



## USAC/BRAC 2019 Track Categorization Guidelines



**Rider upgrades/downgrades are handled electronically through a rider's USAC account.** The request will be sent to Yvonne van Gent, USAC LA representative. Please follow the instructions online and provide the information about your race experience and placings. The information you provide must include the race date, name, type of event, category, number of participants in your category, and placing. If the upgrade/downgrade is approved, your account will be changed .

### Track Requirement by Category

- 5 → 4: Complete a Certified Velodrome Course
- 4 → 3: 5 race days and 20 points as a Cat. 4
- 3 → 2: 5 race days and 25 points as a Cat. 3
- 2 → 1: 5 race days and 30 points as a Cat. 2

Certified Velodrome course, signups and costs can be found at:

- USOC 7-11 Velodrome - Colorado Springs <https://www.facebook.com/otcvelodrome?rf=207425885966874>
- Boulder Valley Velodrome- Erie <http://www.bouldervalleyvelodrome.com/ride-it/a-day-at-the-track/>

### Track Points

Event	Points
National Championships	7-5-4-3-2-1 (each event)
Category A, B, C Track Races	7-5-4-3-2-1 (each event)
Category D, E Track Races	5-3-2-1 (based on an omnium of the event's races)
USAC Rider Education Clinics (must be at least ½ day)	5 → 4 : counts as 3 qualifying races
	4 → 3: 4 upgrade points
	3 → 2: 3 upgrade points

Note; 50% of earned points are moved over to the next season.

### Additional Considerations

1. Ten person field minimum for category 3-5, 20-person field minimum for upgrade to category 1.
2. Fifty percent of upgrading points and number times raced will be carried over to the next year.
3. When upgrading to Cat. 1, points earned need to be from more than one velodrome
4. A "race day" is defined as a one full day of racing. A race day can include a number of events such as a kilometer, sprints or time trial, but it only counts as one race day.
5. Omniums will be counted for upgrading if at least half of the events on the omnium were mass start.
6. Women and Juniors earn one point for every five race days when upgrading from Cat. 4 through Cat. 2.
7. Races exempt from upgrading are Youth races and races of more than two categories (i.e.: "A" and "B" races).
8. With the approval of USA Cycling, riders who are Pro or category 1 on the road may be upgraded to category 2 on the track and riders who are category 2 on the road may be upgraded to category 3 on the track without first having to begin at category 5. However, these upgrades will be contingent on participation in clinics and/or a set number of beginner races.

### Track Downgrades

1. Cat 4 men/women who has never taken the Certified Velodrome Course may request a downgrade to cat 5. In no case will a rider be allowed to downgrade to a category 5.
2. A rider will not be downgraded in the same year that he was upgraded.
3. A rider may be downgraded for the following reasons: unsafe riding; lack of ability to compete in current category; or lack of placing within current category.