

AMERICAN *MOUNTAIN BIKE CALENDAR*



2020 USA Cycling American Mountain Bike Calendar (AMBC)

Information & Application Packet

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<https://www.dropbox.com/home/National%20Events/Art%20SAB/Logos?preview=AMBC.jpg>

*Please replace any other calendar logos with the American Mountain Bike Calendar logo above.



MDRS

MTB DEVO RACE SERIES

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/National%20Events/Art%20SAB/Logos?preview=MDRS.jpg>

*If you select to be part of the MTB Development Race Series please use this logo above.

I. You Are Invited to Participate

A. Overview

The USA Cycling American Mountain Bike Calendar (AMBC) was created in 1996 to recognize, support and provide top-level regional racing opportunities for racers of all abilities. AMBC competitions are excellent places for riders to try the racing scene for the first time or seasoned athletes to test their skills against fellow racers. The USA Cycling Mountain Bike Development Race Series (MDRS) is continuing to join the AMBC. This program has provided racing opportunities for aspiring junior males and females across the United States. This series has been known as many different names and been part of various different series throughout the years. Its success will depend upon the continued hard work of those race organizers who are involved. New for 2020, is the opportunity for gravity races to be added to the AMBC.

B. USA Cycling Goals

Our immediate goal for the AMBC series is to recognize regional events which will promote grassroots racing (including all ages and abilities of competitors) to actively grow the sport of mountain bike racing and participation in the United States.

It will also serve to identify and recognize potential cycling talent among junior athletes with an option to be included on the Mountain Bike Development Race Series (MDRS). This is incredibly important for junior athletes because it provides them an opportunity to gain points to get into Talent ID Camps. More information on Talent ID Camps please reference section 2G.

Furthermore, is the opportunity for your event to recognize elite level talent by making it a Pro Level event. More information on Pro Level events please reference section 2E.

All of these events will be qualifying opportunities for racers to compete at Mountain Bike National Championships and gain valuable ranking points for call ups.

C. Benefits for Race Organizers

The benefits package for race organizers is designed to reward successful events and to increase promotional exposure for their events. Benefits are as follows:

- Use of the “USA Cycling”, “AMBC” and “MDRS” names and logos for event promotion
- Pre-event promotion of the series on the USA Cycling web site (<http://www.usacycling.org>)
- Increased interest in the event by junior riders because of the MDRS connection with the USA Cycling regional talent ID camp qualification.
- Results and rankings program and qualification to the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship at Winter Park Resort, CO for the top 15 per age group.
- USA Cycling will provide medals to top 3 places in each junior category offered.

D. Application Deadlines

Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2020. AMBC applications will then be reviewed between receipt and March 26, 2020. Final site and date selections will be announced on or around March 31, 2020. Applications received that are postmarked after March 1, 2020 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Successful applicants will be notified via email. The 2020 AMBC calendar will have the first posting on the USA Cycling website by February 2020. Subsequent postings reflecting changes to the schedule will be done as necessary.

II. Requirements for Designation

A. Event Designation Criteria

AMBC applications will be evaluated and awarded based upon the following criteria:

- A review of the submitted application and questionnaire
- The quality and safety of past events, with additional consideration for previous attendance and proposed prize list
- The adherence to the designated requirements in past events
- Event location and date
- Reasonable race entry fees for junior riders (if holding a MDRS event)
- Ability to submit electronic formatted results on a timely basis
- Supporting materials, such as event fliers and newspaper clippings from past events

Note: It is understood that new races may not meet all of the above criteria.

B. AMBC Rider Entry Fees

Entry fees for an AMBC event should be reasonable and reflect what services and prizes participants receive. They should also be consistent with the average pricing of USA Cycling events in the region. To assist in the growth of the sport, organizers are strongly encouraged to offer juniors reduced entry fees if hosting a MDRS event.

C. USA Cycling Results and Rankings Program

Each AMBC race is required to participate in the USA Cycling results and rankings program. Participation in this program allows riders to utilize your race toward qualifying and their national ranking for call ups at Mountain Bike National Championships. Equally important, Talent ID camp qualifiers are based on these results. Further details on the results and rankings program may be found at <http://www.usacycling.org/events/rr.php>.

D. Organizer Qualification

USA Cycling event organizers or clubs who are applying for an AMBC race designation must have demonstrated the ability to organize high quality, professional events. The applicant must have successfully followed the guidelines listed below:

- The director must be a member of a USA Cycling Club or an Event Organizer.
- The club and event organizer must be in good financial standing with USA Cycling.
- The AMBC events must be permitted through USA Cycling.

E. Organizer Requirements

In exchange for the benefits of the AMBC designation, race organizers will be required to meet the following requirements in service to the participating athletes:

- Race directors wishing to host an AMBC event must have at least three (3) years of organizing successful mountain bike events.
- Provide courses that are safe, competitive, and a fair test of each ability category, class and discipline offered. Race courses and lengths must be appropriate for each age group.
- A minimum of 300-500 racers must have participated in prior mountain bike events at the proposed AMBC event site (contingent of the region of the country).
- A minimum of 300-500 spectators must have attended in prior mountain bike events at the proposed AMBC event site.
- Race directors must have ability to gain favorable press attention, both locally and regionally.
- Include the suggested age-graded racing categories (see below for details)
- Submit AMBC results to USA Cycling *electronically* within 24 hours from the conclusion of the event (details follow)
- Awards must include a cash and/or merchandise for amateurs. If hosting a Pro Level event, race directors must provide a minimum \$1500 cash purse for the Pro/Elite category, which may be split among male and female competitors. It is required to have equal pay for the top three places in the Pro men's and women's races.

F. Required Age-Graded Racing Categories

An official AMBC event should provide the following racing *opportunities* and separate scoring for the following age groups.

MEN (“Racing ages” used)

Pro/Elite, U23 (19-22)

Single Speed

Open

Junior (No-Category): 11-12, 13-14

Category 1: 15-16, 17-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54

Category 2: 15-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54

Master (No-Category): 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

WOMEN (“Racing ages” used)

Pro/Elite, U23 (19-22)

Single Speed

Open

Junior (No-Category): 11-12, 13-14

Category 1: 15-16, 17-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49

Category 2: 15-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49

Master (No-Category): 50-54, 55-59, 60+

In the case of very small fields in the age categories listed above, **race directors may use their discretion** regarding combining age and gender groups. BUT, the individual age and gender groups listed above **must be scored separately**.

Race directors are urged to keep in mind the spirit of the AMBC program and make the racing opportunities for the riders as fair and enjoyable as possible.

G. Talent ID Camps

USA Cycling Regional Talent ID Camp qualifications are based on competitive race results from the following:

- At least one top-5 finish from AMBC/MDRS or other similar MTB events in the Category 1: 15-16 and 17-18 age groups.
- All other category rides with a racing age of at least 14 may be considered based on race resume/results.

Resumes should be submitted to Scott Schnitzspahn (scott@usacycling.org)

USA Cycling’s Regional Talent ID Camps are well staffed with USAC certified coaches and mechanics. These coaches and mechanics teach the basics of training program design, nutrition, injury prevention, positioning and mechanics. Camp staff includes the camp manager, lead coach, assistant coaches, athlete alumni, mechanics and ride leaders. Information about the camps can be found here: <https://www.usacycling.org/team-usa/talent-id-camps>

H. Limited Liability

USA Cycling reserves the right to use information provided in your application to promote your AMBC event in our member publication and internet web page. For that reason, it is important for you to be accurate in the date and description of your event. Please submit any changes in the date(s) and/or name of your event to USA Cycling promptly.

2020 AMBC Application Form

- 1) Complete application. If all the information is not available at time of application submission, please indicate "unavailable."
- 2) Include event flier with application.
- 3) Submit 2020 AMBC application, questionnaire and event flier to Joe Olearnick.

FAX: 719-434-4316

EMAIL: jolearnick@usacycling.org

MAIL: Joe Olearnick, Attn: AMBC Application, 210 USA Cycling Point, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

******Please print clearly. Applications that are incomplete/illegible will not be considered for the 2020 Calendar.******

A. Event Information

Name of Race: _____

Race Date: _____

Race Designation: ____ Mountain Bike Development Race Series (MDRS) ____ Pro Event ____ Both

Race Location: _____

USAC Organizer/Club: _____

Race Director: _____ **Number of Medals Requested (Jr. Only):** Gold ____ Silver ____ Bronze ____

Mailing Address (For medals - NO P.O. Boxes): _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Event Website:** _____

Disciplines Offered: ____ Cross-Country ____ Short Track Cross-Country ____ Downhill ____ Enduro ____ Dual Slalom

Please indicate the racing categories to be offered: ____ All ____ M/F- Pro/Elite ____ M/F U23 ____ M/F Single Speed

____ M/F Open ____ M/F Junior (No-Category) 11-12,13-14

Category 1: ____ M/F 15-16 ____ M/F 17-18 ____ M/F 19-24 ____ M/F 25-29 ____ M/F 30-34 ____ M/F 35-39 ____ M/F 40-44 ____ M/F 45-49
____ Male 50-54

Category 2: ____ M/F 15-18 ____ M/F 19-29 ____ M/F 30-34 ____ M/F 35-39 ____ M/F 40-44 ____ M/F 45-49 ____ Male 50-54

Category 3: ____ M/F 15-18 ____ M/F 19-29 ____ M/F 30-34 ____ M/F 35-39 ____ M/F 40-44 ____ M/F 45-49 ____ Male 50-54

Master (No-Category): ____ Female 50-54 ____ M/F 55-59 ____ Female 60+ ____ Male 60-64 ____ Male 65-69 ____ Male 70+

B. Event Results

Results must be complete and submitted in the electronic format within 24 hours from the end of the event, as described within the results and rankings program. If you have any problem complying with this, please contact USA Cycling.

Do you plan on using an electronic timing and results system? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what is the name of the timing company who will be responsible?

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Results Website Address:** _____

****Please answer the following questionnaire based on your location and most recent event****

- **Geographic Location:** What will the possible impact be on the hosting cycling community if an AMBC event is established there? How will the AMBC event serve the cycling community? _____

- **Urban Proximity:** How accessible is the race site to participants? Is transportation, housing, and food easily accessible? _____

- **Race Director's Experience:** How experienced is the race director with successful mountain bike events? What other events have they promoted? _____

- **Quality of Event:** What kind of prize list, venue, amenities, and timing are being offered to racers? Can the event support junior racing categories? _____

- **Courses:** Are the courses to be used at the proposed AMBC event fair, safe, and a solid test of each racer's ability? Is the course appropriate for a wide range of categories, including juniors? _____

- **Calendar and Date Flexibility:** How well does the event fit into the state, regional, and national calendar? Are the race directors willing to work with an alternate date choice if there is a date conflict with another event? Does the race director keep a consistent date and location of the event every year (i.e. every year the event is held the third weekend of June)? _____

- **Sponsorship and Community Support:** Does the race director have strong community support? Is there adequate sponsorship for expenses, awards, and amenities for the riders? _____

