

## Comparison of 2016 and 2017 USA Cycling Policies & Fees

Policy item		2016	2017	Rationale for change
<b>Local Association Rebates</b>		\$10 per full priced adult race license plus \$0.17 per competitive racer day	LA rebates expected to remain at 2016's enhanced levels, but remain TBD*	*2017 rebate structure will be finalized at 2017 USA Cycling Symposium with Local Associations in February.
<b>Membership Fees (annual)</b>	Race membership	\$70 for adults; \$35 for juniors	No change; Adding Podium and Podium Plus tiers	Preserves current base pricing level, but offers opportunity to obtain additional value at the discretion of our members.
	Collegiate	\$45 stand-alone; Free add-on to Race membership	\$45 stand-alone; \$10 add-on to Race membership	\$10 increase for collegiate add-on membership to fund collegiate programs intended to improve safety and quality of collegiate cycling.
	International race membership (UCI License)	\$200 for adults, \$100 for juniors; Separate BMX license	No price change; BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle now included with other disciplines	Consolidating into a single International membership reduces fees for multi-discipline athletes. BMX Freestyle, recently added by UCI, is introduced.
	Pro Road UCI license	\$200 for women; \$300 for men	\$250 for Women and Continental Men; \$350 for Pro Continental Men; \$400 for WorldTour Men	Net revenue neutral, but new pricing structure better reflects the variance in resources applied to different levels of athletes.
	Ride Membership	\$50	No change; Adding Ride Plus tier	Preserves current base pricing level, but offers opportunity to obtain additional value at the discretion of our members.
	Printed License	Free	Digital remains free; Waterproof paper \$5; Thick plastic credit card style \$10	Improves the quality of the physical license options offered by charging a small fee, while ensuring free digital option remains. Note international and professional road members will have printed membership cards included for no additional charge.

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<b>One-Day Licenses</b>	Beginner Road, CX, Track	\$10	No change as stand-alone; \$5 for Ride or Ride Plus members beginning Summer 2017	Provides added benefit to Ride Membership, which allows enthusiasts to try racing at lower cost.
	Beginner MTB	\$10 with \$5 back to event director	No change as stand-alone; \$5 for Ride members beginning Summer 2017	Provides added benefit to Ride Membership, which allows enthusiasts to try racing at lower cost.
	Experienced Road, CX, Track, and MTB	One-time and online-only \$25 higher Cat. (MTB: Cat. 1; Men Rd/Tk/CX: Cat. 1/2/3/4; Female Rd/Tk/CX: 1/2/3)	Remains \$25, but beginning Summer 2017, no longer limited to one per year; \$15 for Ride or Ride Plus members	Introduces option for former experienced racers to participate in racing as often as they want without a full license. Provides added benefit to Ride Membership, which allows experienced racers to participate in racing without full license at lower cost.
<b>Race Day Rider Surcharge</b>	Races	\$3.75	No change	Remains at 2016 levels. Race Director License or Club Affiliation still required to permit races.
	Gran Fondos and Gravel	\$3.25; Race Director License or Club affiliation required to permit	\$3.50; No RD License or Club Affiliation required to permit	Small per-rider increase to cover insurance costs, but price remains highly competitive in marketplace. Elimination of license or club affiliation for event directors reduces barrier to sanctioning with USA Cycling.
	Rides	\$2.25 for first 1000 participants, \$2.00 for next 1000, and \$1.80 for all remaining; Race Director License or Club affiliation required to permit	\$2.50; No RD License or Club Affiliation required to permit	Small per-rider increase to cover insurance costs, but price remains highly competitive in marketplace, Elimination of license or club affiliation for event directors reduces barrier to sanctioning with USA Cycling.

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Categories	Women's Rd/Tk/CX	Cat. 1-4	Adding a category 5 (pending Board approval in December)	Creates gender parity in rider category system, provides race directors greater ability to run true beginners-only event and enhances new women riders' opportunity to experience progression in the sport.
	Pro MTB	Only available for International race memberships	Available for standard or International Race memberships (pending Board approval in December)	Eliminates need for pros to downgrade to save money when they no longer need an international membership. Eliminates need for Pro MTB license holders to purchase UCI license.
	MTB XC	Cat. 1 requires two top-5 finishes to upgrade	Racers can self-select to race category 1; Annual or Experienced 1-day still required	Given the minimal safety concerns in an endurance mountain bike race when skill sets are mixed, racers will be able to self-select up to Cat. 1, allowing new USA Cycling members to race at the appropriate category for their ability level from their first event.
Race Radios		Not allowed	Allowed in category 1 and 2 road events, excluding juniors and collegiate (pending Board approval in December)	Allows use of race radios by those who are experienced and skilled enough to safely use them.
Gran Fondo Upgrades		N/A	Category 5's may count gran fondos for their category 4 upgrades (pending Board approval in December)	Provides additional opportunities for new racers to upgrade based on experience gained and encourages participation in enthusiast events that USA Cycling is increasingly sanctioning.