectly in the determination of the Team omnium).
- (j)** Teams for the team time trials shall consist of a minimum of three Riders and a maximum of four Riders. Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the third Rider. Riders must be of the same gender and from the same Team; no composite teams are allowed.
- (k)** To be eligible for the individual omnium, a Rider must score points in both the road race and the criterium.

7L8. Track National Championships

- (a)** To compete at Collegiate Track National Championships, a Rider must produce documented evidence of completion of one USAC track race. To race in the points *or scratch* races a rider must hold a Collegiate Cycling License and be at least a Track Category 3 or a Collegiate Track Category A. Additionally, *if a Rider's Conference holds a Track Season, the Conference Director may require participation in that Season for Riders to qualify for the National Championships.*
- (b)** In the Points Race, up to four Riders per Team may compete.
- (c)** A Rider may compete in all individual Races, not including team Races. However, only his or her top 3 scores

from those races will count toward the individual omnium. *Any additional placings* will be included in the determination of the Team omnium, pursuant to section 7L5b.i.A.

(d) The following individual Races shall count toward the men's omnium: Match Sprints (Championship format), 4 Kilometer Individual Pursuit, 30 Kilometer Points Race, *12 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and Kilometer Time Trial. To be included in the men's individual omnium standings, a Rider must score individual points in at least (i) one of the Match Sprints, *12 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and Kilometer Time Trial and (ii) one of the 4 Kilometer Individual Pursuit, *12 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and 30 Kilometer Points Race.

(e) The following individual Races shall count toward the women's omnium: Match Sprints (Championship format), 3 Kilometer Individual Pursuit, 20 Kilometer Points Race, *8 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and 500 Meter Time Trial. To be included in the women's individual omnium standings, a Rider must score individual points in at least (i) one of the Match Sprints, *8 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and 500 Meter Time Trial and (ii) one of the 3 Kilometer Individual Pursuit, *8 Kilometer Scratch Race*, and 20 Kilometer Points Race.

(f) The following team Races are to be held: Collegiate Coed Team Sprint, Women's Team Pursuit and Men's Team Pursuit.

(g) The Women's Team Pursuit is 3 kilometers *and Men's Team Pursuit is 4 kilometers*. Teams for the Women's and Men's Team Pursuit shall consist of a minimum of three Riders and a maximum of four Riders. Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the third Rider. Riders must be of the same gender and from the same Team; no composite teams are allowed.

(h) The Collegiate Coed Team Sprint is a six-lap race that follows the Team Sprint (2L) format, with the following exceptions:

(i) Each Team must field a minimum of two and a maximum of six riders with at least one woman and no more than four men per team.

(ii) The women must lead the team for a minimum of two laps.

(iii) Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the first Rider to cross the finish line.

(iv) There shall be only one team on the track at a time.

(v) Only standard drop handlebars are allowed in the Collegiate Coed Team Sprint.

(vi) If a rider leads multiple laps, those laps must be consecutive.

(i) For team competitions, Teams are limited to one entry per Race.

(j) Division I and Division II Teams are scored together.

(k) For purposes of allocating Team points toward Team omnium results, Division I and Division II Teams will be ranked separately.

(l) Men's and women's individual Race winners and Team Race winners will be determined without regard for Division.

(m) Men's and women's individual omnium results will be determined without regard for Division.

(n) Team omnium results will be determined by Division.

7L9. Mountain Bike National Championships

(a) The cross-country, short track, downhill and one other Gravity Race must be conducted at a Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.

(b) The following are the suggested times for the Races for the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.

Cross Country	Short Track
1.75-2 hours	20 minutes + 3 laps

(c) Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses and field limits for the Mountain Bike National Championship. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances and field limits at the time of the Race based on these considerations. *In the cross-country Race, all riders shall finish on the final lap of the race winner.*

(d) *To enter any Race at Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships, Riders must hold a Category A Collegiate license in that discipline.*

(e) Separate Races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championship.

(f) The suggested minimum field limit for the short track race is 127 Riders.

(g) The suggested minimum field limit for the cross country race is 169 Riders.

(h) Each Team may enter six Riders in each Race at the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship as follows: until the field limit of the Race is met or the Team has entered six Riders, each Team may enter (in the Order of Call-Up) one Rider at a time.

(i) To compete in the Endurance Races at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have competed as a category A Rider in three conference Massed-start Endurance Races during the current season.

(j) To compete in the 4X or Dual Slalom Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have competed as a category A Rider in three conference Gravity Races during the current season.

(k) To compete in the Downhill Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have competed as a category A Rider in three conference Gravity Races during the current season, where at least two of those Races must be Downhill Races.

(l) *If the Conference Mountain Bike Season would otherwise prohibit all riders from qualifying for a given Race, the Conference Director may set alternative minimum requirements for participation in Mountain Bike National Championships, so long as those requirements are first submitted to and approved by USA Cycling.*

(m) To be included in individual omnium standings, a Rider must have scored individual points in at least one Endurance Race and one Gravity Race.

7L10. Cyclo-cross National Championships

(a) To compete at Collegiate Cyclo-cross National Championships, a Rider must hold a Collegiate Cycling License and be at least USAC Cyclo-cross Category 3 or Collegiate Cyclo-cross Category A. Additionally, *if a Rider's Conference holds a Cyclo-cross Season, the Conference Director may require participation in that Season for Riders to qualify for the National Championships.*

(b) The Collegiate Cycling Race is *recommended to be 50* minutes for men and *40* minutes for women.

(c) The minimum field limit for the Collegiate Cycling Cyclo-cross National Championship is 169 Riders.

(d) Each Team may enter up to eight Riders in the Cyclo-cross Race at the Collegiate Cycling Cyclo-cross National Championship as follows: until the field limit of the Race is met or the Team has entered eight Riders, each Team may enter (in the Order of Call-Up) one Rider at a time.

(e) Division I and Division II Teams and Riders are raced and scored separately. Any races that are run concurrently will have separately started fields.

7M. Collegiate National Team Rankings

7M1. Each Division's Teams' national rankings for each Academic Year are determined on an interim and on a final basis by, for *Road, Track, Mountain Bike, and Cyclo-cross* National Championships, allocating points to the top 30 Teams *that earn points at that National Championship* in each Division according to the following table:

Place	Points
1	100
2	89
3	79
4	70
5	63

6	56
7	50
8	44
9	39
10	35
11	31
12	28
13	25
14	22
15	19
16	17
17	15
18	13
19	12
20	11
21	10
22	9
23	8
24	7
25	6
26	5
27	4
28	3
29	2
30	1

7M2. Each Team is ranked based on the sum of that Team's points allocations for each National Championship occurring in that Academic Year.

7M3. *Teams do not earn national ranking points at BMX National Championships.*

7M4. In the case of a tie among Teams, the tie will be broken in the favor of the Team that has:

- (a) the most first place Team omnium finishes at National Championships or, if still tied,
- (b) the most second place Team omnium finishes at National

- Championships, or, if still tied,
- (c)** the most third place Team omnium finishes at National Championships, or, if still tied,
 - (d)** the most fourth place Team omnium finishes at National Championships, or, if still tied,
 - (e)** the most fifth place Team omnium finishes at National Championships, or if still tied,
 - (f)** the highest placing at a National Championships, or if still tied,
 - (g)** the highest place in the Team omnium in the last National Championship of the Academic Year in which one of the tied Teams has competed.

7M5. The final Collegiate National Team Rankings for the year are determined immediately following the Collegiate Cycling Road National Championship.