

## Glossary

**Academic Year:** A year beginning on August 1 of one calendar year and ending on July 31 of the following calendar year.

**Administrator:** A USAC Regional Coordinator or the person designated by the Local Association.

**Amateur Class:** The amateur class comprises riders in the senior/elite age group (19-29) who are not members of UCI teams, or, in the case of women, not on domestic elite teams.

**Bicycle Race:** Competition among persons using bicycles where awards are given on the basis of relative performance.

**Cannibalizing:** Taking any part or component from one bicycle to repair another, or to improve the result of another.

**Category:** An ability-based designation for riders. Riders in the same age class may race in groups based on ability category.

**Class:** An age-based designation, such as junior, U23, Elite, or master.

**Club Ride:** A training ride open only to members of bicycle clubs that are members of USA Cycling or a race that is open only to members of one such club and any participant who holds a USA Cycling racing license must be licensed as a member of that club.

**Combined Division Race:** A race in which riders from both divisions compete.

**Criterion:** A road event held on a small course entirely closed to traffic. The length of the course is between 800 m and 5 km. The minimum width throughout the course should be 7 m.

**Cross Country:** A massed-start competition that is held on a circuit course comprising forest roads, forest or field trails, and unpaved dirt or gravel roads.

**Cross-Country Eliminator:** Four or six competitors race together on a 500m-1000m course on dirt, gravel, pavement

or any combination of surfaces, which will often feature natural and/or artificial obstacles.

**Cyclo-Cross Season:** Begins September 1st of one year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.

**Discipline:** One of the disciplines in which Collegiate Cycling offers a national championship.

**Disqualification:** A penalty that causes a rider or team to lose placing in a race and to be ineligible for any subsequent heats in the race.

**Domestic Elite Team:** A team of cat 1 men or cat 1-2 women that registers with USA Cycling as such and is eligible to compete for PRT team rankings.

**Downhill:** A gravity time trial competition consisting of riders racing one at a time, against the clock, down a trail, jeep road, or fire road, or a combination of all three. Downhill races are generally technically challenging with courses often featuring a combination of high speeds, jumps, drop-offs, and other technical trail features.

**Dual Slalom:** A gated gravity competition where two competitors race head-to-head down two similar but separate courses. Following a qualification round, riders race against each other in an elimination format (heats) to determine a winner. Dual slalom courses often will feature bermed corners, jumps, and other technical trail features.

**Elite rider:** One who satisfies any of the following conditions:

**(a)** has a racing age of 23 to 29,

**(b)** has a racing age of 30 years or older and has been a member of any UCI Team at any time in the current year,

**(c)** has a racing age of 30 years or older and has competed in any elite UCI World Cups, World Championships, Pan American Games, Pan American Championship, or Olympic Games within the current calendar year.

Riders who are classified as an Elite rider per part d) above are classified as such only in the discipline in which they competed.

**Endurance Events:** A term used to describe the following types of events: Cross Country, point to point, hill climb,

marathon, stage races, time trial, and team time trial.

**Endurance Race:** One of the following mountain bike race formats: cross country; short track.

**Event:** All races under a single race permit, or all races in a single National Championship, as the context requires.

**Event Permit:** A non-exclusive authorization issued by USA Cycling to a member club or a Race Director to conduct a race event of a specified type at certain location(s) on specified date(s).

**False Start:** A rider moving forward or crossing the start line or gate before the start command is given.

**Gran Fondo:** A road cycling event with participants of mixed ability, some or all of whom are engaged in competition against each other, riding together instead of in categorized fields. Riders start together or in close proximity and are allowed to work together, no matter the category or ability. Participants may be timed over the entire course and/or specific portions, and event distance is self selected by the participant. Regulations focus on the successful and safe completion of the event by the individual athlete rather than the sporting aspects of the event.

**Guest Rider:** A rider who is licensed with another club/team not entered in the event, who rides as a "guest" on the team for that specific event.

**Gravity Events:** Events that are gravity assisted, such as Downhill, Dual Slalom, Mountain Cross (4X), and Super D. The start line of Gravity Events is at a higher altitude than the finish line.

**Gravity Race:** One of the following mountain bike race formats: Collegiate Slalom, dual slalom, dual, mountain cross, downhill and super-D.

**Handicap Race:** is a track event in which the stronger riders are given either a greater distance to travel or a later start so as to equalize competition.

**Hearing:** Formal request for review by a hearing panel of a suspension or qualification to race.

**International-style Omnium:** Different event from conventional omniums, with different scoring, tie-breaking,

and the requirement that riders must compete in all events. Consists of 6 events: Flying Time Trial, Points Race, Elimination Race, Individual Pursuit, Scratch Race, and Time Trial. All events are held over two days.

**Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category:** The Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category ("Intro Category") is designed for new riders to give them a safe and fun introduction to collegiate cycling. The points and distances for the intro category in each conference shall match those of the lowest category offered for each gender.

**Invitational Race:** One in which only riders who are invited by the Race Director may compete.

**IPEDS:** Means the "Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System" database published annually by the U.S. Department of Education at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/pas/> or such other location as the Collegiate Cycling Manager may determine.

**Italian pursuit:** A track event between teams of any number of riders over a specified distance. The teams are spaced at equal intervals around the track at the start. The leading rider of each team shall lead for one or two laps, as specified, then pull off. The second rider shall then take the lead for the same number of laps and also stop. The same procedure shall be followed until there is only one rider on the track per team during the last one or two laps. The team whose last rider is farthest ahead as compared to the team's starting position, wins.

**Keirin:** A track event in which riders sprint after completing a certain number of laps behind a pacer. The race will be 8 laps on a 250 m track, 6 laps on a 333 m track and 5 laps on a 400 m track (approximately 2 km total race distance). No more than nine riders may compete in a Keirin. If the number of entrants warrants, there may be qualification and/or repechage rounds leading to a final race. Normally the pacer rides a derny or motorized pacing bicycle; a tandem may be used when practicable.

**Licensed Member:** In order to be considered a member of a club, a rider must be a member in good standing of that

club and it must be listed on the rider's USA Cycling license.

**Licensees:** Persons holding USA Cycling licenses, such as riders, officials, coaches, trainers, race directors, and mechanics.

**Madison:** a points race between teams of two or three riders who relay each other for a specified distance or time. In no case may more than two members of a team race at the same time.

**Marathon:** Any mountain bike event between 37 and 62 miles (60-100 km).

**Massed-start Road Race:** Any road Discipline Race other than an individual time trial or team time trial.

**Mishap:** A crash or a mechanical accident (tire puncture or other failure of an essential component). However, a puncture caused by the tire coming off due to inadequate gluing is not a mechanical accident, nor is a malfunction due to miss-assembly or insufficient tightening of any component. A **recognized mishap** is a stoppage that meets the above conditions. An **unrecognized mishap** is a stoppage where the above conditions are not met.

A broken toe strap or cleat is a mishap. A worn or misadjusted cleat or toe strap is not a mishap. If more than one toe strap is used on a pedal, breakage of one is considered a mishap. Any mishap not immediately inspected by an official is unrecognized.

**Miss-and-Out:** A mass start race in which the last rider over the line on designated laps is eliminated from the race. Riders may be eliminated every lap, every other lap, or on whatever regular schedule is stipulated before the race. In championships, elimination sprints occur on every lap on tracks of at least 333 meters in length, and every two laps on shorter tracks. If sprints are not held every lap, each lap that precedes an elimination sprint shall be indicated by a bell. Gaining a lap shall not prevent a rider from being pulled nor matter in the final placings. A rider shall be considered to have gained a lap upon reaching a position to take shelter behind the rearmost rider of the group. Also known as an Elimination Race.

**Mixed Team:** Composed of riders belonging to different teams, none of which is entered in the event. Members wear matching jerseys, which may carry the riders' usual advertising or a sponsor for that race.

**Mixed:** Tandem and team time trial events require both male and female competitors.

**Mountain Cross (also called Four Cross or 4X):** A gated gravity competition where four competitors race together on a course which will often feature bermed corners, jumps, and other technical trail features. Following a qualification round, riders race against each other in an elimination format (heats) to determine a winner.

**Observed trials: Mountain bike events** conducted over an obstacle course including such natural hazards as mud, rocks, water, etc. composed of any number of sections. The riders attempt to negotiate each section without putting down a foot or hand.

**Officials:** Appointed by USA Cycling to oversee the conduct of the race and to ensure compliance with USA Cycling regulations.

**Omnium:** Set of races in which riders compete for points in each event and final placings are determined by total points in all events. Riders do not have to participate in each event of the omnium unless specified in the event regulations. Different numbers of points may be given in different events. The scoring scheme shall be specified in the official race announcement. The default omnium scheme for track events is specified in rule 201.

**Open class:** All participants, regardless of license category, can compete in an open class.

**Open Race:** is one where any rider is eligible to register as long as they otherwise meet eligibility standards (i.e. it is not an invitational).

**Order of Call-Up:** The order of the previous year's team omnium from the national championship in question. Teams that did not attend the previous year's event shall be called up after all other teams have been called up in a random order set at the close of registration.

**Order of Finish:** Rider placings at the finish of a single Race.

**Pursuit:** is a track event between competitors who are started at equal intervals around the track, and is run until one rider catches the others or until a certain distance is covered, as specified in advance. A rider catches another by overtaking and drawing even.

**Race Director:** The person named as such in the race permit. This person is responsible to USA Cycling for the proper organization of the race event.

**Para-Cycling:** Bicycle racing for cyclists with disabilities as defined by the UCI.

**Primes:** sprints within a criterium. They may be for the lead riders or any group or field of riders. A bell shall be sounded on the lap preceding the prime sprint at the appropriate line for that prime sprint

**Point to Point:** A cross-country event that is not contested on a circuit course but is either one long loop or the start and finish are in different places.

**Points race:** A rolling start scratch race in which sprints for points are held on certain laps as designated by the Race Director, usually every five laps. In each sprint, the first four riders shall normally be awarded points in order of finish as follows: 5 points, 3 points, 2 points, 1 point. Any rider who gains a lap on the main field will receive 20 points. Any rider who loses a lap to the main field will lose 20 points.

**Prize List:** A race that consists of all prizes and primes arranged for in advance by the Race Director. The prize list for a race event is the sum of the prize lists for the individual races.

**Pro:** The highest ability category for both men and women in mountain bike racing. All MTB PRO racers must purchase an International License.

**Professional:** A road or track rider that is a registered rider of a UCI Team. A Professional MTB rider is a registered rider on a UCI MTB Team or a rider categorized as such by USA Cycling.

**Protest:** A formal request by a rider or team manager to

have a race official review a decision or oversight. (See Racing Rule 1R)

**Race:** A single Team scoring opportunity for all eligible Riders on a Team (e.g. a conference criterium, a short-track mountain bike Race, a Collegiate Cycling National Championship Women's 2 Kilometer Individual Pursuit).

**Race Commission:** The subset of race officials that make decisions and decide on protests at an event. Also called the Race Jury.

**Race Entry:** The process of paying a fee and making a commitment to compete.

**Race Event:** One or more races covered by a single race permit and is not necessarily limited to a single day.

**Race Jury:** The subset of race officials that make decisions at an event and decide on protests. Also called the Race Commission.

**Race registration:** The process (normally conducted at the race site) of presenting a license and picking up race information and numbers.

**Race Series:** A sequence of race events of the same type (such as road, criterium, time trial, track or MTB) conducted in a single state generally on a regular basis at the same location, time, and day of the week.

**Racing Age:** The age the rider shall be on December 31 of the current year except in cyclo-cross. A rider's racing age in cyclo-cross is his age on December 31st of the year that the cyclo-cross season ends. References to age of riders, race age groups, or age class shall be interpreted as referring to racing age\*. The following terms refer to specific age groups.

<b>Racing Age</b>	<b>Age Group Class</b>
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6- 8	Youth
9-18	Junior
19-22	Under 23
23-29	Elite (i.e. senior)
30+	Master

\*The only exception is that for the minimum age for a licensee of 6 years old, this refers to chronological age, not racing age.

**Relegation:** A penalty consisting of a loss of position, points or time, depending on the type of race. It may be assessed against a rider, a team, or both. Relegation of support personnel in a road race consists of placing their vehicle farther back in the caravan.

**Rider:** A member of a Team who is eligible pursuant to these Rules to participate in a Collegiate Cycling Race.

**Road race:** A massed start road event, in which all riders start from the same mark, or handicap races, in which starting positions are assigned in accordance with past performance so as to give all riders an equal chance at winning.

**School:** A degree-granting institution as defined by IPEDS.

**Scratch Race:** a track event in which all riders start from the same point at the same time. The race shall be run over a specified number of laps/distance and the riders classified according to the order in which they cross the line on the final lap.

**Season:** A group of Races and Events in a Conference during a period of calendar time that is tracked and considered as a logical series of events, as determined by the Conference Director.

**Selection Race:** An event in which riders qualify for championships or international competition.

**Session:** A sequence of races with no major time breaks. Most championships are held with two or possibly three sessions per day.

**Short Track Cross Country (STXC):** A shortened cross-country style race, designed to be spectator-friendly and easily televised.

**Single Division Race:** Race in which Riders from only one Division compete.

**Stage Race:** An event with a common entry, run on consecutive days, comprising a sequence of road races (i.e. individual road races, time trials, criteriums), in which the overall results are determined by cumulative time or points. There are normally individual and team competitions. Riders must successfully complete each stage in order to be eligible

for the next one.

**Super D:** A hybrid event combining aspects of the disciplines of Cross Country and Downhill racing. A competition which riders race on a course that has significantly more downhill than uphill sections. These courses are typically devoid of jumps and not as technical in nature as Downhill races; testing both a rider's endurance and bike handling skills.

**Suspension:** Is a penalty imposed under USA Cycling Policy III in which a licensee is ineligible to participate in either international events or those of USA Cycling for a determined period of time. Such participation includes working in a support function (manager, coach, mechanic, etc.).

**Team:** A cycling club or team affiliated with and representing a School that is eligible pursuant to these Rules to participate in a Collegiate Cycling Race.

**Team Sprint:** is a race run by two teams of riders, each of whom shall lead for one lap. The number of riders per team (and total laps) may be specified as either three or two; generally it will be three for men and two for women. The event shall be organized into qualifying heats leading to a final. The qualifying heats select the four best teams on the basis of their times. In the finals, the teams with the two best times ride off for first and second and the other two teams ride off for third and fourth. In three lap events there may be four riders entered for each team, but no more than three of those riders may compete in a given round.

**Time trial (or Team Time Trial):** A time trial competition involves individuals or teams who race against the clock.

**Track Sprints:** A track event that involves a series of races, each with a small number of riders. The number and composition of the races is organized by the chief referee to meet the needs of the racing program for the number of riders. The sprint rounds may be preceded by a flying start 200 meter time trial to seed or select riders who will take part in the sprint heats.

**UCI Team:** Is a team registered with the UCI. These

include UCI WorldTeams, UCI Professional Continental Teams, UCI Continental Teams, UCI Track Teams, UCI Mountain Bike Teams, and UCI Women's Teams.

**Ultra-Endurance Events:** A term used to describe the following types of events lasting more than 4 hours: Marathon, ultra-marathon, 6/ 12/ 24 (etc) hour racing.

**Ultra-marathon:** Any mountain bike event over 62 miles (100 km)

**Unattached Rider:** One who is not a licensed member of a club.

**Under 23 Rider:** (U23) is one with a racing age of 19 through 22.

**Varsity Cycling Team:** Any USA Cycling Collegiate member club in good standing, having submitted the appropriate Varsity application to USA Cycling proving that the Team employs or is advised by at least one USAC-licensed coach, and also meets any 3 of the following 4 requirements: (i) The Team is recognized as holding varsity status by the school with which it is affiliated. (ii) The Team disburses at least \$10,000 in scholarships to its athletes annually. (iii) The Team attended any two of the four USA Cycling Collegiate National Championships in the previous calendar year. (iv) The Team pays for Riders' entry into Collegiate Cycling Races, so long as the funding is not derived from team dues of any kind. Teams will be required to submit a new Varsity application every two years in order to maintain their status with USA Cycling.

**Youth Race:** An event held on a closed course with a circuit length no longer than 5 Km that is open only to riders with ages from 6 through 8.

**24 hour racing:** A solo or team competition raced over a set period of time with the winner determined by the number of total laps completed. Formats include 6 hour, 12 hour, 18 hour, 24 hour etc.