

Welcome!

On behalf of USA Cycling, we hope that you are looking forward to a new year of bike racing. We are glad that you are a member and hope that you will find many opportunities to enjoy bike racing of all kinds.

Good luck with your racing!

2012 Election Calendar

- 6/15 Nomination notices published online by this date
- 7/15 Nominations for Committee Members received by USA Cycling no later than this date
- 7/16 Balloting available through membership accounts for internet voting on the USA Cycling website. Hard copy ballots will also be mailed to members who request them
- 8/15 Members to have completed online voting. Mailed or faxed ballots received by the Ballot Clerk no later than this date

This Rulebook is published by USA Cycling. It is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1 – Administrative Issues and General Regulations
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Changes in regulations since last year are printed in *red italics* to make them more visible. Copies may be downloaded from the USAC website at www.usacycling.org. Officials are sent a hard copy. Other members may request a hard copy by sending a self-addressed mailing label and note that says "rulebook" to the address below:

USA Cycling
Attn: Technical Director
210 USA Cycling Point, Suite 100
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Schedule of fees, complete USA Cycling Bylaws, Records, and Results of National Championships may be found online at www.usacycling.org

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Important Rule Changes for 2012

- 1A30:** Riders with a chronological age of 6 up to a racing age of 9 are classified as youth riders and may now take out annual licenses
- 1A42:** A youth race must be held on a closed course with a circuit length no greater than 5 Km.
- 1D2:** The participation rule for upgrading from cat 5 to 4 has been rewritten to specify that riders must finish 10 races rather than just start them. Also, the upgrade credit for taking clinics has been clarified.
- 1F1(b):** This rule has been deleted. Officials assignment guidelines are now published separately online as USA Cycling Policy IV.
- 1M1:** The definition of massed-start bicycle has been expanded.
- 1M7:** Beginning in 2012, riders 12 and under are restricted to massed-start bicycles in all events. In 2013, this rule will also apply to the 13-14 year old class.
- 1Q6(d):** New, stronger language has been added regarding striking a race official that includes the possibility of a lifetime suspension.
- 7L6:** A Collegiate category has been added to BMX National Championships.
- 7L8:** Scratch Races have been added to Collegiate Track National Championships
- 8F7:** Tandem track sprints have been eliminated as a National Championship event.
- 8G2:** The 30-34 year old age group has been dropped from Masters National Championships for road, time trial, and criterium. It is still recognized in cyclo-cross and mountain bike.
- 8G10:** The age groups are modified for masters track team time trial, and an event was added for women 45+. The age groupings for masters team sprint were modified.