2012 ACA Colorado Cross Cup Policy

18.6 Colorado Cross Cup

In an effort to create the best possible cyclo-cross racing, this ACA Colorado Cross Cup policy has been designed to meet the needs of our racers, venues, and race organizers. This ACA Policy is in addition to the USAC Rulebook. In the event of conflict between these documents, USAC Rules take precedence.

18.6.1 GOALS OF THE COLORADO CROSS CUP

- Recognize the best Colorado Cross Cup Individuals and Teams in designated categories
- Encourage teamwork and competitiveness
- Effectively manage length of race day for race organizers and provide consistent racing for athletes
- Encourage quality event promotion
- Effectively manage the race calendar

18.6.2 COLORADO CROSS CUP REGULATIONS

- The Colorado Cross Cup will use a multi-tiered scoring system with three different levels of events: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The points offered for these levels can be found in this Policy, Section 18.6.10.
- Gold level Colorado Cross Cup events must use a professional timing and results company, either the preferred ACA D&L Timing System or a third-party system. This system must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - Use of a Finish Line Camera with a minimum speed of 1,500 line-scans per second
  - Use of a timing chip system that has the ability to record lap times and produce printed results at the race site.
  - Gold level event results will be posted to a minimum of 30 places.
- Silver level Colorado Cross Cup events must use a professional timing and results company, either the preferred ACA D&L Timing System or a third party system. This system must use a timing chip system that has the ability to record lap times and produce printed results at the race site. In order to judge tightly contested finishes, a high speed camera is encouraged for Silver level events. Silver event results will be posted to a minimum of 20 places.
- Bronze level Colorado Cross Cup events are not required to use a professional timing and results company. The burden to create accurate, timely results is squarely on the backs of race officials. Bronze event results will be posted to a minimum of 13 places.
- In the event of a contested finish that is too close to judge with the allocated resources, the ACA will use the applicable USAC rule 1P4(c), which is used for both road and cyclo-cross events: Should two or more riders make a dead heat for first place only, they shall reride the final sprint for 1,000 meters on road bicycles to determine the winner. If the dead heat is for any other place, the riders concerned shall be declared equal and the prizes for those places shall be added and equally divided or duplicated at the discretion of the Race Director.
- Race flyers must be posted 30 days in advance of pre-registration deadline.
- Registration for Colorado Cross Cup Events:
  - Must close a minimum of 40 minutes before each race start.
  - It is recommended that pre-registration be available until 36 hours before the event starts. Time trials can close registration earlier with Chief Referee approval. Pre-registration data must be available to the Chief Referee, Chief Judge and timing company at least 18 hours prior to the first race of the race day.

  - Race organizers are encouraged to provide a $10 discount for pre-registered riders.
  - Electronic start lists and results must include both verified USAC license numbers and ACA membership numbers.
- Prize lists for Colorado Cross Cup Events
  - Gold Level events must have cash prizes for SM Open (minimum 10 deep) and SW Open (minimum 5 deep).
  - Silver Level events must have cash prizes for SM Open (minimum 5 deep) and SW Open (minimum 3 deep).
  - Bronze Level events have no minimum prize list requirements.
- Course Preview: Riders are allowed to preview the course at times designated by the race flyer and by the Chief Referee. A green flag will be flown near the start/finish line when the course is open for previewing. Alternatively, a red flag, or absence of a flag, will designate that the course is closed for preview. Riders previewing the course should always respect the rights of active racers. Failure to abide by this preview policy may result in disqualification for poor sportsmanship.
- Mid-Week races will not be part of the Colorado Cross Cup points competition.
- For the Colorado Cross Cup Rider Competition,
  - Points will apply for a rider's top 13 points earning events.
- For the Colorado Cross Cup Team Competition:
  - Points will apply for a team's top 17 points-earning events in a given season.
  - The top three riders from a team shall have their points counted towards Colorado Cross Cup Team standings in any given category.
- At the conclusion of the Colorado Cross Cup season, the rider and team with the greatest number of points shall receive the Individual and Team champion awards for each Colorado Cross Cup category. In case of a tie, a rider's or team's placing at the State Championships will serve as a tie-breaker.
- Colorado Cross Cup Awards will be given three deep in all categories that have three or more participants.

18.6.3 CALENDAR CREATION, EVENT SELECTION AND RACE DESIGNATION

Each year in the fall, the ACA Membership Manager will collect Race Date Request Forms and Calendar Date Fees from ACA clubs which wish to host a cyclo-cross race in the next season. Each winter, the ACA will host a Cross Promoters' Meeting to create the upcoming cyclo-cross season based on the dates requested by the clubs and race directors.

In order for an event to appear on the ACA Racing Calendar, the following conditions must be met:

- Organizing club must be a current member club, in good standing, of both USA Cycling and ACA.
- Organizer/club has properly applied for the status of Colorado Cross Cup in writing Race Date Request Form and paid the Calendar Date Fee.
- Race organizers who canceled a race in the previous year will not be given first choice at race dates in the subsequent year.

From the draft calendar created at the Cross Promoters Meeting, the ACA Board of Directors shall select the Colorado Cross Cup events and then offer a particular points designation level (Gold-Silver-Bronze) to weekend events that are promoted by ACA member clubs. Race directors will have two weeks from the receipt of this designation offer to respond with the signed Race Director Agreement (Section 18.6.11) and

appropriate Race Designation Fee. This designation shall be based on the following criteria:

- Points designation will be based on event quality, prize list, race organizer organization, event location, and timing on the calendar.
- ACA Technical Committee recommendations based on grade of past events by club/organizer applying for the status.
- First year events and/or race organizers, or events and/or race organizers who canceled a race in the previous year, will be offered the Bronze level.
- All weekend events organized by ACA-member clubs will be offered Bronze level designation at a minimum, if the event meets Colorado Cross Cup policy.
- Race organizers have the option to not be part of the Colorado Cross Cup (i.e. their event has no points designation).
- Events added to the race calendar after the calendar has been released with designations will be offered no more than a Bronze designation.
- Results of a recent membership web survey, if conducted.
- Attendance-by-category report compiled by the ACA Membership Manager.
- Colorado Cross Cup event designations may be changed or removed if minimum times/distances, as specified in section 18.6.9, are not met and/or the times between finish/start of each race group was not approved by the Chief Referee.
- Failure to meet Colorado Cross Cup policy standards may result in loss of Colorado Cross Cup status for the current year's events and cause the club/organizer to be ineligible for Colorado Cross Cup status the following year
- Changes in race venue may result in a change to Colorado Cross Cup points designation, and must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- The Race Designation Agreement Page and Race Designation Fee must be returned to the ACA within two weeks from the date that this designation was communicated to the race organizer by the ACA, or this event's designation can be downgraded and/or offered to another event.

18.6.4 RIDER AND CLUB ELIGIBILITY

- ACA annual members who are categorized as a Pro, 1, 2, 3 or 4 may earn points in the Colorado Cross Cup rider competition
- ACA member clubs in good standing may earn points for the Team Competition as outlined.
- One-day USAC license holders are not eligible for Cup points.
- ACA one-day members are not eligible for Cup points.
- Points earned before annual membership is obtained *will not* be counted in the rider's points or team's points total.

18.6.5 COLORADO CROSS CUP RIDER AND CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- USAC and ACA club and rider license and membership fees have been paid for riders and their club.
- The correct category and club affiliation is shown on their profiles on both usacycling.org and coloradocycling.org by September 1.
- Riders must read the event flyer for start times, distances, timing questions, and guidelines specific to each event and to check the ACA home page for any changes to the event.
- Rider will follow timing system requirements in order to start the race – "No Chip – No Start". The rider will correctly attach the transponder (timing chip) on his/her bicycle or person in accordance with the posted requirements, such as

http://www.coloradocycling.org/membership/transponder for the ACA/D&L timing system.

- Riders may preview the course by following a race group just after their start. Riders must not interfere with any ongoing race. A red and green flag system will be in place to identify when riders may preview the course. Please exit the course when the red flag is visible or when notified to leave the course. The Chief Referee is the final authority on course preview.
- Rider must arrive to the call-up/staging area at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their event. If late, they will enter the start grid after the most recently called rider or wave has been allowed to stage.
- Rider will verify his/her placing on the official results that are posted at the race venue.
- Rider will monitor the Colorado Cross Cup Individual points standings on the ACA website, and submit questions to the ACA Executive Director by 5pm on the Tuesday following the event. Question and protests received after this time may not be considered for revising the point calculations.
- Club will monitor the Colorado Cross Cup Team points standings on the ACA website, and submit questions to the ACA Executive Director by 5pm on the Tuesday following the event. Question and protests received after this time may not be considered for revising the point calculations.

18.6.6 COLORADO CROSS CUP EVENT ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES

- If an event is to be part of the Colorado Cross Cup, the club/race organizer must:
  1. Pay the Race Designation Fee of $50 for Gold or $25 for Silver (no Fee for Bronze).
  2. Sign and return the Cup Agreement Signature Page (See Policy 18.6.11).
  3. These actions must take place within two weeks from the date that the race organizer was notified of his/her event's specific race designation from the ACA.
- The club/organizer will abide by all Colorado Cross Cup policies.
- The club/organizer agrees to collect and pay all fees as outlined in the ACA Schedule of Fees.
- Event should have a professional appearance and atmosphere as outlined in section 18.6.7.
- The club/organizers that use the ACA D&L Timing System agree to follow the instructions as outlined on the ACA website: http://www.coloradocycling.org/sites/default/files/Site_Files/Documents/Promoters/aca_timing_system_doc_copy.pdf
- In the event of a pending weather cancelation, the race organizer shall call the Chief Referee, the ACA Membership Manager, and the ACA Executive Director to inform them of the situation as soon as possible.

18.6.7 COLORADO CROSS CUP VENUE, EVENT AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Gold- and Silver-level events must provide a weather-proof, elevated, safe, and shaded space for race officials. This space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers.
- Bronze-level events must provide an elevated platform, complete with shade and weather protection, for race officials. This space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers.
- For all events, the Chief Referee has the final decision regarding the most suitable judging location for the officials.

- Gold and Silver Colorado Cross Cup events should have a professional appearance and atmosphere including:
  - Announcers with a Public Address System
  - Finish Line Apparatus
  - Food/Drink vendors where allowed
  - Prizes for each day of racing
    - Cash for SM Open and SW Open (as outlined in 18.6.2)
    - Detailed breakdown of prizes for all other categories
  - Vendor/Expo Area
  - Activities for Children
- All venues and courses MUST meet the following distance, width, safety, and sporting requirements:
  - The course must be at least a 7 minute lap for the SM Open category leaders.
  - The entire course should be at least 3 rideable meters in width (the course ultimately needs to provide reasonable and safe passing for the duration of the lap).
  - All open area turns shall be marked with 2" wide or greater course tape, e.g., "caution" tape, fencing or cones (cones for pavement/roads only). Note: surveyors' flags or 1" tape does not meet this criteria.
  - At least 200 meters of firm surface after the start must be free of obstructions and sharp turns (as per USAC Rules).
  - A double-entry service pit should be located approximately half-way through the course.
  - Finish must be on a firm surface and free of obstructions and sharp turns for final 100 meters (as per USAC rules) and 50 meters past the finish.
  - The start/finish area must have a clearly marked finish line bypass for riders warming up.
  - Barrier height, barrier location, and number of barriers per lap must abide by USAC rules.
  - ALL races must have a designated off-course staging area and start grid, located on a firm surface.
  - Course set-up should be completed 30 minutes prior to the first race using that course.
  - The chief referee will not allow a race to start if he/she deems the course unsafe.

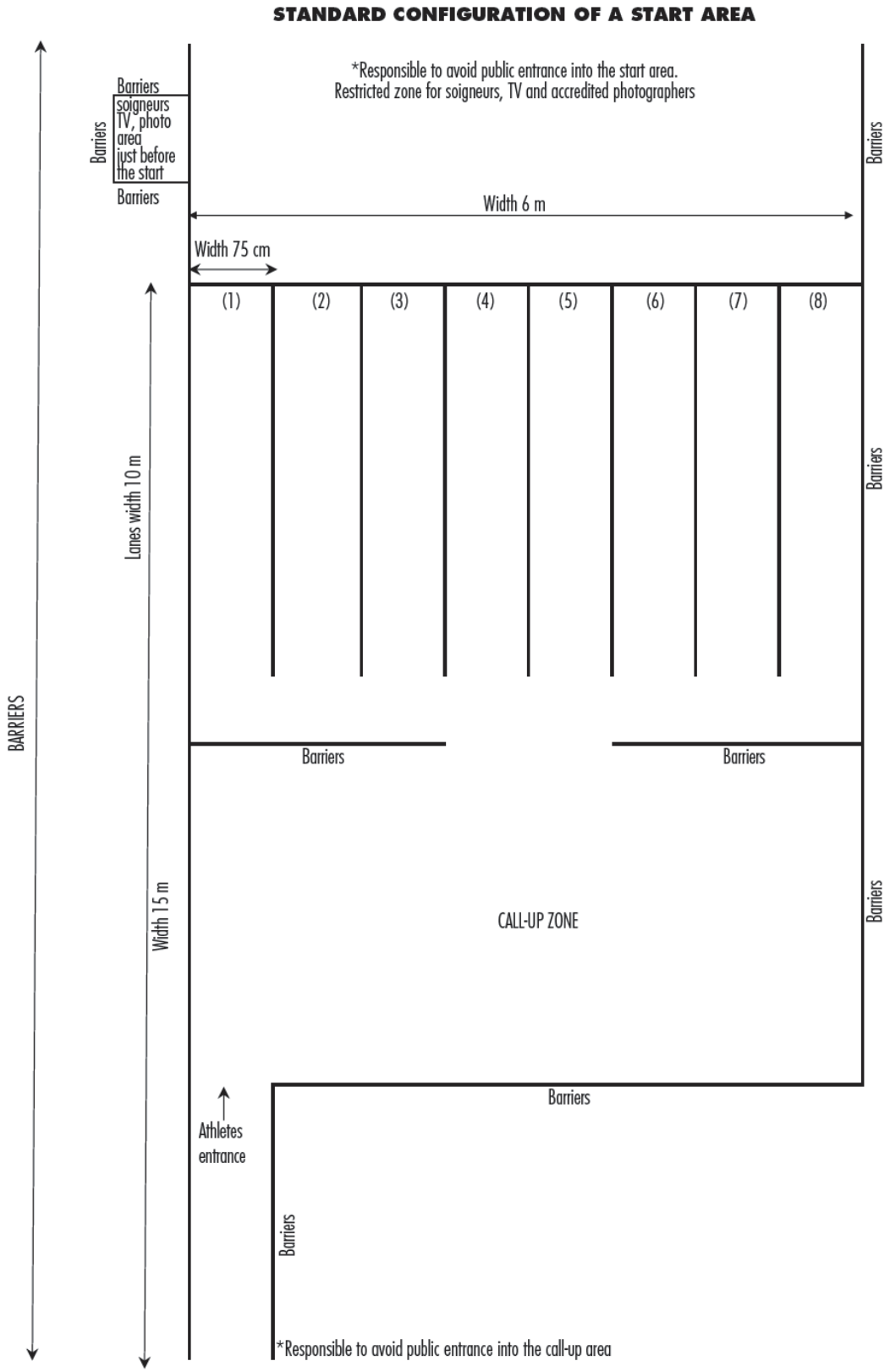
18.6.8 STAGING, CALL UPS, AND RACE START

In an effort to provide a community-based, fun and festive start to the cyclo-cross season, the ACA will designate a Kick-It Cyclo-cross Festival and Time Trial each year. This event will feature vendors, food, drinks and fun for kids, and hold a cyclo-cross time trial that will determine call-ups for the first race held immediately after the Kick-It event.

- Any event that occurs before the Kick It Festival Time Trial will use bib order for call-ups.
- Kick-It Time Trial results will be used for call-ups for the first event held immediately after the Kick It Time Trial.
- All subsequent events will use call-ups based on the USA Cycling Ranking System, which uses a similar algorithm as Crossresults.com. Rankings will include the results from the Kick-It Time Trial and the results from cross races that occurred before Kick-It.
- AT LEAST one race volunteer or official must be present to assist in staging.
- The Chief Referee will call up the top 40 using the USAC Rankings.

- After the top 40 have been called, call-ups will proceed based upon bib number order.
- Chief Referee may elect to call-up a lower number places based on field size or other relevant issues.
- 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.
- The starting grid should be modeled after the UCI specifications as shown in the following image, entitled 'Call-up Zone'.
- At those events which use the ACA D&L Timing System, riders must have their timing chip attached correctly to their bicycle or body before staging for their race.
- For racers without a second bike, it is recommended that the timing chip be attached to the bicycle's head tube as per guidelines on the ACA website.

Call-up zone


STANDARD CONFIGURATION OF A START AREA
*Responsible to avoid public entrance into the start area.
Restricted zone for soigneurs, TV and accredited photographers
Barriers
soigneurs
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Width 6 m
Width 75 cm
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(2)
(3)
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(6)
(7)
(8)
Lanes width 10 m
Width 15 m
BARRIERS
CALL-UP ZONE
Athletes
entrance
*Responsible to avoid public entrance into the call-up area

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18.6.9 COLORADO CROSS CUP CATEGORIES, MINIMUM RACE DISTANCES and RECOMMMENDED RACE DAY SCHEDULES

- Categories that are part of the Colorado Cross Cup Include:

Juniors: JM & JW 10-12; JM & JW 13-14; JM & JW 15-16; JM & JW 17-18

Seniors: SM Open; SM 3; SM 4; SW Open; SW 4; Single Speed

Masters: SM 35+; SM 35+_3; SM 35+_4; SW 35+;

SM 45+; SM 45+_4; SM 55+

- An organizer shall run all Colorado Cross Cup categories designated by the ACA unless granted an exemption by the ACA Board of Directors.
- An organizer is encouraged to use the following race day schedules. Other schedules must be approved by the Chief Referee and ACA Executive Director.
- An organizer is encouraged to include a Pre-J (Pre-Junior) non-competitive event during the race day. This event is for riders of either gender with a biological age of 6, 7 or 8. This event requires a separate permit from USAC that costs $25. All Pre-J participants must sign a standard release form. Organizers are asked to distribute Pre-J stickers and/or ribbons as provided by the ACA, and encouraged to provide ribbons or awards for all Pre-J participants.

Long Day Schedule - During Daylight Savings Time			
Category	**Start Time**	**Gap**	**Duration in Minutes (Minimum)**
SM 55+	8:00:00 AM		40
SW 4	8:02:00 AM	2	40
SM 4	8:50:00 AM		45
SM 3	9:45:00 AM		50
Single Speed	9:47:00 AM	2	50
SM 45+	10:45:00 AM		45
SM 45+_4	10:47:00 AM	2	45
SM 35+_4	11:40:00 AM		40
Pre J/Preview	12:30:00 PM		20
SM 35+	1:00:00 PM		50
SM 35+_3	1:02:00 PM	2	50
JM 13-14; JW 13-14	2:00:00 PM		25
JM 10-12; JW 10-12	2:00:30 PM	:30	25
JM 17-18; JW 17-18	2:35:00 PM		30
JM 15-16; JW 15-16	2:35:30 PM	:30	30
SW Open	3:15:00 PM		45
SW 35+	3:17:00 PM	2	45
SM Open	4:10:00 PM		60

Short Day Schedule – Standard Time

Category	start time	Duration
SM 45+	8:15:00 AM	45
SM 45+_4	8:17:00 AM	
SM 55+	9:10:00 AM	40
SW 4	9:12:00 AM	
JW 17-18		
JW 15-16		
SM 35+	10:00:00 AM	45
SM 35+_3	10:02:00 AM	
JM 13-14;	10:55:00 AM	20
JW 13-14	10:55:30 AM	
JM 10-12;	10:56:00 AM	
JW 10-12	10:56:30 AM	
SW Open	11:25:00 AM	40
SW 35+	11:27:00 AM	
Pre J/Preview	12:15:00 PM	20
SM 35+_4	12:45:00 PM	35
SM 4	1:30:00 PM	40
JM 17-18;	1:30:30 PM	
JM 15-16;	1:31:00 PM	
SM 3	2:20:00 PM	45
Single Speed	2:22:00 PM	
SM Open	3:15:00 PM	60

State Champs Cyclo-cross 2-Day Schedule			
Saturday - Juniors and Masters			
Category	**Start Time**	**Gap**	**Duration in Minutes (Minimum)**
SM 35+	8:30:00 AM		50
SM 35+_3	8:30:30 AM	:30	50
SM 35+_4	9:30:00 AM		40
SW 35+	10:20:00 AM		45
JM 13-14; JW 13-14	11:15:00 AM		25
JM 10-12; JW 10-12	11:16:00 AM	1	25
PreJ/Lunch	11:50:00 AM		20
JM 17-18; JW 17-18	12:20:00 PM		40
JM 15-16; JW 15-16	12:22:00 PM	2	40
SM 55+	1:10:00 PM		40
SM 45+	2:00:00 PM		45
SM 45+_4	2:02:00	2	45
Sunday - Seniors			
Category	**Start Time**		**Duration in Minutes (Minimum)**
SM 4	8:30		40
SM 3	9:20		50
Single Speed	10:20		50
SW 4	11:20		40
Lunch			
SW Open	12:30		45
SM Open	2:00		60

18.6.10 COLORADO CROSS CUP POINTS SCHEDULE

Place	Gold Level Event	Silver Level Event	Bronze Level Event
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	
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24	7		
25	6		
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27	4		
28	3		
29	2		
30	1		

18.6.11

Agreement for Race Director/Race Organizer of a 2012 Colorado Cross Cup Event

As a race director/race organizer from an ACA member club, I understand and agree to the conditions as set forth in this Policy to host an event that is part of the Colorado Cross Cup.

I have read and understand this Policy.

I understand that receiving a particular designation in 2012 does not guarantee a similar designation in the future.

I understand that this Race Designation Agreement Page and Race Designation Fee must be returned to the ACA within **two weeks** from the date that this designation was communicated to the race organizer by the ACA, or this event's designation can be downgraded and/or offered to another event.

_____
Event Name and Event Date

_____
Signature – Race Director/Race organizer Date

Race Designation Fee – Gold $50 _____ Check # _____
Race Designation Fee – Silver $25 _____ Check # _____
Race Designation Fee - Bronze $0

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Timing Company to be used for this event (for scheduling purposes)

Please send this signature page and appropriate fee to:
BRAC-the ACA
1010 Washington Ave
Golden CO 80401

Questions? 303-458-5538
To petition your event's race designation, please send a formal request to change your designation to execdir@coloradocycling.org . Your request will be reviewed by the ACA's Board of Directors.

Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado