

**Policy #19  
COLORADO BAR/BAT PROGRAM**

**Note: BAR = Best All Around Rider  
BAT = Best All Around Team**

**GOALS**

- Recognize the Best All Around Rider and Team in designated categories
- Encourage teamwork and competitiveness
- Effectively manage length of race day on Closed Courses
- Encourage Quality event promotion

**ELIGIBILITY**

- All individual ACA annual members or ACA clubs in good standing may earn points as outlined.
- Points earned before membership *will not be counted in the rider's points or team's points total.*

**EVENTS**

- All BAR/BAT events shall be permitted through the American Cycling Association.
- All Road Events (Point to Point Road Races, Circuit Races which are conducted as a circuit/NOT Criterium rules, Hillclimbs, and Stage Races can be considered for BAR/BAT designation (all designated categories). Team Time Trials may be considered only for BAT designation. Individual Time Trials may only be considered for BAR designation.
- Closed course events shall be considered for only 1 of the following groups:

<b>Blue Group</b>	<b>Yellow Group</b>	<b>Green Group</b>
Senior Men P-1-2	Senior Men 4	Senior Men 3
Senior Men 45+ cat 4	Senior Men 35+ cat 4	Senior Men 35+
Senior Men 55+	Senior Men 35+ cat 3	Senior Men 45+
Senior Women 1-2	Senior Women 3	Senior Women 35+/45+
Senior Women 4	Senior Men 65+/SW 55+	Juniors (all)
Optional 1	Optional 1	Optional 1
Optional 2	Optional 2	Optional 2
Optional 3	Optional 3	Optional 3
Optional 4	Optional 4	Optional 4

- An organizer shall run all BAR/BAT categories designated by the ACA unless granted an exception by the ACA Board of Directors.
- A organizer MAY NOT run more than designated number of optional groups on closed course events unless granted an exception by the ACA Board of Directors.
- Exemptions will be considered based on race history in terms of number of racers, quality of event, and treatment of officials.
- High Speed Digital/Film Camera is required for races with pack finishes.

- There must be 15 minutes of time between ALL categories

## SELECTION

The ACA Board of Directors shall select BAR/BAT races based on the following criteria:

- Clubs must be current members, in good standing
- The organizer or club has properly applied for the status of BAR/BAT Road or Criterium Race, BAR for Individual Time Trial events, or BAT for Team Time Trials in writing
- Results of a recent membership web survey, if conducted
- Attendance by category report compiled by the Colorado State Representative.
- Chief Referee's and Chief Judge's reports from previous years
- Quality of past promotions by the organizer or club applying for the status
- State Championships shall automatically be given BAR/BAT status except for the State Time Trial, which receives BAR only.
- Stage races/Omniums shall receive points only for the Individual General Classification/Overall, not by individual stage/race.
- Change of race type other than what was originally published may result in the removal of BAR/BAT status from the event.
- The ACA Board of Directors will attempt to balance the schedule for equal opportunity to compete in BAR/BAT events for all categories
- Any requested exemptions to these rules must be made not later than 45 days prior to the event to allow adequate time for the Board of Directors consideration and notification of the membership.

## SCHEDULING

- Races not on the original annual calendar can apply for BAR/BAT Status 90 days before race.
- For all BAR/BAT Closed Course races there must be 15 minutes of time scheduled between the finish of one race and the start of the next.
- All BAR/BAT Categories MUST run separately on closed courses less than 3km in length.
- For closed courses greater than 3km in length, ACA Staff will recommend and must approve any combination of categories run on the course at the same time. Factors in this decision include, but are not limited to:
  - Course length
  - Course composition
  - Typical size and speed of categories involved
- BAR/BAT Status may be removed if minimum times/distances below are not met for designation and/or 15 minutes between finish/start is not given after a BAR/BAT race.
- 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 this break.

## CATEGORIES/DISTANCE

Category	RR	
	Crit Duration	Length
	(Minimum)	(Minimum)
	Minutes	Miles
SM P-1-2	80	75
SM 3	60	50
SM 4	45	25
SW 1-2	60	50

SW 3	50	40
SW 4	40	25
SM 35+, 4	45	35
SM 35+, 3	45	40
SM 35 +	60	50
SM 45+, 4	40	40
SM 45+	45	40
SM 55+	40	35
SM 65+	30	35
SW 35+	45	40
SW 45+	40	25
SW 55+	30	25
SW 65+	30	25
JM/W 8-9	10	-
JM/W 10-12	20	10
JM/W 13-14	20	15
JM/W 15-16	30	25
JM/W 17-18	30	25

<p><b>Junior 8-9 only at Criteriums (Closed Courses) and State Champs – TT, RR &amp; HC</b></p>
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**Junior BAR/BAT Categories**

- Criteriums .....must run 3 separate groups: 8-9/10-12, 13-14, 15-16/17-18
- Road Races & Hill Climbs.. must run 2 separate groups: 10-12/13-14 & 15-16/17-18
- TTs & TTTs..... must separate results into: 10-12, 13-14, 15-16 & 17-18
- Junior Categories should be placed as close as possible to masters categories within each race day.

**Women BAR/BAT Categories**

- For RRs or HCs that are Senior Women and Masters Women BAR/BAT designation, three Separate Groups:

- SW 1-2, SW3\35+\45+\55+ & SW4

OR

- SW 1-2-3, SW4 & SW35+\45+\55+ alone or run with SM 55+/65+

**Master Men BAR/BAT Categories**

- RR's and HC's combinations:

- SM 55+ and 65+
- SM 35+ 3 and 35+ Open (separate starts PREFERRED)
- SM 35+ 4 and 45+4

- Exemptions to the above groupings may be made for open road courses only by the ACA Board of Directors.

**POINTS**

- Points shall be awarded to current ACA annual members placing in the top 20.

- 1<sup>st</sup>-26, 23, 21, 19, 5<sup>th</sup>-17, 15, 14, 13, 12, 10<sup>th</sup>-11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 15<sup>th</sup>-6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 20<sup>th</sup>-1

- For Stage races and Omniums, points shall only be awarded to the final overall standings.

- If Stage race or Omnium includes a State Championship event, then only the State Championship event shall be designated as BAR/BAT and not the overall.

- 14 Races Total - Points Software will automatically total the top points as listed below:

- o Top 3 - Road Races / Circuit Races (5km +)
- o Top 3 - Criteriums

- Top 2 - Time Trials
- Top 2 - Hill Climbs
- Top 1 – Stage Races/Omniums
- The top three riders (position crossing finish line) from a team shall have their points counted toward BAT standings.
- At the conclusion of the program the rider and team with the greatest number of points shall receive the BAR and BAT designations. In case of a tie duplicate titles shall be awarded.
- Awards shall be presented at the Annual Awards Party.
- Individual Time Trials may NOT receive Best All Around Team, BAT, Points.

#### **Team Time Trials - TTT Rules & Points –**

- All Riders on a TTT Team must be all have the same Club on their Annual License to count for BAT points.
- Points shall be awarded to top ten teams.
- Men: 3 to 5 Man Teams – Time taken on 3rd Rider
- Men Points: 1st =59 (1+4+7); 2nd=53(2+5+8); 3rd=48(3+6+9); 4th=44(4+7+10), 40, 36, 33, 30, 27, 10th - 24.
- Women & Junior: 2 to 4 Person Teams – Time taken on 2nd Rider
- Women & Junior Points: 1st = 45(1 + 4); 2nd = 40(2+5), 3rd=36(3+6), 4th=33(4+7), 30, 27, 25, 23, 21, 10th - 19.
- Riders may ride up categories for TTTs. Group is taken on highest category rider. Category must be designated at registration. Examples below...
- Men 1-2 TTT: Can have 1 Cat. 2, 1 Cat. 3 & 1 Cat. 4 rider. They will be placed in the Men 1-2 times.
- Masters 35+ TTT: Can have 1 35+, 1 45+ and 1 35+ Cat 4 rider. They will be placed in the 35+ category.
- Junior 15-16: Can have 1 15-16 and 1 13-14 rider. They will be placed in the 15-16 category.
- Team Time Trials may NOT receive BAR points.

#### **BAR/BAT RIDER AND CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that all association club and rider membership fees, have been paid for themselves as well as for their club.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the correct category and club affiliation is shown on membership application/renewal and on ACA license.
- ACA shall strictly adhere to membership records to validate categories. Other associations may be used to validate categorization but do not guarantee said category being honored until after evaluation by the Colorado State Representative.
- In all cases a rider must change his license to reflect whether he/she is unattached or a member of a club. Points shall not be earned until such a change is officially made. **Points are not retroactive.** *Riders shall contact the ACA State Representative ASAP to have their licenses updated.*
- Interested riders must verify their placing on the official results at each event within the published ACA protest periods. ACA office staff cannot change race results.
- It is the rider's responsibility to monitor the points standings posted at race sites, and on the web site, and submit any questions within the published limits below. TIME LIMITS—A rider or team has three days from the date that event's BAR/BAT results are posted on

the web site or at race sites weekly to protest this tabulation.

– Masters who are eligible to ride in more than one age classification must declare by April 1<sup>st</sup> in which age-class and category they will compete in for BAR for the year in combined races. Those not declaring to ride in a younger class will be calculated for the default age classification.