



OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND AND AWARDS

USA Cycling and the National Technical Commission have been working to recognize those who epitomize the best of what it means to be an official. This can mean the official excels in a variety of areas - while technical skills are certainly a consideration, our community also thrives due to the mentoring, volunteerism and work ethics of our officials.

During the summer of 2020, a task force made up of officials of all levels provided feedback on how we should recognize these traits. Below you will find the results of this dialogue and the steps to recognize the best of who we are.

Official of the Year Awards

The following levels will be awarded for each year. Criteria and explanations may be found later in this document.

Golden Stopwatch

Silver Stopwatch

Bronze Stopwatch - Honorable Mentions

Nomination

Who is eligible awards these awards?

All current licensed USA Cycling Officials in good standing are eligible for at least one of these awards. The awards are divided up based on years of service in the sport. Current members of the National Technical Commission and USA Cycling staff are not eligible

Process

A variety of stakeholders in our sport will have the ability to nominate for the various categories.

- A nomination announcement showing process and criteria will be shared on USA Cycling social media account and shared with all licensed officials, event organizers, domestic pro team directors and Local Association presidents. The announcement will include a description of how the awardees will be recognized, and lists the members on the award committee.
- An electronic form will be used to collect nominations.
- The nominator may only submit ONE (1) nominee.
- The nominator's name will be collected on the form in the case that the award committee needs further clarification or information. The nominator's name will be kept anonymous to everyone outside of the award committee.
- The nominator will be asked to provide a write-up no greater than one page which includes a discussion of why the official qualifies based on the criteria established.



EVALUATION CRITERIA

Golden Stopwatch

The Golden Stopwatch award will focus on the veteran officials in our community with the following characteristics.

- A high degree of integrity and ethics.
- Qualities that are held in high regard by the cycling community.
- Consistent record of presenting officiating in a positive light.
- Betterment of sport by assisting in non-competition activities that better officiating or state of racing.

5 or more years

No rank requirement

Silver Stopwatch

The focus of the Silver Stopwatch award is on those relative newcomers who show promise, a strong work ethic and the values that make top officials. The following characteristics will be considered.

- A high degree of integrity and ethics
- Qualities that are held in high regard by the cycling community
- Consistent record of presenting officiating in a positive light
- Betterment of sport by assisting in non-competition activities that better officiating or state of racing
- Proactively seeking out learning opportunities from others and from outside their immediate area

Less than 7 years

No rank requirement

Bronze Stopwatch Honorable Mentions

The Bronze Stopwatch award will be selected from those runner up nominees who exhibit the characteristics of the above awards and deserve to be recognized in any given year.

You Can't Applaud a Referee.
- Alex Ferguson



SELECTION

An awards selection committee will be authorized by USA Cycling in consultation with the National Technical Commission and composed of members who have a breadth of experiences in the sport.

The list of selected winners and runner ups will be provided to the National Technical Commission for review and final approval.

Awards and Honors

- An announcement to the officiating community at a monthly webinar including posting on the main USA Cycling page and social media.
- A dedicated section on the USA Cycling site page where their name will be memorialized.
- License fees waived for the following year.
- A voucher to the USA Cycling store.
- A plaque.

Hall of Fame

USA Cycling will continue to periodically induct members into the USA Cycling Officials' Hall of Fame. Chosen officials showcase the best of what it means to be a Cycling Official throughout their career and meet the highest standards of ethics, technical proficiency and contribution to the sport.

USA Cycling Officials' Hall of Fame Class of 2017

Artie Greenberg
Beth Wrenn-Estes
Bill Lambert
Andy Taus
David Miller

USA Cycling Officials' Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Diane Fortini

USA Cycling Officials' Hall of Fame Class of 2021

Dean Crandall
Paula Grill
Jim Patton

Without officials, it's just recess...



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