The BRAC 2021 Winter Virtual Racing Series on Zwift

BRAC/CCO goes Round & Round in March 2021

Saturday March 6th    Watopia Volcano CCW  4 km per lap
Saturday March 13th   Innsbruckring       9 km per lap
Saturday March 20th   London Classic      5 km per lap
Saturday March 27th   Champs d'Elyse      7 km per lap

Cat A, B, C and women will race different distances.

Start times
Women 8:05am, Cat A 8:25am, Cat B 8:30am, Cat C/D 8:40am

(Race results will be shown at the end of the meetup, however these are flawed, due to the staging in Zwift (software bug). Late Join is disabled for this race/meetup, so show up early so you don't miss the start!

BRAC virtual racing communication channels:
BRAC Newsletter/Website www.coloradocycling.org
BRAC Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/707699906580906
BRAC server on Discord: https://discord.gg/YWa4vqHwgK
Discord will also be used for final pre-race instruction. Be sure to log into the race category voice channel prior to the start of your event.
To race these events you must follow these 5 steps:
1) FILL OUT the entry form (posted in the BRAC newsletter, Facebook, Discord)
2) ADD the BRACXYZ tag to your name so the RC can find you in Zwift
3) FOLLOW the correct RC for the category you want to race (see below for RCs)
4) ACCEPT the race invitation, within Zwift (turn notifications on)
5) Be ACTIVE in Zwift prior to the start of the race, to receive the “Join Meetup” link

Race Coordinators and Category power levels

Cat A: Zwift FTP power 3.8 wkg and above: Follow Vincent Davis
Cat B: Zwift FTP power 3.2 to 3.7 wkg Follow Glen Winkel
Cat C/D: Zwift FTP power 3.19 and below Follow Scott Farish
Women racers: Follow Anna Shveshkeyev

Riders may race up a category, however sandbagging in a lower power category is discouraged. If you wish to “downgrade” contact the appropriate RC for permission. (Upgrades will be mandated for those riders who are clearly in the incorrect category). Also, since Zwift performance is weight-dependent, be sure to use your current weight when racing for accuracy in race results. These races are for fun but cheating is still discouraged. Join the BRAC Zwiftpower team for more accurate race tracking: https://zwiftpower.com/team.php?id=13785

BRAC name tag:
So that your RC knows you are a BRAC member, be sure to add the BRAC tag to your last name in Zwift, using this key: BRACXYZ, where X = gender (M/W), Y = USAC race age, and Y = category you wish to race (A, B, C, D). Also be sure the BRAC tag is within the first 23 characters, otherwise it is not visible to the RC when creating race invitations. If you don’t receive your race invitation by the Friday prior to the event, contact your RC on Discord or Facebook.

BRAC will not be responsible for any technical difficulties, including computer crashes, Zwift software bugs, smart trainer disconnects, etc as are common with virtual racing. Make sure your computer and internet connection are secure and stable for the best possible experience. It's recommended to hardwire (vs WiFi) your internet connection for optimal results and make sure members of your household are not consuming extensive bandwidth while you are racing.

If you are new to virtual racing, there are links to Q&A sessions on the Facebook page and on the BRAC Server on Discord to help you get started and any of the RCs can provide additional help in setup and FAQs.