



Official's Program

The Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado (BRAC), the local association for USA Cycling (USAC), is committed to helping develop cycling athletes. To do so, officials are needed to ensure the competition is played by the rules, while emphasizing fairness, safety, and sportsmanlike behavior.

- A. Those interested in becoming an official must complete a series of tasks before being assigned to a USA Cycling permitted event.
- 1. USAC Category C Officials Seminar/Test**

The Category C seminar involves training in Road, Track, Cyclocross and Mountain Bike, as well as the basic organizational structure of cycling and officiating. The class is taught in either a live classroom environment, or through an online self-study program. At the end of both the in-person and online class, there is an open-book exam which will test your knowledge of basic rules. To view available clinics please use this [link](#).

Note that to register you must have an account with USA Cycling. If you don't currently have an account you can create one [here](#). Cost of the test/license is \$25.
 - 2. SafeSport**

The US Olympic Committee (USOC) mandates that officials take a Safe Sport seminar, which also includes a short exam. The course offers training regarding misconduct in sport and the measures one can take to protect athletes. This qualification is valid for 2 years and is free. To sign-up for the clinic use this [link](#).
 - 3. Concussion Awareness**

BRAC requires all officials assigned to events in our LA to complete the "Heads Up-Concussion" online training course. The course will help you understand a concussion and the potential consequences of this injury; recognize concussion signs and symptoms and how to respond; and focuses on prevention and preparedness to help keep athletes safe. Once completed you would need to send the copy of the certificate to the BRAC office. The course is free and can be found [here](#).
 - 4. Criminal Background Check**

All officials are required to submit to a USOC mandated background check, which is valid for 2 years. Cost is around \$25 but if you are a BRAC member, that fee will be reimbursed. The link to the background check can be found [here](#).
- B. Those interested in becoming a motorcycle referee would first need to complete the above tasks, but then do the following:
- 1. Motoref Category C Class**

The Category C Motoref class involves training specific to becoming a Motorcycle Referee. The class is taught in a live classroom environment and no motorcycle is required for the course. At the end of the class, there is an exam which will test your knowledge of basic rules and concepts. Passing score is 70%.

2. Motor Vehicle Record Check

Process conducted via [FirstAdvantage](#) which checks your driving record. Cost \$8.80

C. Although not required, BRAC appreciates officials that join the local association.

Benefits for All Officials

- Track Mentorship: Money has been set aside to:
 - import Colorado Springs Track officials to train officials in the Boulder Valley Velodrome (BVV) area
 - help subsidize BVV officials to get to Colorado Springs for mentorship opportunities
- BRAC officials fees better at C-E level races than what USAC requires.
 - USAC 1/2 day fees for C-E events are \$50, \$40, \$35 for CR, CJ, others. BRAC fee schedule pays \$50 across the board.
 - USAC and BRAC full day are the same, \$100-CR, \$70-AR. BRAC, however, pays CJ \$90 opposed to \$80 and AJ \$80.
- BRAC overtime starts at 8 hours; USAC overtime starts at 9 hours.
- BRAC requires race directors to pay IRS business mileage rate, which is \$0.54 for 2016; USAC requires only \$0.46
- BRAC subsidizes motor referee insurance, \$85/motor ref, for race directors so that race Directors do not pay out-of-pocket.
- All BRAC Road Cup policy races are required to provide an "enclosed, weather-proof, wind-proof, elevated, safe, and shaded space for race officials. The space must be positioned such that race officials can clearly see oncoming racers." Many race directors either hire a timing company that provides this space, or have purchased a trailer that meets these requirements to avoid the use of scaffolding.
- All BRAC Road and Cross Cup policy races are required to provide a high-speed finish line camera, chip timing with video back-up, or a finish line camera depending on the level of the event.
- BRAC has a corps of officials with national and international level experience --national/world championships in all disciplines and UCI level races (stage races such as the Tour de France, California, Utah, Colorado; CX ; track World Cups), as well as national race calendar experience (NRC, NCC, NTC). All of these officials are eager to share their experience with you throughout your officiating career.
- BRAC Road and Cross Cup policy requires race schedule to have 10-15 minutes between all races and an additional 15 minute lunch break for officials.

Additional Benefits for BRAC Member Officials

- Apprenticeship for Trainees:
 - Upon request, those new to officiating, can be assigned to one local event and follow an experienced official. BRAC will pay the trainee a maximum of \$70 for the day.
- Advanced Training/Education:
 - \$50 to officials traveling out-of-state for Level A or higher courses
 - \$25 to officials attending biannual summit in Colorado Springs
- Apprenticeship Fund: to help officials gain more experience at National level events, whether in-state or out-of-state, by providing stipends to help officials
 - USAC minimum of \$70/day, no mileage
- BRAC pays for background checks for new and renewing officials that are members of BRAC.
- Annual officials' dinner