



Guide to 2010 Results and Rankings Program

Welcome to the 2010 Season of the National Results and Rankings Program! The purpose of this guide is to inform you about USA Cycling's program and assist you in submitting your event results. Rankings are compiled by adding the event value level to the placing points (see enclosed chart) that a rider received within a race. Each rider's finishes will make up his/her ranking. Each participating event will receive an *Event Value Level* based on specific ranking standards. These event value levels for Mountain are based on the number of expected participants, and Road event value levels are based on the prize list for the permitted event. These value levels are displayed on page 7 of this guide.

Ranking System Overview

This section describes how rankings are calculated and why certain factors are important.

FAQ

This section addresses questions frequently asked by both riders and event promoters.

USAC Promoters Ranking Agreement

The USAC Promoters and Results & Ranking Agreement outlines the responsibilities of the event promoter to USAC, as well as USAC's responsibilities to the promoter. If you complete and submit this form to USAC, the rankings logo will appear by your event on the USAC website so that riders know before the event that their results will receive points.

Submitting Race Results

Guidelines for submitting Race Results for the 2010 Season can be found on page 5. On page 7, the Mountain and Road Event Values are displayed. Results are posted to the USA Cycling website and rankings are calculated on a daily basis.

Results Format

The results submission format is displayed in an example file and can be located on the USAC website. Click on *Results & Rankings* at the top of the home page found under Mountain or Road, then *Mountain or Road results example* to find the USAC approved format.

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USAC RANKING SYSTEM OVERVIEW



- In the Rankings Program, the higher the points a rider receives, the better his/her rank.
- The following is a technical description of how to calculate rankings:

Ranking Points = the rider's points place. (See chart)

- License numbers must be included in results for riders to receive ranking points.
 - Riders purchasing one-day licenses at the event do not receive points for racing.
 - Riders purchasing new annual licenses at the event do not receive points for racing until they receive their license number and contact USA cycling to update the result with the new number.
- Rankings require that at least one rider to finish the race in order to receive ranking points.
- In order to receive ranking points a rider must place within the ranked points places. (See Chart)
- The number of races used for rankings is the riders top 10 races. The more races a rider races in the better his/her ranking will be.
- A DNF (did not finish) will not receive ranking points. A DNF will not negatively affect any rider's ranking points.
- The events being ranked for Mountain are cross-country, downhill, super D, short track cross country, 4X, cross country marathon and Dual Slalom. For Road the events are road races, criteriums, stage races, individual time trials, and cyclo-cross.
- Rankings run for a calendar year. They start January 1st and end December 31st. The Deadline for Promoters to send in their race results for a year's rankings will be January 31st of the following year.

The following is an example in how to calculate ranking points:

I raced in an A event race. I came in 2nd place. **I received 35 race points for this race.** This is how the ranking points were calculated:

Place Points (see chart). This equals a ranking point for the rider. **2nd place for an A Event = 35**

The race points for the first place rider would be 40.

Second place would get 35 points

My Ranking after my first race would be **35**.

My second race I took 3rd place in a state/regional event. **I received 50 ranking points for this race.**

- Points Place for a State/Regional event = 50
- 1st place =60
- 2nd place =55
- **3rd place 50**

My rank after my second race would be figured by adding the first race points and the second race points. **35+50 = 85**.

My third race I took 1st place in a B Event race. **I received 30 ranking points for this race.**

- Points Place for a B Event = 30
- **1st place = 30**
- 2nd place =28
- 3rd place = 26
- 4th place = 24

My rank after my third race would be figured by adding the first race points, the second race points and the third rank points. **35+ 50 + 30=115**.

The ranking process recognizes that the level of competition can vary depending on the type of event. Assigning Event Value Levels takes this into consideration. This program also gives riders the opportunity to be ranked within their category on a state and age basis.

The event value level of a race determines how rankings points are calculated in the following way:

Races with a higher event value mean more places to be ranked in and will result in more points assigned per place.

Races with a lower event value level mean fewer places to be ranked and therefore less points being assigned per place.

This will give someone who places 3rd in a race with an event level of D more points than someone who places 2nd in a race with an event level of E.

Rankings can be located on the USA Cycling website at <https://www.usacycling.org/rankings/>.

Rankings are displayed in descending order with the highest ranking score being ranked first and the lowest ranking score being ranked last. Currently, the rankings program updates on a daily basis.



Frequently Asked Questions



How do I upgrade my event to a better Event Level?

There is a bid process to become a American Mountain Bike Challenge (AMBC) or State/Regional Championship, or be on the USAC-MTB National Calendar. Please contact the USAC-MTB Events and Program Director at klusk@usacycling.org for additional information. There is a bid process to be on the National Racing Calendar (NRC). Please contact National Events Director Micah Rice at mrice@usacycling.org.

What happens when a rider's category changes?

One of the factors determining rank is category; once the category has changed, the old calculation is no longer accurate. The rider's previous ranking will not be reflected after a category change. As soon as the rider starts racing in the new category, he/she will receive a rank for the new category. The rider still receives the points for a mixed category race where his new category was included.

How do we give ranking points to a rider who does not have a Mountain or Road license number on the day of the race?

There is a link at the bottom of each results page that allows a rider to send an e-mail reporting any missing or incorrect result information.

What if a rider races in a race with mixed categories, how would points be distributed?

Rankings are not divided by category; they are given based on the place the rider took in each race. If a rider raced in a mixed category race i.e.: Cat 3/4 and came in 4th place, they would receive 4th place points for that race no matter how many cat 3's or 4's there were in that race.

How do we know which races are rankable?

All Downhill, Super D, Cross Country, Short Track Cross Country, 4X and Cross Country Marathon races for Mountain and all RR's, Crits, TT's, Stage Races and Cyclo-Cross for Road are rankable if results are submitted. The Event/Results section on the USAC web site will show riders which promoters have agreed to submit results by completing the contract. These events are denoted with the ranking logo. We suggest you use this logo anytime you advertise your event to attract riders seeking to improve their ranking.

What do promoters do when they need help?

🚲 The complete rankings program is listed on the USA Cycling website at www.usacycling.org, or questions may be e-mailed to rankings@usacycling.org

Rankings Agreement

USAC and event promoters agree on a process that each will follow for events that are to become part of the USAC Results and Rankings Program. The objective of this agreement is to identify the responsibilities each of us has in keeping the integrity of the rankings program accurate, timely and a value to members at all levels of ability.

Event Promoters

- ◆ Agree to submit race results in the approved format in 21 days following the conclusion of the event.
- ◆ Recognize that should a promoter not live up to this agreement, action may be taken by USAC on future sanctioning of events.
- ◆ Recognize that becoming part of the USAC Results and Rankings Program distinguishes your event as having extra value to riders and strive towards providing riders with quality racing experiences.

USAC

- ◆ Will continue to commit itself to the goal of maintaining an athlete ranking program that distinguishes its value to all of its constituencies.
- ◆ Will calculate the rankings on a daily basis.
- ◆ Will provide members with access to their ranking on the USAC web site. Riders will be able to compare themselves with other riders on a national level.
- ◆ Will make the approved categories, classes, age-groups and format available on the USAC website.

This agreement is established to serve the USAC membership. USAC, along with our promoters, recognizes the need to continually increase participation and strengthen our sport. This partnership will allow the USAC National Results and Rankings Program to add quality and value to all events.

Here is the link to the 2010 USAC Promoter Results and Rankings Agreement.

<https://www.usacycling.org/myusac/?pagename=results>

USAC Results Submission Process

Results can be posted online through the “submit results” link *under Results & Rankings* on the USAC home page. Results can also be sent in to USA Cycling to be submitted by the Results & Rankings Coordinator. These results must be submitted in an Excel spreadsheet or a comma-delimited file by e-mail to: rankings@usacycling.org. The results submission format can be found on the USAC website <http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=622> . Just click on Mountain or Road Results example to see how each race should be formatted.

Data fields and accepted components for electronic submission:

Organization	Road or Mountain (<i>optional</i>)
Event year	2010 (<i>Required Field</i>)
Event Permit #	Each event is given a permit number during the permitting process (<i>Required Field</i> -do not insert year before permit number.)
Race Date	mm/dd/yyyy (<i>Required Field</i>)
Discipline	Cross-Country, Downhill, short track cross country, 4X, cross country marathon, Road Race, Criterium, Stage Race, Cyclo-Cross or Individual Time Trial. (<i>Required Field</i>) Non-rankable race types can be entered here and results posted, but no ranking points will be calculated.
Category	Beginner, Sport, Expert, Cat 1, Cat 2, etc. (<i>optional field</i>)
Gender	Men, Women (<i>optional field</i>)
Class	Junior, Senior, Master (<i>Optional Field</i>)
Age Group	15-16, 17-18, 19-24, 25-29, 40-49, ect.. Do not use 30+, 40+, etc., use the defined age groups (i.e. 30-39, 40-99 or 50-99). USAC has defined age groups in which results need to be submitted. For each defined age group there is a corresponding Age-Related Value Level (AGL) . An AGL is a set level of points, which will be calculated into a rider's racing points. AGLs recognize that certain age groups are more difficult to ride against than others. Please refer to the Age-Group - AGL chart for defined age groups and its corresponding AGL. If more than one age group is included in one racing group, the lowest AGL will be applied. AGL's are not used for Road category groups (i.e. cat 1, cat 4, etc.).
(Racing up/down):	Riders may race down in age groups to compete for better ranking points, however, riders are not allowed to race up. The only exception is for juniors , where racing up would allow for better ranking points.
License #	Ranking points can only be awarded to licensed members (<i>Optional Field</i>) If you do not have license number, “one-day”, “unknown”, etc., can be listed, or the cells can be left blank. If you choose not to list license numbers you must have first and last names.
Last Name	Please do not include any commas or periods. (<i>optional field</i>)
First Name	Please do not include any commas or periods. (<i>optional Field</i>)
Bib #	(<i>Optional Field</i>)
Team Name	(<i>Optional Field</i>) If including team name, please do not include any commas or periods.
Time	(<i>Optional Field</i>)
Place	Please use 1, 2, 3 not 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd . For DNF , "did not finish", enter 999 ; for DNP , enter 998 ; for DQ , "disqualified", enter 997 ; for DNS , enter 996-- (<i>R</i>
Note:	The more fields you submit the more clearer the results will be on the website.