



# Trustee Meeting 2009

## Rule Changes

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# USCF Mission

*To work through the USAC to promote Road, Track and Cyclocross cycling by increasing participation in our sport through programs and events for all ages, skill levels and genders at the local, national and international levels.*





# USCF Purpose

*The USCF is the Association within USAC that sponsors club-oriented bicycle racing held under USAC permits and USCF rules. We are focused on Road, Cyclocross and Track events for women and men of all abilities at local, regional, national and international levels.*



# New Rules for 2009

- Many minor changes
  - Federation to USA Cycling
  - ED to CEO
  - Some minor Championship edits
  - Only significant changes in this discussion
- Quick Plug
  - We appreciate your help in finding where change is needed

**Be Early – Be Specific**



# Announcements and Limits

## 1E. Race Announcements

(e) For each race, the amount of the entry fee and the *existence* of any *other* surcharges, *including fees for online entry*. All such fees shall be in accordance with the Schedule of Fees.

## 1G6. Maximum Field – No Change



# Race Numbers

## 1K4 Numbers

- (a). **Racing numbers are provided by the organizer, who may require a deposit that shall be refunded on return of the numbers in good order. The figures shall not be hand written, but printed in block letters using black waterproof ink. Numbers shall be constructed from materials sufficiently durable to last the race without tearing or disintegrating, even in adverse weather. The name of the race or race sponsor may appear on a competitor's number.** Promoters who fail to provide numbers meeting the above requirements to all riders shall be fined as specified in the Schedule of Fees.
- (b) Riders shall place their numbers as prescribed by the officials and in such a way that they are visible when the rider is in a racing position. **When shoulder number are provided for cyclocross, they are worn on the upper arm to be visible from the front.** Hip numbers shall be attached securely at least at the four corners and no accessory may cover them. If shoulder or frame numbers are provided, they too shall be placed as prescribed. Numbers may not be folded, trimmed, crumpled, or otherwise defaced. [Replacement of the numbers at riders' expense if noted before the start, otherwise warning or relegation.]
- (c) **An administrator may impose additional number requirements.**



# Race Numbers (cont.)

*Numbers size table (minimum sizes -- all dimensions are in centimeters)*

<i>Type of Number</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Digit Height</i>	<i>Digit Line Width</i>	<i>Minimum Border</i>
<i>Body</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Frame</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Shoulder</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>2</i>

*Numbers required per event (minimum):*

<i>Event</i>	<i>Body Numbers</i>	<i>Shoulder Numbers</i>	<i>Frame Number</i>
<i>Track</i>			
<i>Track Time Trial</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Individual Pursuit</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Team Pursuit</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Team Sprint</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Sprint/200 Meter Time Trial</i>	<i>2</i>		
<i>All other Track Events</i>	<i>2</i>		
<i>Road</i>			
<i>Category A Road</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Road Time Trial</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>All Other Road Events</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Cyclocross</i>			
<i>Category A Cyclocross</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>All Other Cyclocross Events</i>	<i>1</i>		





# Cyclocross Age

- **1A16.** *The cyclocross season begins September 1st of one year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.*
- **1A17.** A rider's **racing age** shall be his or her age on December 31 of the current year *except in cyclocross. A rider's racing age in cyclocross is his age on December 31st of the year that the cyclocross season ends.* All references to age of riders, race age groups, or age class shall be interpreted as referring to racing age. The following terms refer to specific age groups.

## **Racing Age Age Group**

Under 10	Youth
10-18	Junior
19-22	Under 23
23-29	Elite
30+	Master



# Cyclocross

- 5A10 replaced with
- The course may ***include a single section*** of temporary artificial ***barriers. This shall consist of two barriers of wooden or other non-metallic material, standing vertically, 40cm tall, 4 meters apart, and taking up the full width of the race course. The surfaces of the barriers must have no gaps from the top to the ground. Barriers may be placed on flat or uphill terrain; downhill barriers are expressly forbidden.***
- **5B3.** In the equipment pits, the race course and the pit lane shall be separated and distinctly marked out, by tape at the very least. ***The pit lane shall be a minimum of 3 meters wide at all points.***



# Cyclocross

**5C2.** Changing of equipment shall be done at the same point with no advance in the rider's position. ~~Changes may only be done from the side of the pit lane opposite to the course; nobody may stand on the side of the lane adjacent to the course.~~

**6D9. National Cyclocross Championships** shall be conducted for men 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18, which may be run concurrently, and for women 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18, which may be run concurrently. **The first row of call ups shall be reserved for riders in the following order:**

**(a) The seven best placed riders returning to the same age class from last year's National Championships.**

**(b) The National Champion from the next younger age class the year before if he or she has since moved to the next age class.**

**Any other riders called up shall be determined by USA Cycling.**

**6G11. National Cyclocross Championships** shall be conducted for men and women in five-year age groups. Different age groups may be run concurrently and scored separately at the discretion of USA Cycling. **The first row of call ups shall be reserved for riders in the following order:**

**(a) The seven best placed riders returning to the same age class from last year's National Championships.**

**(b) The National Champion from the next younger age class the year before if he or she has since moved to the next age class.**

**Any other riders called up shall be determined by USA Cycling.**



## Road Race

**3A2. Multiple Fields.** If more than one massed start race is to be on the course simultaneously, starting intervals should be chosen such that different groups will not overlap. If overlapping cannot be avoided, the races should not be placed on the course simultaneously. *If these conditions are not met, the Chief Referee may change the schedule or cancel some or all of the events.*

### 3D6 Criterium feeding

*3D6. Feeding is not permitted unless specifically authorized by the Chief Referee.*

### 3F10 -- TABLE 2. Time Penalties for Time Trials, add

*Penalties may be extrapolated for distances or speeds beyond what are shown in the table.*



## Stage Race

~~(c) If two or more riders have an equal number of points by the end of the last stage, the order shall be determined by the number of stages in which each rider finished first, then second and so forth, until the greater number of places awarded to one or other of the riders determines the final placings.~~

***In the event of a tie in the general individual classification by points, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated: 1. number of stage wins; 2. number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for the general classification on points; 3. general individual classification by time.***

~~4C7. Most Aggressive Rider. Paragraph deleted~~



## Masters Championship Age Groups

**6G4.** ~~For Masters National Championships riders must ride in their proper five year age bracket.~~ *In Masters Championship events with an age bracket (e.g. 35-39), riders must compete in their proper age bracket. If the age class is open-ended (e.g. 35+), then they may enter one of the age classes for which they meet the minimum age.*

**6G5.** For Masters State Championships, ~~riders may ride with a younger age bracket and~~ the local administrator will determine what the age group breakdown will be.



# Track Rules

**2B7** *The number of riders on a track shall in no case exceed:*

*20 (15 teams for Madison) on a 200 m track*

*24 (18 teams for Madison) on a 250 m track*

*36 (20 teams for Madison) on a 333.33 m track*

*40 (20 teams for Madison) on a 400 m track*

## **2I3. Standing Start Events.**

- (a)** The rider shall be held by starting blocks or an official at the start and shall be neither restrained nor pushed. The starter shall insure that each rider starts within the sprinters lane, with the leading edge of the front wheel directly over the starting line and the bicycle not pointed up or down the track.
- (b)** In a **kilometer time trial** the competitors shall race two at a time, with one rider starting on each side of the track, and the starting procedure shall be the same as for individual pursuit.
- (c)** *When **team events** such as the team pursuit or team sprint are run as a single time trial ride, rather than multiple rounds, the rules for the **qualifying round** for that event shall cover mishaps and false starts.*



# Track Rules

## 214. Restarts

- (a) In the case of a false start, ~~or unrecognized mishap~~, the rider shall restart immediately.
- (b) In the case of a ~~recognized~~ mishap (***recognized or not***) the rider shall take a new start whenever possible (generally within ten [10] minutes or at the end of the same session).

Note: Similar change in rule 1J10 for Pursuit



# Track Rules

## 2J6. Qualifying Round.

- (a) The qualifying round is a time trial in which no more than two riders may be timed simultaneously on the track. Any rider who is caught must finish the distance to have his or her time recorded [disqualification for drafting **or re-passing** the other rider].
- (b) The officials shall try for close competition by matching riders of approximately equal ability. In the first round the fastest riders shall start last.

## 2J7. Finals.

- (a) The two fastest riders from the qualifying round shall race for first and second, and the third and fourth fastest riders from the qualifying round shall race for third and fourth.
- (b) *Should a rider fail to take the start of a final, his opponent is declared the winner. A rider failing to start the final for 1st and 2nd places shall be placed 2nd; a rider failing to start the final for 3rd and 4th places shall be placed 4th. If the reason for failing to ride is not accepted by the Chief Referee/Race Jury, the absent rider shall be disqualified and his place shall remain vacant.***



## Track Rules

**2K3. Championship team pursuit matches**, treated below, shall have three or four riders per team and cover a distance of **3,000 or** 4,000 meters.

**2K4. Team** *In events with four-rider teams, there* ~~There~~ may be up to six riders entered for each team but a racing team of no more than four riders may compete in a given session. *In events with three-rider teams, four riders may be entered with only three competing in a session.*



# Track Rules

- Team Pursuit -- 2K11 Mishap
- **(c) Qualifying Rounds.** – add:

*Three person team: If a rider has a mishap the team shall stop and ride again at the end of the qualifying round.*

*If a mishap leads to a restart, in the subsequent ride no allowance is made for mishaps – a team must continue with at least 3 riders or be disqualified.*

- **(d) Final Rounds.** Replace with:
- *In the event of a mishap in the first half-lap, the race shall be stopped and restarted. If the team suffers a further mishap during its subsequent ride, it shall be eliminated. After the first half-lap no mishap will be taken into consideration. The team shall continue if they still have three riders on the track; otherwise the starter shall stop the race and the other team shall be declared the winner.*



# Track Rules

Team Pursuit -- 2K12 Finish, add

***(e) Should a team fail to take the start of a final, the opponent is declared the winner. A team failing to start the final for 1st and 2nd places shall be placed 2nd; a team failing to start the final for 3rd and 4th places shall be placed 4th. If the reason for failing to ride is not accepted by the Chief Referee/Race Jury, the absent team shall be disqualified and the place shall remain vacant.***



## Team Sprint

2L2 Start, add

***(d) The riders of each team shall start either side by side or staggered at an angle of 45° behind the start line. The lateral distance between riders shall be equal and between 1.5 and 2 meters.***

2L5 Finish, add

***Should a team fail to take the start of a final, the opponent is declared the winner. A team failing to start the final for 1st and 2nd places shall be placed 2nd; a team failing to start the final for 3rd and 4th places shall be placed 4th. If the reason for failing to ride is not accepted by the Chief Referee/Race Jury, the absent team shall be disqualified and the place shall remain vacant.***



## Points Race

**2M1.** A **points race** is a rolling start scratch race in which sprints for points are held on certain laps as designated by the organizer, usually every five laps. In Championship events the sprint interval shall be 10 laps on tracks 250m or shorter; on longer tracks the interval shall be the number of laps closest to 2km. *For all championship points races, if the specified distance for the event cannot be divided evenly by the sprint interval, the distance should be modified slightly so that the number of laps between sprints is the same throughout the race.* In each sprint, the first four riders shall normally be awarded points in order of finish as follows: 5 points, 3 points, 2 points, 1 point. Any rider who gains a lap on the main field will receive 20 points. Any rider who loses a lap to the main field will lose 20 points.



# International Style Omnium

**203. International-style Omnium:** this is a different event from conventional omniums, with different scoring, tie-breaking, and the requirement that riders must compete in all events. **All events are held on a single day.** The following rules apply:

- (a) The default events to be held are (in the order listed):
  - 200m time trial with flying start,
  - Scratch race (distance equal to the number of laps closest to 5km)
  - Individual pursuit (3000 meters - 2000 meters for ~~junior~~ **women** - without finals, riders seeded from the overall ranking after the scratch race)
  - Points race (distance closest to 15km with 6 sprints) **for men; 10km with 4 sprints for women**
  - 1000m/**500m** time trial **for men and women respectively** (riders seeded from the overall ranking after the points race).
- (b) Whenever possible, there shall be an interval of at least 30 minutes between two events.
- (c) The pursuit and 1000m/**500m** time trial should be done with two riders on the track at once if possible.