

## Policy #21

### COLORADO CROSS CUP PROGRAM

#### GOALS

- 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
- Push the Colorado cyclocross racing season in January of the following year

#### ELIGIBILITY

- 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 point or team's point total.*

#### EVENTS

- All designated events will be permitted through the American Cycling Association.
- Races prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Each rider's top results in 75% of the available series races (rounded up) will be added together through the race series to determine the overall standings 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 with 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:

- Course set-up 30 min prior to first race using that course
- Off -Course, fenced start grid as outlined in the ACA Promoters Handbook on a firm surface
- 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
- Entire course should be at least 3 rideable meters in width
- 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 20 minutes prior to race start
- Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged for CO Cross Cup events

## **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.
- State Championships will be double points
- 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.

**REQUIRED CATEGORIES & DISTANCES,  
SUGGESTED SCHEDULE**

Category	Start Time	CX Duration Minutes (Minimum)
JM/W 10-12	8:30	20
JM/W 8-9	8:30:30	20
JM/W 15-18	9:00	30
JM/W 13-14	9:00.30	30
SM 35+	9:45	45
SM 35,4	10:40	45
SM 45+	11:35	45
SW Open	11:35.30	45
SM Open	12:40	60
SM 55+	1:50	45
SW 35+	1:50:30	45
SW 4	1:50	45
SM 4	2:45	45
SM 3	3:45	45
Singlespeed	3:45:30	45

**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.
- Based on top 40 CO Cross Cup points. Points from previous year OR random order will be used for the first event at the discretion of the Chief Referee.
- 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 have been named.
- 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.

**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.
- Seniors who are eligible to ride in more than one age classification must declare by September 1<sup>st</sup> in which age-class and category they will compete in for that year's CO Cross Cup in combined races. Those not declaring to ride in a younger class will be calculated for the default age classification.
- 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.