



2011 Road Categorization Guidelines

Categorization

Categories indicate cycling abilities relative to riders of the same sex without regard to age.

- Juniors may ride down one category in senior races over 50 miles or 2 hours in length.
- SW may ride down one category in a men's event, except SW 1 may ride down 2 categories.
- SW 3 & 4 who are 35 or older may compete in age-graded men's races for all riders up to 20 years greater than their racing age except in Championship events.
- Riders may ride up one category in single day or series Time Trial events without getting permission from the ACA State Representative.

Road Requirement by Category

- 4 → 3: Need 20 points in any 16 month period; experience in 25 qualifying races with a minimum of 10 top ten finishes with fields of 30 riders or more; 20 pack finishes with fields over 50.

25 pts. in 16 months is an automatic upgrade

Resume must include at least one criterium.

Jrs must have some experience riding in Senior 4 events before an upgrade to 3's will be granted.

- 3 → 2: Need 25 points in any 16 month period; 35 pts. in 16 months is an automatic upgrade

- 2 → 1: Need 30 points in any 12 month period; 45 pts. in 12 months is an automatic upgrade

ACA State Representative may upgrade riders at the end of the season that have reached the minimum amount of points but not maximum, and/or placed in the top 3 in overall BAR standing of categorized races.

Qualifying Distance for each Category

Cat.	Class	RR	Crit Duration
4 - 3	Men	35 mi	45 min
	Women	25 mi	40 min
	Jr 15-18	25 mi	30 min
3 - 2	Men	50 mi	55 min
	Women	40 mi	45 min
2 - 1	Men	80 mi	75 min
	Women	50 mi	50 min

To qualify for upgrading points, races must meet distance requirements.

Time Trials and races shorter than the min. distance are *not* qualifying races. 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.

Points for Criteriums & Circuit Races

Place	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-49	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

Points for Road Races

Place	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-49	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

Downgrades: Any rider who in the preceding 12 months has never placed in the top 10 in a qualifying race in the rider's category may be assigned to the next lower category. *Requests to downgraded back to the 4's is highly unlikely.*

Points for Stages Race (3 → 2, 2 → 1)

Place	Number of Starters			
	10-19	20-35	36-49	50+
1	5	7	10	20
2	3	5	8	18
3	2	3	6	16
4	1	2	5	14
5		1	4	12
6			3	10
7			2	9
8			1	8
9				7
10				6
11				5
12				4
13				3
14				2
15				1

GC & stage places count for points, but only up to a max. of 20 for a cat.1 upgrade or 15 for a cat 2 upgrade. For cat 1 upgrades only 10 points may be earned in races that are part of a training series or may be earned in master's races.

Cat 4's will not receive SR points- each stage that meets qualifying criteria will be given points as indicated in charts to the left.

Omniums are not regarded as a Stage Race.