

USA Cycling Collegiate Categories and Upgrade Requirements

Riders in a Collegiate Race are eligible for USA Cycling upgrade points, so long as that Race meets all upgrade requirements, including field size and distance, specified by USA Cycling (following pages). Each Rider must request upgrades through his or her USA Cycling account online and provide proof of category at registration. Upgrade requests go through a Rider's Conference Director or the Collegiate Manager [7H1d].

Some conferences have additional requirements. Always check with your conference director before upgrading.

Road

Overview:

Collegiate Category	Correlative USA Cycling Road Category	Available for USA Cycling Road Upgrades...		Collegiate Road Upgrade Requirements for this category are the same as...	
		From	To	From	To
A	Pro, 1, 2, 3	3	2	4	3
B	3, 4	4	3	5	4
C	4, 5	5	4	N/A	N/A
D	5	5	4	N/A	N/A
E	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Upgrade Requirements:

Category	Requirements	Or USAC Road Category
C, D, E to B	Experience in 10 mass start races.	4
B to A	-20 upgrade points in any 12-month period -Or, experience in 25 qualifying races with a minimum of 10 top ten finishes with fields of 30 riders or more, or 20 pack finishes with fields over 50 -Or 30 upgrade points in 12 months is an automatic upgrade	3

Qualifying Distances for each category:

To qualify for upgrade points, races must meet distance standards. Races shorter than the minimum distance do not qualify for upgrading. However, if a road race is less than the road race minimum but above the criterium minimum, it will count for upgrading using the criterium points schedule.

Category	RR	Criteriaums and Circuit Races
C, D, E to B	15 mi	10 mi/20 min
B to A	25 mi	15 mi/30 min

Upgrade Points awarded for Criteriaums and Circuit Races:

Placing	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-50	50+
1	3	4	5	7
2	2	3	4	5
3	1	2	3	4
4		1	2	3
5			1	2
6				1

Upgrade Points awarded for Road Races:

Placing	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-50	50+
1	3	7	8	10
2	2	5	6	8
3	1	4	5	7
4		3	4	6
5		2	3	5
6		1	2	4
7			1	3
8				2
9				1

Track

Overview:

Collegiate Category	Correlative USA Cycling Track Category	Available for USA Cycling Track Upgrades...		Collegiate Track Upgrade Requirements for this category are the same as...*	
		From	To	From	To
A	Pro, 1, 2, 3	3	2	4	3
B	3, 4	4	3	5	4
C	4, 5	5	4	N/A	N/A
D	5	5	4	N/A	N/A
E	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Upgrade Requirements:

Category	Requirements	Or USAC Track Category
C, D, E to B	Complete a Velodrome Class or 4 race days.	4
B to A	5 race days and 20 upgrade points	3

Points: 7, 5, 3, 2, 1 for each event.

Cyclocross

Overview:

Collegiate Category	Correlative USA Cycling CX Category	Available for USA Cycling CX Upgrades...		Collegiate Road Upgrade Requirements for this category are the same as...*	
		From	To	From	To
A	Pro, 1, 2, 3	3	2	4	3
B	3, 4	4	3	N/A	N/A
C	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
D	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
E	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Upgrade Requirements:

Category	Requirements	Or USAC CX Category
B, C, D, or E to A	Experience in 5 races or 7 upgrade points in 12 months	3

Upgrade Points awarded for Cyclocross Races:

Placing	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-50	50+
1	3	4	5	7
2	2	3	4	5
3	1	2	3	4
4		1	2	3
5			1	2
6				1

Cyclocross categories may also be upgraded by conversion from a rider's earned road or mountain bike (endurance) category. If during the season, a rider upgrades his or her road category or XC category, the cyclocross category can be upgraded to match his or her road or XC category by request of the rider or by request of the administrator.

Mountain Bike

Overview:

Collegiate Category	Correlative USA Cycling MTB Category	Available for USA Cycling MTB Upgrades...		Collegiate MTB Upgrade Requirements are the same as...*	
		From	To	From	To
A	Pro, 1	N/A	N/A	2	1
B	1, 2	2	1	3	2
C	2, 3	3	2	N/A	N/A
D	3	3	2	N/A	N/A
E	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Upgrade Requirements:

- Riders may advance as quickly as they wish up to category B.
- Category C racers **must** move to Category B after placing in the top five in five races.
- Category B riders **may** move up to Category A after two top five finishes. Category B riders **must** advance to Category A after placing in the top five in five races.