

18.5 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD CUP (RMRC)

18.5.1 GOALS

- Recognize the best Rocky Mountain Individual and Team in designated categories
- Encourage teamwork and competitiveness
- Effectively manage length of race day on closed courses
- Encourage quality event promotion
- Effectively manage the race calendar

18.5.2 RIDER ELIGIBILITY

- ACA annual members who are categorized as a Pro, 1, 2, 3 or 4 may earn points in the RMRC rider competition and team competition assuming the team/club is annual ACA member club.
- ACA member clubs in good standing may earn points as outlined.
- UCI Pro Tour or Professional Continental license holders are not eligible for RMRC points.

18.5.3 EVENT SELECTION

The ACA Board of Directors shall select the RMRC events and then assign each one to a particular points level (Gold-Silver-Bronze) based on the following criteria:

- Clubs must be current members, in good standing, of both USA Cycling and ACA.
- Organizer or club has properly applied for the status of RMRC, in writing, and paid the calendar date fee.
- Results of a recent membership web survey, if conducted.
- Attendance-by category report compiled by the ACA Membership Manager.
- Points allocation will be based on event quality, prize list, promoter organization, location, and timing on the calendar.
- ACA Technical Committee recommendations based on grade of past promotions by club/organizer applying for the status.
- The ACA Board of Directors will attempt to balance the schedule for equal opportunity to compete in RMRC for all categories.

18.5.4 RMRC REGULATIONS

- Points earned before annual membership is obtained *will not* be counted in the rider's points or team's points total.
- For the RMRC Rider competition, points will apply for a riders' top 16 points earning events.
- For the RMRC Team competition, points will apply for a team's top 20 events in a given season.
- The top three riders (position crossing the finish line) from a team shall have their points counted towards RMRC Team standings.
- Top five places in individual stages of a stage race will receive additional points (5-4-3-2-1) for the overall RMRC rider's competition. No additional points for omniums.
- At the conclusion of the program, the rider and team with the greatest number of points shall received the Individual and team designations. In case of a tie, duplicated titles shall be awarded.
- Individual Time Trials may only be considered for RMRC Individual designation.
- Team Time Trials may be considered only for RMRC Team designation.
- Mid-Week races will not be part of the RMRC
- Change of race type other than what was originally published may results in the removal of RMRC status from the event.
- Closed course events, less than 3K, shall be considered for only 1 of the following groups- Blue or Yellow. See 18.5.5.1

- In closed course of less than 3K, there must be at least 10 minutes of time between ALL categories with Chief Referee input if more time is needed.
- Closed course events must include a 15-minute additional break for officials during the middle of the day. A Youth Fun Race is recommended during the middle of the day to provide a break.
- Categories (Race Groups)
 - An organizer shall run all RMRC categories designated by the ACA unless granted an exemption by the ACA Board of Directors.
 - An organizer MAY NOT run more than the designated number of optional/recommended race groups on closed courses unless granted an exemption by the ACA Board of Directors. Exemptions will be considered on race history in terms of number of racers, quality of event, and treatment of officials.
 - ACA highly recommends that RMRC categories be run separately on closed courses less than 3K in length.
 - If combinations of RMRC categories are to be run on the course at the same time, the Chief Referee must approve these combinations after consulting with the ACA Executive Director. Factors in this decision include, but not limited to: course length, course composition, typical size and speed of categories involved.
- Registration for Gold and Silver RMRC Events
 - Must close a minimum of 40 minutes before race start.
 - Pre-registration must be available until 36 hours before the event starts. Stage races and time trials can close registration earlier with Chief Referee approval.
 - Pre-registration is encouraged to provide a \$10 discount for pre-registered riders.
 - Promoters who do not use the ACA Day of Race Registration Software must charge a \$10 late fee.
 - Pre-registration must be sent to timing company 18hrs in advance of first race
- Prize lists for Gold and Silver Events
 - Gold Level events must have cash prizes for SM P 1-2 (minimum 10 deep) and SW P 1-2 (minimum 5 deep).
 - Silver Level events must have cash prizes for SM P 1-2 (minimum 5 deep) and SW P 1-2 (minimum 3 deep).
- Race flyers must be posted 30 days in advance of pre-registration deadline to remain part of the RMRC program.
- ACA/D&L Sound Timing, therefore chip timing, is required for all Gold and Silver RMRC events. Bronze events must have a high speed photo-finish camera at all road races and criteriums. Hill climbs and time trials must have electronic results.
- RMRC status may be removed if minimum times/distances, as specified in section 18.5.5, are not met for designation and/or time between finish/start of each race group was not approved by the Chief Referee.
- Failure to meet RMRC policy standards will result in loss of RMRC status for the current year's events and cause the club/organizer to be ineligible for status the following year.

18.5.5 CATEGORIES / DISTANCES

18.5.5.1 Closed Courses Less than 3K

BLUE GROUP	TIME
SM 4	45
SM 35+_1-2	55
SM 55+_1-2-3-4 SM 65+_1-2-3-4	40
JM 10-12/13-14 JW 10-12/13-14	20
JM 15-16/17-18 JW 15-16/17-18	30
SW 4	40
SM 45+_4	45
SW 35+/45+/55+/65+	40
SM Pro-1-2	75
SM 3	55
SM 45+_1-2-3	50
SW Pro-1-2-3	50

YELLOW GROUP	TIME
SM 3	55
SM 35+_3	55
SM Pro-1-2	75
SW Pro-1-2	50
SW 3	45
SM 35+_4	45
SM 45+_1-2-3	50
SM 4	45
SW 4	40
SM 35+_1-2	55
Newbies (SM 5 +1-Day)	20
Youth (6-7)	5
Youth (8-9)	10

18.5.5.2 Courses Over 3K

CATEGORY	LENGTH (Min. Miles)
SM Pro-1-2	75
SM 3	50
SM 4	35
SM 35+_1-2	50
SM 35+_3	50
SM 35+_4	35
SM 45+_1-2-3	40
SM 45+_4	35
SM 55+_1-2-3-4	35
SM 65+_1-2-3-4	25
Newbies (SM 5 + 1-Day Lic.)	10

CATEGORY	LENGTH (Min. Miles)
SW Pro-1-2	50
SW 3	40
SW 4	25
SW 35+	40
SW 45+	25
SW 55+	25
SW 65+	25
JM 10-12	10
JM 13-14	10
JM 15-16	25
JM 17-18	25
JW 10-12	10
JW 13-14	10
JW 15-16	25
JW 17-18	25

18.5.6 RMRC RACE GROUP COMBINATIONS

- Combinations must be approved by Chief Referee and ACA Executive Director.
- When RMRC race groups are combined, separate scoring must take place. It is also highly recommended that separate prize lists be offered to combined groups.

- Recommended Combinations

SM 35+_1-2	with	SM 35+_3
SM 35+_4	with	SM 45+_4
SM 45+_1-2-3	with	SM 45+_4
SM 55+_1-2-3-4	with	SM65+_1-2-3-4
SW Pro-1-2	with	SW 3
SW 35+	with	SW 45+ , SW 55+, and SW 65+
JM 10-12	with	JM 13-14
JW 10-12	with	JW 13-14
JM 15-16	with	JM 17-18
JW 15-16	with	JW 17-18

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TEAM TIME TRIALS

- All riders on a TTT Team must have the same club on their annual USAC license to count for RMRC Team Points.
- Composite Teams and/or teams with 1-Day licensees are ineligible for RMRC Team points.
- Points shall be awarded to the top ten teams.
- Riders may ride up categories for TTT's. Group is taken in highest category rider.
- Category must be designated at registration. Example below...
 - SM P-1-2 TTT: Can have 1 cat. 2, 1 cat. 3, 1 cat.4. They will be placed in the SM P-1-2 times.
 - SM 35+_1-2 TTT: Can have 1- 35+ cat.1-2, 1- 45+ cat.1-2 . 1- 55+ cat. 1-2. They will be placed in the SM 35+ category.
 - Junior 15-16: Can have 1, 15-16 and 1, 13-14 rider. They will be placed in the 15-16 category.

	# on Team	Time Taken On
Men	3-5	3 rd rider
Women	2-4	2 nd rider
Juniors	2-4	2 nd rider

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RMRC POINTS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Gold Level Event</u>	<u>Silver Level Event</u>	<u>Bronze Level Event</u>
1	50	30	15
2	40	25	13
3	35	22	11
4	32	20	10
5	29	18	9
6	27	16	8
7	25	14	7
8	23	13	6
9	22	12	5
10	21	11	4
11	20	10	3
12	19	9	2
13	18	8	1
14	17	7	
15	16	6	
16	15	5	
17	14	4	
18	13	3	
19	12	2	
20	11	1	
21	10		
22	9		
23	8		
24	7		
25	6		
26	5		
27	4		
28	3		
29	2		
30	1		

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RMRC RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that :
 - USAC and ACA club and rider fees, have been paid for themselves as well as for their club.
 - the correct category and club affiliation is shown on their USAC license and in your ACA membership account.
 - transponder is correctly placed on bicycle to be placed in the results.
 - they will verify their placing on the official results that are posted on race site.
 - they will monitor the points standings on the ACA website, and submit questions to Chris McGee, ACA Executive Director, within three days from the date that event's RMRC results are posted on the ACA website.

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RMRC CLUB/ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES

- If event was been selected for a Gold or Silver points designation, club/promoter must pay fee appropriate fee, \$50 for Gold, \$25 for Silver prior to being placed on the Points Calendar
- The club/organizer will abide by the RMRC policy.
- The club/organizer agrees to collect and pay all fees are outlined in the ACA Schedule of Fees.
- The club/organizers of Gold-Silver RMRC events agree to follow the instructions as it relates to the Timing System as outline on the ACA website:
http://www.coloradocycling.org/sites/default/files/Site_Files/Documents/Promoters/aca_timing_system_doc.pdf
- Event must have a professional appearance and atmosphere. Suggest items include, but not limited to:
 - Announcers
 - Finish Line Apparatus
 - Vendor/Expo Area
 - Activities for Children

