

Policy #18
COLORADO CROSS CUP PROGRAM

- Recognize the best Cross Cup Individual and Team in designated categories
- Provide a series of events that ensure quality racing experiences for all participants, spectators and officials

ELIGIBILITY

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

EVENTS

- All designated events will be permitted through the American Cycling Association.
- Races prior to October 1st are not eligible without prior exemption from the ACA Board.
- Each race in the series will have the top 20 in each of the categories scored and compiled, then each rider's top 6 results, plus state championships, will be added together through the race series to determine the overall top 20 in each category at the end of the series.
- CO Cross Cup Race Flyers must be approved and posted 45 days in advance to remain eligible
- Events must have a professional appearance and atmosphere including:
 - Announcers
 - Finish Line Apparatus
 - Amplified Sound/Music
 - Food/Drink vendors where allowed
 - Prizes for each day of racing
 - Cash for Open Men and Women
 - Detailed breakdown for all others
 - Vendor/Expo Area
 - Activities for Children

SELECTION

Colorado Cross Cup races shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the American Cycling Association based on the following criteria:

- Clubs must be current members, in good standing
- The promoter or club has applied for the status of CO Cross Cup
- The results of race surveys
- The attendance by category report compiled by the Colorado State Representative
- Consideration of the quality of past promotions by the promoter or club applying for the status.
- The recommendations of the Technical Committee
- Any requested exemptions to the policy must be made no later than 60 days prior to the event to allow adequate time for Board of Directors consideration and notification of the membership

COURSES

All venues and courses MUST meet and provide the following items:

- CO Cross Cup courses are required to be inspected 2 weeks prior to race day by a Course Technical Advisor (CTA). The CTA will confirm the lap length and width requirements. A list of CTAs is available from the ACA. CTAs will be paid a \$25 fee by ACA, and the promoter will provide them with a complimentary entry fee or similar value for their services.
- The course must meet distance, width and safety requirements. For distance, the course must be at least a 7 minute lap for the SM Open category. The entire course should be at least 3 rideable meters in width (ultimately needs to provide reasonable and safe passing for the duration of the lap).

- Chief Referees have been advised to delay race starts if the first race of the day has lap times under 7 minutes. This delay will be in place until the promoting group(s) lengthens the course to be longer than 7 minutes.
- Course set-up should be completed 30 min prior to first race using that course
- For staging, an off -Course, fenced start grid as outlined in the ACA Promoters Handbook on a firm surface should be provided
- Race staff to assist in control of start grid and assist Referee(s) with staging/call-up
- At least 200 meters of firm surface after the start must be free of obstructions and sharp turns
- All open area turns shall be marked with "caution" tape, fencing or cones (cones for pavement/roads only). Surveyors flags/tape do not meet this criteria
- Finish must be on a firm surface and free of obstructions and sharp turns for final 100 meters
- Must have a clearly marked finish line bypass for riders warming up.

REGISTRATION

- Registration must close no less than 30 minutes prior to race start
- Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged for CO Cross Cup events
- Must contract with D & L Sound for Timing and Results Services
- Race staff to assist in Transponder Rentals

POINTS

- Points shall be awarded to ACA annual members placing in the top 20 places. The points shall be awarded as follows: First place through 20th place: 26, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
- The top three riders (position crossing finish line) from a team shall have their points counted toward CO Cross Cup Team standings.
- At the conclusion of the program the rider and team with the greatest number of points shall receive the appropriate CO Cross Cup designations. In case of a tie the number of firsts, then seconds, then thirds shall be taken into consideration to break the tie. If still tied, duplicate awards shall be presented.
- Awards shall be presented at the Annual Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or Awards Party.
- Riders placing in the top 5 of the CO Cross Cup at the conclusion of the series are eligible for a mandatory upgrade.

STAGING / CALL-UPS

- ALL *non-Junior* races must have a designated off-course staging area and start grid.
- The Chief Referee is responsible for call-ups. The Chief Referee may delegate this duty to an Assistant Referee.
- AT LEAST one race volunteer or staff member must be present to assist in staging.
- Call-ups will occur 10 minutes before race start time. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive on time.
- Call-ups are based on the top 40 CO Cross Cup racer rankings. Points from previous year will be used for the first event.
- Chief Referee may elect to call-up a lower number of CO Cross Cup places based on field size or other relevant issue.
- Random number sequences are to be used after top 40 CO Cross Cup racer rankings have been called up.
- Riders who miss their call-up will enter the start grid after the most recently called rider or wave has been allowed to stage.
- The starter will give a 60 second warning, a 30 second warning, a 15 second warning and start the race at any time in the final 15 seconds with the blow of a whistle. NO other start commands are to be given.
- **For non CO Cross Cup races**, Call-ups will be based upon the rankings provided by CrossResults.com. The top 40 racers will be called up.

WARM-UP PROTOCOLS

- At the discretion of the Chief Referee, racers are permitted to preview the course at the following times:
 - When the leader finishes his/her race, racers may preview by following the last rider on course until 5 min before the next scheduled race start.
 - After the final rider starts his/her race racer may preview following that last rider for 1-2 laps (see below)

This means riders previewing may only do so behind the last rider and in front of the race leader. The course will be closed to non-racers after 2 laps have been completed OR EARLIER BASED ON CHIEF REFEREE'S DISCRETION. If a rider is unsure about the course status they should check with officials at either the start or finish before entering the course.

- Mechanics of enforcement: Riders will be allowed on course at the finish line after the lead rider finishes. Previewing riders will be held at the starting area beginning 5 min before the next race start. They will be released from the start 30-seconds to 1 min after the last racer exits the grid. After the first 2 laps of a race the course is closed (or earlier based on CR discretion).
- Racers who violate these procedures (including passing the last rider or previewing within sight of the race leader) will:
 - Be kindly asked to remove themselves from the course by an official or course marshal.
 - If a rider fails to exit the course after being asked to do so he/she will be sanctioned based on rule 14.3, which includes disqualification and/or suspension

CATEGORIES, DISTANCES & SCHEDULE

Category	Start Time	CX Duration Minutes (Minimum)
JM/W 10-12	8:15	20
JM/W 8-9	8:15:30	20
JM/W 17-18	8:45	25
JM/W 15-16	8:45:30	25
JM/W 13-14	8:45:45	25
Warmup	9:10	15
SM 35, 4	9:25	40
SM 35+	10:15	45
SM 35+, 3	10:15:30	45
SM 45+	11:15	45
SW Open	12:10	45
SW 35+	12:10:30	45
SM Open	1:05	60
SM 55+	2:15	40
SW 4	2:15:30	40
SM 4	3:05	45
SM 3	4:00	50
SingleSpeed	4:00:30	50

CO CROSS CUP RIDER AND CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that all association club and rider membership fees are 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 the membership application/renewal and on ACA license.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the correct license number is recorded by race registration.
- 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 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 CO Cross Cup results are posted on the web site or at race sites weekly to protest this tabulation.
- Failure to meet CO Cross Cup policy standards will result in loss of CO Cross Cup status for the current year's events and cause the club/promoter to be ineligible for status the following year.