

**2007 Collegiate Cycling Competition Guide
and Rules of Racing
and
Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference
Rules and Competition Guide*
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No changes have been made to any NCCA rules.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 USA CYCLING AND COLLEGIATE CYCLING

The National Collegiate Cycling Association (“NCCA”, hereafter “Collegiate Cycling”), founded in 1985, is an association of USA Cycling, Inc. USA Cycling is the national governing body for the sport of bicycle racing in the United States and is a member of the United States Olympic Committee. USA Cycling offices are located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1.2 COLLEGIATE CYCLING MISSION STATEMENT

Collegiate Cycling has identified the following mission statement:

“The mission of Collegiate Cycling is to administer, develop and promote collegiate bicycle racing in cooperation with USA Cycling and its associations. Collegiate Cycling shall annually determine team and individual national champions, and shall pursue a leadership role internationally to foster collegiate bicycle racing.”

To achieve this, Collegiate Cycling shall:

- Establish membership policy and certify clubs and athletes as members;
- Establish, certify and maintain Collegiate Cycling Conferences;
- Appoint and supervise Conference Directors in conjunction with USA Cycling staff;
- Facilitate national championship events;
- Maintain an active liaison with USA Cycling and its associations; and
- Pursue financial support for its mission and its members.

1.2a RMCCC MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the RMCCC is to further the sport of cycling through the development of teams and individual riders. The RMCCC will provide an opportunity for fair and a safe competition for collegiate cyclists, support a diverse group of events including road racing, track, mountain biking, and cyclocross, and promote an increase in the number of teams in the conference, the number of riders, the number of events, and the level of competition.

1.3 ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

The following goals have been established by Collegiate Cycling:

- 1.3.1 Develop competitive cycling programs in a format that is compatible with extramural and intramural sporting programs at colleges and universities.
- 1.3.2 Conduct collegiate national championships in the disciplines covered by Collegiate Cycling racing programs.
- 1.3.3 Coordinate with other Associations of USA Cycling and with external organizations, as appropriate, to aid in continuing existing collegiate programs and to expand the scope of Collegiate Cycling.
- 1.3.4 Facilitate a connection between the USA Cycling coaching staff and collegiate clubs.
- 1.3.5 Become the largest service of new rider membership in USA Cycling, especially with respect to women cyclists.
- 1.3.6 Keep the program cost effective because Collegiate Cycling deals mainly with college students and beginning racers.
- 1.3.7 Encourage the development of the scholar-athlete in the sport of cycling.

2. GOVERNANCE

2.1 COLLEGIATE CYCLING ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE

Collegiate Cycling is governed as an Association of USA Cycling. Collegiate Cycling governance structure is defined in its bylaws and by the bylaws of USA Cycling. Collegiate Cycling is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of a cross-section of individuals representing the sport of cycling and the collegiate cycling community. The Board of Trustees has the responsibility of developing policy and long-term goals for collegiate cycling, as well as programs to be implemented by USA Cycling staff and Conference Directors, taking the student athletes’ input and best interests into consideration. Any changes to the bylaws of Collegiate Cycling become effective only after they are ratified by the USA Cycling Board of Directors.

2.2 PURPOSE

2.2.1 The purpose of this document is to provide rules for collegiate cycling competition at the national and conference level. All USA Cycling Road racing rules apply to road, track, and cyclocross events, and all USA Cycling Mountain racing rules apply to mountain bike events.

2.2.2 The Collegiate Cycling rules and regulations are set as a minimum for conferences. Conference rules and regulations may establish higher standards, as necessary, within the individual conferences, with approval by the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees and USA Cycling. No rules may supersede the rules of USA Cycling or its associations. Please contact the Conference Director for specific conference rules.

2.2.3 Individual conference rules and regulations need to be on file with USA Cycling upon approval by the conference.

2.3 ROLE OF THE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCES

Collegiate Cycling is made up of ten conferences. All information relative to events, event scheduling, racing programs, conference championships, and membership applications and requirements, can be obtained from Conference Directors. Collegiate Cycling Conference Directors are appointed by the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees and USA Cycling Staff. If a Conference Director does not choose to continue or is dismissed, member clubs shall have the opportunity to submit candidate recommendations to Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees and USA Cycling staff. As decided by the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees, each conference is required to hold conference championships for both the road and mountain bike

disciplines. The Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees establishes policy with respect to student athlete eligibility, national championship qualifications, rules and regulations, athlete disciplinary procedures, event permitting, and is responsible for approving all conference rules and regulations. Conference Directors shall file their own budgets, racing calendars, and monitor athlete eligibility.

2.4 CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

2.4.1 Each conference is administered by a Conference Director. The Conference Director position is a volunteer position under the general supervision of USA Cycling.

2.4.2 Each conference has an e-mail list to which members may subscribe. This list may be used for publishing announcements to the conference. The directions on how to subscribe to this list should be conveyed to all teams in the conference by the Conference Director.

Conference email lists:

Conference Email List - Website

ACCC accc_info@topica.com - www.usacycling.org/accc

ECCC eccc_info@topica.com - www.eccc-info.com

MWCCC mwccc_info@topica.com - www.mwccc.org

NCCCC ncccc_info@topica.com - www.usacycling.org/ncccc

NWCCC nwccc_info@topica.com - www.usacycling.org/nwccc

RMCCC RMCCycling@yahoo.com - www.usacycling.org/rmccc

SCCCC scccc_info@topica.com - www.usacycling.org/scccc

SECCC secccorg@yahoo.com - sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/secccorg

SWCCC swccc_info@topica.com - www.usacycling.org/swccc

WCCC wccc_info@topica.com - www.wccc-info.com

2.4.3 The conference e-mail list may be used for publishing information to members of the conference all at once. However, any meeting announcements, race flyers, or other information pertinent to the administration of the conference should also be sent in writing via regular mail or be made available on the Conference website.

2.5 DEFINITIONS

ACCC: Atlantic Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference

ECCC: Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference

MWCCC: Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference

NCCCC: North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference

NWCCC: Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference

RMCCC: Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference

SCCCC: South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference

SECCC: Southeast Collegiate Cycling Conference

SWCCC: Southwest Collegiate Cycling Conference

WCCC: Western Collegiate Cycling Conference

USAC: USA Cycling

Collegiate Club: A cycling club or team affiliated with and representing a post-secondary school.

Collegiate Rider: a full time student on a Collegiate Club in good standing who holds a current collegiate rider license issued by USA Cycling.

Race: a single scoring opportunity

Event: total of all races under a single race permit

Event Score: total points scored during an event

Post-Secondary School: degree-granting institution

2.6 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETINGS

2.6.1 The Conference Directors shall conduct annual meetings to discuss the issues of their conferences, as well as to schedule the upcoming race season. Thirty (30) days written notice must be given to each club prior to the meeting. Clubs may request agenda items no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda shall be distributed to all club contacts one week prior to the meeting.

2.6.2 On each issue brought to a vote, each school shall receive one vote.

2.6.3 The Conference Director shall vote only in case of a tie. Conference Directors may call additional meetings if necessary.

2.6.4 Minutes must be sent out to all club contacts and to Collegiate Cycling Staff no later than ten (10) days after a meeting.

2.6.5a *The RMCCC shall host bi-annual meetings at the end of each season at conference finals. At this meeting schedules for the upcoming spring or fall seasons will be finalized and other necessary RMCCC business will be discussed. Teams may prepare motions to be voted on, and official votes will take place at the meeting only.*

2.7 CONFERENCE FINANCES

2.7.1 Each Conference Director shall receive financial assistance from USA Cycling to offset expenses incurred for the administration of the conference.

2.7.2 Conferences may adopt conference dues, late fees, and/or rider surcharges (on race entry fees) that go directly to the conference.

2.7.3 Each Conference Director shall prepare a financial statement of the conference annually. A year-end financial statement shall be sent to the USAC Staff, as well as distributed to all club contacts by September

30. The Conference Director may also present a financial report at the annual conference meeting.

2.7.4 Any conference dues/surcharges must be included in the financial statement prepared by the Conference Director.

2.7.5 If any monies are available, the conference shall decide how those monies are to be spent (e.g., scholarships for riders, support for riders attending national championship events, or equipment for conference club use.)

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 CLUBS

3.1.1 Each Collegiate Club must be officially recognized by its post-secondary school.

3.1.2 Collegiate Clubs must apply for membership by filling out the Collegiate Club application and paying the appropriate club fee to USA Cycling. USA Cycling waives club dues for the first-year of new Collegiate Clubs. Collegiate Club applications may be found on the Collegiate page of the USA Cycling website, or they may be obtained from any Conference Director.

3.1.3 Collegiate Clubs are required to belong to the conference in which they are geographically located. Collegiate Clubs may apply for an exception. All petitions for exceptions must be sent by September 1 to the Chair of the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees

3.2 RIDERS

3.2.1 Collegiate Cycling individual members must be full time students in good standing, as defined by the bursar or registrar at the member's post-secondary school.

3.2.2 Collegiate Cycling individual members must be members in good standing of the Collegiate Club at their school.

3.2.3 Individuals must apply for membership by filling out the USA Cycling license application and pay the appropriate license fees to USA Cycling.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1.1 Clubs must be members in good standing with USA Cycling and their conference in order to compete in Collegiate Cycling events.

4.1.2 To participate in Collegiate Cycling events, a rider must be a Collegiate Cycling individual member as defined in rules 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.

4.1.3 Riders must race for the school at which they are enrolled, regardless of where they are currently studying. Riders must present proof of full-time enrollment at race registration.

4.1.4 All riders must present a Collegiate license or an authorization to ride, or must purchase a one-day license to compete in a Collegiate event. Annual and one day licenses can be obtained at events. One-day licenses will not be accepted for Category A races or National Championships.

4.1.5 Any ineligible rider shall forfeit his/her points; the team must also forfeit all points earned by that ineligible rider.

4.1.6 Schools that have more than one geographically separate campus, each of which grants a separate degree or has a separate and distinct Athletic Department, must develop a separate Collegiate club for each campus location.

4.1.7 No school or team shall develop eligibility requirements that may unduly hamper or deny any student from participating on a team when the student is otherwise qualified.

4.1.8 Any individual rider who has represented the United States in Collegiate Cycling in the past year or is a current individual collegiate National or World Champion is exempt from paying entry fees in collegiate races of the type for which the person is the champion or represented the United States. (i.e., road = road, criterium = criterium). A rider who wishes to be exempt from paying fees must petition the Conference Director who will notify the collegiate clubs.

4.1.9 Professional riders and ex- professional riders are allowed to compete in collegiate events, subject to proof of eligibility.

4.1.10 International students are eligible to compete in all Collegiate events, including National Championships, as long as they meet the above mentioned eligibility requirements.

4.1.11a Individual students are eligible to compete in RMCCC events if they are members of a RMCCC school and are currently taking at least 2/3 of a full course load as defined by their school.

4.1.12a If a student is attending more than one school, the student is eligible to compete for a conference school if his or her total course load adds up to 2/3 of a full load.

4.1.13a In schools that are on the quarter system students who graduate at the end of the winter quarter are eligible to race during spring quarter RMCCC conference races.

4.1.14a Eligibility exceptions may be granted upon petition to the conference director.

4.1.15a Non conference NCCA teams may compete in RMCCC events but they do not score points nor do they displace riders from points.

4.1.15.1a Non conference NCCA teams may score points in their own conferences for RMCCC race results at the discretion of their home conference. This does not affect the scoring for RMCCC teams or riders.

4.1.16a Graduating students are exempt from the course load requirements as long as they are satisfying the graduation requirements of their school.

4.2 CATEGORIES

4.2.1 Riders may choose the racing category in which they wish to compete, providing that they race in a category no lower than the following chart indicates based on their respective USA Cycling categorization:

Collegiate Category	USA Cycling Categorization			
	Road	Track	CX	MTB
A	Pro/1/2	Pro/1/2	1/2	Pro/Semi-Pro
B	3	3	3	Expert
C	4	4	4	Sport
D	4/5	4/5	4	Beginner

The penalty for riders who violate these minimum requirements shall be (1) if the event has not yet commenced a prohibition on the rider starting the event and (2) if the event has commenced, disqualification of the rider from the event.

4.2.1a In the RMCCC, three men's categories (A, B, C) and two women's categories (A, B), must be offered at each race. All categories may occupy a course at the same time if separate starts are provided and the race officials agree that the course is adequate for the number of riders. Categories must be scored independently and racers from different categories may not work together when occupying the same course. If different categories share the same course it is highly recommended that they use different colored race numbers or a similar device to distinguish the categories.

4.2.1a.1 RMCCC riders who currently hold a USCF/NORBA license should race in their corresponding collegiate category according to the table below.

Men's Categories			Women's Categories		
NORBA	USCF	COLLEGIATE	NORBA	USCF	COLLEGIATE
Pro/Expert	Pro, 1, 2	A	Pro/Expert	Pro, 1, 2	A
Sport	3, 4	B	Beginner/Sport	3, 4	B
Beginner	5	C			

4.2.2 Riders may not downgrade more than one category per year per discipline.

4.2.2a In the RMCCC, upgrades or downgrades will be of one category only, unless the Conference Director grants special permission. Special circumstances include injury.

4.2.3 Conference Directors are responsible for monitoring upgrading/downgrading of riders. Conference Directors are responsible for resolving disputes regarding categories.

4.2.4 Riders will not be allowed to downgrade at Conference Championships events.

4.2.4a In the RMCCC, no upgrades or downgrades will be allowed at Conference Championships. For example, any riders who have ridden B-category all season cannot upgrade to A for championships (or C riders to B), nor can A riders downgrade to B (or B riders downgrade to C).

4.2.5 In order to race in a category A road mass start event a racer must either:

- Be a current USA Cycling Road category 3 or higher licensed racer or
- Have completed four collegiate mass start road category B races or
- Receive prior documented permission from the conference director to race in the A race It is the responsibility of each rider that wishes to race a category A road mass start event to document compliance with this rule.

4.2.6a In the RMCCC, it is strongly recommended that first year riders or riders who do not have a USCF/NORBA license race at least their first few races in the C's if they are men or in the B's if they are women.

4.3 CLUBS AND DIVISIONAL STATUS

4.3.1 There are two divisions in Collegiate Cycling. Any school with a total full time enrollment of 15,000 students or greater at the time of club application for membership as a Collegiate Club must compete in Division I. Schools with total enrollment of less than 15,000 students at the time of club application for membership as a Collegiate Cycling may compete in Division II.

4.3.2 A school that meets Division II criteria and wishes to compete as a Division I school must declare its status no later than September 1 and shall be valid until August 31 of the following year. If no status is declared, the school will be considered Division II.

4.3.3 A school must designate as a Division I or Division II school for the entire academic school year.

4.3.4 Conference rider and team allocations for National Championships will be the same for both Division I and Division II.

4.3.5 Sponsorship of a club is allowed with the condition that the income from the sponsor goes to the club and not to an individual.

4.3.6 The school's name or initials must appear on the Collegiate Club's team jersey, and must be the largest and most prominent name or logo on the front and back of the jersey. Sponsors' logos may appear in addition, provided they are smaller than the school name or initials. Conference Directors reserve the right to disapprove jersey designs.

4.3.7 No USA Cycling Road Club, USA Cycling Mountain Club or Trade Team jersey or shorts may be worn at any collegiate event.

4.4 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

4.4.1 All disciplinary actions handled by Collegiate Cycling must go through the same procedures as USAC disciplinary actions. This applies to both individuals and teams.

4.4.2 USA Cycling and its Associations shall honor the suspension or disciplinary actions imposed by the USOC or UCI and

their affiliates, provided the CEO determines that due process was followed in imposing the discipline, including fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing as described in Policy IV of the USA Cycling Rules.

5. EVENTS

5.1 COMPETITION RULES

5.1.1 Collegiate road, track cyclocross, and mountain bike competitions follow the racing rules and regulations of each USA Cycling discipline. It is the riders' responsibility to familiarize themselves with these rules.

5.1.2 No cash prizes are allowed at collegiate events. Prizes in the form of merchandise are allowed for collegiate teams only, and not for individuals.

5.1.3 Race radios are prohibited in collegiate events.

5.2 CONFERENCE EVENTS

5.2.1 Conference seasons are determined by each conference.

5.2.2 Conference road championships must consist of a road race and a criterium and should include a team time trial, to be held in any order determined by the promoter. Conference mountain bike championships must include a cross-country race and at least one gravity event (dual slalom, dual, mountain cross or downhill) and should include a short track race and a second gravity race (dual slalom, dual, mountain cross or downhill). Conference track championships and Conference cyclo-cross championships are optional.

5.2.3 Conference Road Championships MUST be held at least two weeks prior to National Championships. Special cases will be determined by the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees.

5.2.4 The field limit for mass-start races shall be set by the organizer with approval of the Chief Referee. If no field limit is specified, it shall be 100.

5.2.5 Conferences may determine scoring opportunities other than finish placing and prime sprints (e.g., king of the mountain) for events and how those points will count toward teams or individuals.

5.2.6 All races must have all categories for each race at each event. Combined categories are allowed. Combined races must be scored independently by category and approved by the Chief Referee and Conference Director.

5.2.7 The host school must request permission in writing from the Conference Director to have a race on the proposed date at least 45 days before the event.

5.2.8 Race flyers must adhere to the following:

- Must include race information such as schedule, length of races and start times.
- Must be mailed to each school or posted on the Conference website three weeks (21 days) prior to the event.
- Must contain the name and address of the sponsoring school.
- Must contain the amount of the fees for each race.
- Must have good directions to each event.
- Must include promoter contact information such as phone, mailing address and email.

Teams failing to distribute the race flyer two weeks prior to the event will be subject to a 50 dollar penalty.

5.2.9 The results and race registration forms must be sent to the Conference Director within two days of the race, unless otherwise specified by the Conference Director

5.2.10 The Conference Director or her/his designee will compile the results and will have them available at the next race weekend whenever possible. Point totals must be available by the last race of each month during the racing season.

5.2.10a Once results have been posted on the Conference Website, there will be a one week protest period. Protest should address errors in posting, not actual race results which should be protested on race day. After this period, all results are final.

Suggested minimum race distances:

	Road Race	Criterium
Men A	60 Miles	60 Minutes
Men B	40 Miles	45 Minutes
Women A	40 Miles	45 Minutes
Men C	30 Miles	30 Minutes
Women B	30 Miles	30 Minutes
Men D	20 Miles	20 Minutes

5.2.11 Each conference may determine appropriate entry fees, including conference surcharges and late fees.

5.2.12 USA Cycling shall provide the overall awards for conference championships that will be distributed by the Conference Directors.

5.2.13a *In the RMCCC, each team hosting a conference event shall contribute \$200 to the conference fund. This fund will be used for conference business as determined at the bi-annual conference meeting.*

5.2.14a *In the RMCCC, the team hosting conference finals shall provide prizes for all categories. The winner of these events is not the conference leader which is described in 5.3.16.*

5.2.15 *RMCCC races allow an entry fee maximum of \$20 per event, and a maximum of \$50 for an event with three or more races.*

5.2.16a *Cash prizes will not be awarded in any RMCCC races.*

5.2.17a *No USCF, NORBA, or PRO Team trade jerseys or shorts may be worn in an RMCCC event. Riders may only wear official team uniforms or a solid color jersey. Team jerseys must have official school emblem or initials as the largest marking on*

the jersey and must be on the front and back. Sponsors are allowed on jerseys but such logos must be appreciably smaller than school emblem or initials to ensure ease of team identification.

5.2.19a In the RMCCC, no races shall last past 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. No school day races are allowed.

5.2.20a In the RMCCC, the Race promoter of an event must provide adequate restroom facilities.

5.2.21a In the RMCCC, no races may be held from Road Nationals to Labor Day.

5.3 CONFERENCE SCORING

5.3.1 Conferences may determine how many events count toward team and individual omnium for the regular season championship.

5.3.2 A conference may choose to allow bonuses such as double or triple points at conference championships, and may set standards for earning those points.

5.3.3 A maximum of 4 racers per school per category may score points towards the team total in each race.

Other riders from that school displace other competitors; they retain the points as individuals but the points are not awarded to the team.

5.3.4 In the case of a tie on total points, the tie will be broken in the favor of the team that has:

- The most first place finishes by Men’s and Women’s A or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men’s and Women’s A; the most 3rd place finishes by Men’s and Women’s A, or if still tied;
- The most first place finishes by Men’s and Women’s B or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men’s and Women’s B; the most 3rd place finishes by Men’s and Women’s B, or if still tied;
- The most first place finishes by Men’s and Women’s C or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men’s and Women’s C; the most 3rd place finishes by Men’s and Women’s C, or if still tied;
- The most first place finishes by Men’s and Women’s D or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men’s and Women’s D; the most 3rd place finishes by Men’s and Women’s D.

The scoring for collegiate road races and criteriums are as follows:

5.3.5 CONFERENCE ROAD RACE AND INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL, INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Road Race and ITT Individual Pts					
Plc	Men/ Women A	Men/ Women B	Men C/ Women Intro	Men D	Men D
1	80	48	32	20	12
2	70	42	24	16	7
3	63	36	18	12	5
4	57	32	15	8	3
5	51	28	12	5	1
6	45	24	9	4	
7	40	21	7	3	
8	35	15	5	2	
9	30	12	4	1	
10	26	9	3		
11	22	7	2		
12	18	5	1		
13	15	3			
14	12	2			
15	9	1			
16	7				
17	5				
18	3				
19	2				
20	1				

5.3.6 CONFERENCE CRITERIUM INDIVIDUAL POINTS

CRITERIUM INDIVIDUAL POINTS						
Plc	Men/ Women A	Men/ Women B	Men C/ Women Intro	Men D	Men D	Prime
1	70	41	22	12	7	5
2	64	35	16	9	5	3
3	58	31	13	7	3	2
4	52	27	10	6	2	1
5	46	23	9	5	1	
6	41	18	8	4		
7	36	15	6	3		
8	31	13	5	2		
9	27	11	4	1		
10	23	9	3			
11	19	7	2			
12	15	5	1			
13	12	3				
14	9	2				
15	7	1				
16	5					
17	4					
18	3					
19	2					
20	1					

5.3.7 The number of primes per category for criteriums are as follows:

Men A / Women A	6
Men B / Women B	4
Men C	3
Men D	2
Men / Women Intro	0

5.3.8 Any prime prizes must be awarded on the same laps as points primes. Any prime prizes must be awarded to the team of the rider who wins the prime and not the individual rider.

5.3.9 Teams for team time trials shall be made up of up to four men or four women. The time for the team is taken when the front wheel of the third rider crosses the finish line for men’s teams, and when the front wheel of the second rider crosses the finish line for women’s teams. In order to have a valid team in a team time trial the minimum number of finishers must start the race (i.e., three men or two women). The team time trial points count only toward the team standings.

5.3.9a In Team Time Trials, in the event that a team enters more than 3 teams in a single category, only the top three placing

teams will score

5.3.9b In the RMCCC, riders from different categories may race together on a composite Time Trial team. The team must race under the highest category of any of the riders and each school may have at most one composite team

5.3.10 CONFERENCE TEAM TIME TRIAL POINTS:

Team Time Trial Points					
Place	Men / Women A	Men / Women B	Men C / Women Intro	Men D	Men Intro
1	110	65	42	27	15
2	92	52	33	20	11
3	79	43	25	14	7
4	68	36	18	10	
5	58	30	14		
6	49	24			
7	42	19			
8	36	16			
9	31				
10	26				

Men D			Men Intro		
DH	DS	MX	DH	DS	MX
20	20	20	10	10	10
19	18	18	9	9	9
18	16	16	8	8	8
17	14	14	7	7	7
16	8	8	6	4	4
15	8	8	5	4	4
14	8	8	4	4	4
13	8	8	3	4	4

12	1	1	2		
11	1	1	1		
10	1	1			
9	1	1			
8	1	1			
7	1	1			
6	1	1			
5	1	1			
4					
3					
2					
1					

5.3.13 The scoring for all other mountain bike events will be left up to each conference.

5.3.14 Out of conference riders' points and qualifications status will be determined by the Conference Director.

5.3.15a Team Ranking and Scoring: All conference teams will be ranked within their Division based on results in conference events.

5.3.16a There will be a gravity and endurance conference champion for the mountain season and a single conference champion for the road season. Conference championship standings will be determined by taking the rider's best individual points from 75% of the all conference events in that discipline (gravity, endurance or road) including conference finals. All conference events count equally. (The actual percentage used may have to be adjusted based on the total number of events held – but it should as close to 75% as possible)

5.3.16.1a Conference champions shall be determined at least one week before the national competition so that any conflicts may be resolved. Conference champions shall be recognized at the national competitions.

6. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.1 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The following requirements are for all Collegiate National Championships.

6.1.1 All riders and their collegiate cycling team must be current members of USA Cycling as Collegiate Clubs and Collegiate Riders. **There will be no rider or club licensing on site at the championships.**

6.1.2 Full-time students competing in national championships must submit proof of eligibility (Collegiate Cycling Eligibility Verification Form) at registration. This form is available from USA Cycling and Conference Directors.

6.1.3 In order to be eligible to compete at National Collegiate Championships, each athlete must meet minimum enrollment requirements at the time of competition. These requirements include the following, based on the most recent academic term:

- Undergraduate and graduate students must be enrolled as “full time students”, as defined by the collegiate institution.
- Graduate students meeting these requirements must be making full-time progress towards completion of a graduate degree.
- Recent Graduates must have been eligible in the most recent academic term (defined above) and completed the requirements for a graduate or undergraduate degree. In addition this student must provide written verification confirming this status.
- Deadlines: road-spring session, track – fall or summer session, freshman (registered but not having started classes for fall session), mountain bike – fall session, cyclocross – fall session– paid session fees. For track nationals, if a rider has not started school, verification of tuition payment must be provided.

6.1.4 Riders must have competed in two A races during the conference season in order to compete at National Championships with the exception of track and cyclocross. For disciplines without conference competitions, qualification shall be at the discretion of the Conference Director. Additional qualification requirements by discipline are detailed in this rulebook as appropriate.

6.1.5 Each conference qualifies individual riders or teams, based on the percentage of the total number of collegiate riders in each conference. Number of riders per conference is based on the total annual collegiate membership count on December 31 of the previous year. Each conference is guaranteed at least one team entry and one individual male and female entry per division at the Collegiate National Championships.

6.1.6 Only conference road events count toward a team's and/or individual's qualification for road nationals. Only conference mountain bike events count toward a team's and/or individual's qualifications for mountain bike nationals. Each conference may decide how teams and individuals are chosen for nationals within the limits allowed in rule 6.1.4. Only finish points from Category A racers count towards qualifications to national championships.

6.1.7 The school hosting the national championship event automatically qualifies a team.

6.1.8 The previous individual National Champions are invited to compete in the current nationals, providing proof of eligibility (whether the team attends or not). If those members are on teams that have already qualified for the event, they will serve as members of these teams, not as additional riders. Under no circumstances may a team include more than eight men and eight women.

6.1.9 At all events, all riders must wear identifiably similar team jerseys or blank jerseys with the school's name or abbreviation prominently displayed.

6.1.10 Collegiate National Champions are permitted to wear their National Championship jersey only in the collegiate event that they won. (i.e. road = road, criterium=criterium) The previous year's National Champion may not wear his/her jersey in the next year's National Championship race.

6.1.11 Eligibility issues for National Collegiate Championships, which may result in a rider or team not competing at the current national championships, may be protested only before the start of the first event at the National Collegiate Championships in

question. The Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees or their designate will have final say regarding all eligibility issues. Start lists for all Collegiate Nationals shall be posted with sufficient notice prior to the start of the first event of each National Championship.

6.1.12 Staging for mass-start events at nationals shall proceed as follows:

GROUP 1:

Previous year's National Champions for the current race; then

Conference omnium champions; then One representative per team, called one school at a time;

GROUP 2:

One representative per team, called one school at a time;

SUBSEQUENT GROUPS:

One representative per team, called one school at a time.

Only one rider per team may be in each staging group.

6.1.13 The call-up order for National Championship Events shall be based on:

Track/Mountain: prior academic year's top 20 of the final Collegiate National Team Rankings;

Cyclo-cross: current academic year's standings towards the top 20 of the final Collegiate National Team Rankings;

Road: current academic year's standings towards the top 20 of the final Collegiate National Team Rankings.

Teams that are not ranked in the top 20 of the Collegiate National Team Rankings shall be called up in a random order set at the close of registration.

6.2 FORMAT

The following rules are for all National Collegiate Championships.

6.2.1 Individual National Championship event winners will be recognized as National Champions with National Championship jerseys awarded to first place, and gold, silver and bronze medals awarded to first through fifth places.

6.2.2 The team title is determined by the highest cumulative point total of all of the men's and women's events and the team is recognized as national champions with national championship jerseys. In addition gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for first through fifth places.

6.2.3 Men's and women's individual omnium championships titles shall be determined by summing the points scored by individual riders across all individual events. Men and women will be scored separately within Division I and Division II for the individual omnium.

6.2.4 In the case of a tie on total points, the tie will be broken in the favor of the rider who has:

- The most first place finishes or, if still tied, the most second place finishes, the most third place finishes, the most fourth place finishes, the most fifth place finishes, or if still tied;
- The highest placing in the last race, or the race nearest the last race of the omnium in which at least one of the tied riders placed.

6.2.5 Riders in the team events must belong to the same school; there are no composite teams.

6.2.6 Teams may bring no more than 8 men and 8 women to any single national championship event.

6.3 ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

6.3.1 The following are the suggested distances for the events for the national collegiate road championships.

Men Women

Road Race (60-150 km) Road Race (60-100 km)

Criterium (60-90 minutes) Criterium (45-60 minutes)

Team Time Trial (25-35 km) Team Time Trial (25-35 km)

6.3.2 Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses for the national road championships. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances at the time of the event based on these considerations.

6.3.3 Separate road races and criterium races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championships.

6.4 ROAD QUALIFICATIONS

6.4.1 Any single team may enter four individuals in the road race, four in the team time trial and three in the criterium. Up to four riders per team may be allowed in the criterium provided that the field limit will not be exceeded. Riders must designate the mass start events they will be participating in at registration.

6.4.2 To compete in mass start events at Collegiate Road Nationals, riders must have competed in their respective conference championships as a category A racer in the road race and criterium events. Riders must have furthermore competed in at least one other mass-start event in the current conference season as a category A rider. Riders who do not participate in their conference championships must have competed as a category A racer in their final three mass-start conference races during the current season. If the conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements a petition may be made to the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees, whose decision shall be final.

6.5 ROAD RACING REGULATIONS

6.5.1 USA Cycling Road Category A event racing regulations are in effect for the championship road race, criterium and team time trial.

6.5.2 The total individual points for a given team in each race will be summed by event and the resulting rank ordering of this tally will determine the team placing for that race. Team placing for both men and women will be equally valued and will be awarded to the top 40 teams per event.

6.5.3 The criterium field limit is 127.

6.5.4 The road race field limit for both men and women is 169 riders.

6.5.5 Bonus point primes will be offered in the criterium. The men will have six primes and the women will have four on a scale of 7, 5, 3, 2, 1, for first through fifth place. These will apply to both the individual and team omnium.

6.5.6 Any prime prizes must be awarded on the same laps as points primes. Any prime prizes must be awarded to the team of the rider who wins the prime and not the individual rider.

6.5.7 Team Time Trials consists of no more than four riders with a minimum of three riders for both men and women. Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the third rider for both men and women. Riders must be from the same school; no composite teams are allowed.

6.6 POINTS SCHEDULE: Road Nationals INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Road Nationals INDIVIDUAL POINTS			
Place	Men / Women RR	Men / Women Crit	Primes
1	166	100	7
2	156	88	5
3	148	80	3
4	140	72	2
5	132	66	1
6	126	60	
7	120	56	
8	114	52	
9	108	48	
10	102	44	
11	96	40	
12	92	38	
13	88	36	
14	84	34	
15	80	32	
16	76	30	
17	73	28	
18	70	26	
19	67	24	
20	64	22	
21	61	20	
22	58	18	
23	56	16	
24	54	14	
25	52	12	
26	50	10	
27	48	8	
28	46	6	
29	44	4	
30	42	2	
31	40		
32	38		
33	36		
34	34		
35	32		
36	30		
37	28		
38	26		
39	24		
40	22		
41	20		
42	18		
43	16		
44	14		
45	12		
46	10		
47	8		
48	6		
49	4		
50	2		

Road Nationals: Team Points		
Place	Men / Women RR	Men / Women Crit, TTT
1	120	84
2	110	77
3	102	71
4	95	66
5	89	62
6	83	58
7	78	54
8	73	51
9	69	48
10	65	45
11	61	42
12	58	39
13	55	36
14	52	34
15	50	32
16	48	30
17	46	28
18	44	26
19	42	24
20	40	22
21	38	20
22	36	19
23	34	18
24	32	17
25	30	16
26	28	15
27	26	14
28	24	13
29	22	12
30	20	11
31	18	10
32	16	9
33	14	8
34	12	7
35	10	6
36	8	5
37	6	4
38	4	3
39	2	2
40	1	1

6.7 TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.7.1 The following races shall count toward the men's omnium: Sprints (Championship format), 3k Time Trial, 30k Points Race and Kilometer Time Trial.

6.7.2 The following races shall count toward the women's omnium: Sprints (Championship format), 2k Time Trial, 500m Time Trial and 20k Points Race.

6.7.3 The following team races are to be held: Italian Pursuit, Women's Team Sprint and Men's Team Pursuit.

6.7.4 A team may register a maximum of eight men and eight women at track nationals with a maximum of 4 riders per team in any single race.

6.7.5 The Women's Team Sprint may be ridden with a minimum of 2 riders.

6.7.6 The Italian pursuit is a six-lap race with a minimum of two and a maximum of six riders with at least one woman and no more than 4 men per team. The women must lead the team for a minimum of two laps. The Italian Pursuit follows the same format as the Olympic Sprint.

6.7.7 Division I and Division II teams and individuals will be scored separately at track nationals.

6.8 TRACK QUALIFICATIONS

In order to compete in the collegiate track championships, riders must either successfully complete a track safety course or submit a participation form that verifies that the rider has safely competed in a track event prior to national championships. Riders must have a USA Cycling Track category of 4 or above. A male rider must have a USA Cycling Track Category 3 or above designation to compete in the Points Race.

6.9 TRACK FORMAT

6.9.1 National Collegiate Track Championships must take place in the course of three full days, with a fourth day scheduled for inclement weather when held on an outdoor track.

6.9.2 A rider is limited to competing in only three individual races, not including team races. These events must be declared at time of registration.

6.9.3 For team competitions, teams are limited to one participating school per race.

6.10 TRACK RACING REGULATIONS

6.10.1 USA Cycling Track racing regulations are in effect for the championships, as listed in the USA Cycling Rules of Bicycle Racing.

6.11 POINTS SCHEDULE: TRACK CYCLING

Track Cycling: Individual Points	
Place	Men/Women
1	40
2	35
3	32
4	30
5	28
6	26
7	24
8	22
9	20
10	18
11	16
12	14
13	12
14	10
15	9
16	8
17	7
18	6
19	5
20	4

Track Cycling: Team Points		
Place	Individual Events	Team Events
1	90	90
2	80	80
3	74	74
4	68	68
5	62	62
6	56	56
7	50	50
8	44	44
9	38	38
10	32	32
11	28	
12	24	
13	20	
14	16	
15	12	
16	8	
17	6	
18	4	
19	2	
20	1	

6.12 MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.12.1 National Championship Disciplines: The cross-country, Short Track and downhill and one of Dual Slalom, Mountain Cross or Dual must be conducted as National Championship events.

6.12.2 National Championship Events: The following are the suggested times for the events for the national collegiate mountain bike championships.

Cross Country:

Men Women

2-2:30 hours 1:45-2:15 hours

Short Track Cross Country:

Men Women

20 minutes 20 minutes

Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses for the National Mountain Bike Championships. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances at the time of the event based on these considerations.

6.12.4 Separate cross country, short track, downhill and one of dual slalom, dual or mountain cross races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championships.

6.13 MOUNTAIN BIKE QUALIFICATIONS

6.13.1 The total field size for each Men's and Women's National Championship cross-country race is 175 competitors.

6.13.2 One team of four riders per conference will be allocated, plus one host team for the National Championships. This equals 44 riders allocated. The remaining 131 positions will be based on the conference allocations, as is done for Road Nationals.

6.13.3 Eligible teams may consist of a maximum of eight men and eight women. Of those riders, only four men and women may compete in the cross-country, short track, dual slalom, dual, mountain cross and downhill events. Clubs must identify the members of the team who will start in each event at race registration.

6.13.4 In conferences with very small fields or few or no collegiate mountain bike events, qualification is at the discretion of the Conference Director.

6.13.5 To race the mass-start endurance (XC or STXC) races at MTB nationals, a rider must have raced the endurance races at their conference championships as an "A" category rider in addition to one other endurance race that current season as an "A" category rider. Riders who do not participate in their conference championships must have competed as a category A racer in their final three endurance conference races during the current season. To race the gravity races (DH, Dual, MTX, or DS) at MTB Nationals, a rider must have raced the gravity races at their conference championships as an "A" category rider in addition to one other gravity race that current season as an "A" category rider. Riders who do not participate in their conference championships must have competed as a category A racer in their final three gravity conference races during the current season. If the conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements, a petition may be made to the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees, whose decision shall be final.

6.14 MOUNTAIN BIKE REGULATIONS

6.14.1 USA Cycling Mountain Bike racing regulations are in effect for Collegiate Mountain Bike Championships.

6.14.2 The total individual points for a given team in each race will be summed by event and the resulting rank ordering of this tally will determine the team placing for that race. Team placing for both men and women will be equally valued and will be awarded to the top 40 teams per event.

6.15 POINTS SCHEDULE: MOUNTAIN BIKE INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Mountain Bike: Individual Points			
Place	Men/Women XC	Men/Women ST/DH	Men/Women DS
1	200	140	140
2	186	130	120
3	174	122	100
4	164	114	80
5	156	108	60
6	150	102	60
7	144	98	60
8	140	94	60
9	136	90	30
10	132	86	30
11	130	82	30
12	128	78	30
13	126	74	30
14	124	70	30
15	122	67	30
16	120	64	30
17	118	61	15
18	116	58	15
19	114	55	15
20	112	52	15
21	110	49	15
22	108	46	15
23	106	44	15
24	104	42	15
25	102	40	15
26	100	38	15
27	98	36	15
28	96	34	15
29	94	32	15
30	92	30	15
31	90	28	15
32	88	26	15
33	86	24	
34	84	22	
35	82	20	
36	80	18	
37	78	16	
38	76	14	
39	74	12	

40	72	11	
41	70	10	
42	68	9	
43	66	8	
44	64	7	
45	62	6	
46	60	5	
47	58	4	
48	56	3	
49	54	2	
50	52	1	
51	50		
52	48		
53	46		
54	44		
55	42		
56	40		
57	38		
58	36		
59	34		
60	32		
61	30		
62	28		
63	26		
64	24		
65	22		
66	20		
67	18		
68	16		
69	14		
70	12		
71	10		
72	8		
73	6		
74	4		
75	2		

TEAM POINTS (Mountain Bike)		
Place	M/W XC	M/W ST, DH, DS, Dual and MC
1	120	84
2	110	77
3	102	71
4	95	66
5	89	62
6	83	58
7	78	54
8	73	51
9	69	48
10	65	45
11	61	42
12	58	39
13	55	36
14	52	34
15	50	32
16	48	30
17	46	28
18	44	26
19	42	24
20	40	22
21	38	20
22	36	19
23	34	18
24	32	17
25	30	16
26	28	15
27	26	14
28	24	13

29	22	12
30	20	11
31	18	10
32	16	9
33	14	8
34	12	7
35	10	6
36	8	5
37	6	4
38	4	3
39	2	2
40	1	1

6.16 CYCLO-CROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.16.1 Collegiate Cyclocross National Championships take place during the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships

6.16.2 The collegiate race is 45 minutes for men and 45 minutes for women.

6.16.3 The top four men and women per team score points by using the Nationals Road Race points schedule.

6.16.4 The team Omnium is determined using the same procedure as for Road National Championships.

6.16.5 Division I and Division II teams and individuals will be scored separately at cyclocross nationals.

6.17 Hearings

6.17.1 Hearings shall be conducted according to USA Cycling Policy IV.

6.18 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

6.18.1 The national ranking of collegiate cycling teams is determined by taking the top 20 ranked teams from each division at the road, track, mountain bike and cyclocross national championships and assigning each points on a scale of 1-20 (i.e., first place = 20 points). Each club's points are added together and the club with the highest total points earns first place, ranked to the 20th place.

6.18.2 Overall school rankings are based upon performance at national championships. The Collegiate National Team Rankings are determined immediately following the Collegiate Road National Championships.

6.18.3 Division I and Division II school rankings are calculated separately for each division at each National Championships.