

The Collegiate Rulebook can be found at [www.usacycling.org/ncca/](http://www.usacycling.org/ncca/)

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**Vague Track category qualifications**

11.7.3 To compete in a track National Championship, a Rider must have either successfully completed a track safety course or submitted a participation form that verifies that the Rider has safely competed in a track Race prior to that National Championship. A Rider must have a USA Cycling-Track category of 4 or above. A Rider must have a USA Cycling-Track Category of 3 or above to compete in the Points Race.

\*\*Too many and/or's here. If I read this I would have allowed some of the Cat 5's that could not get their upgrade to attend nationals, since they completed a track safety course or if they even raced on the track.

The cat 4 requirement contradicts the first line statement. There is also no mention of riders that only have collegiate licenses and no USAC Track categories.

Proposed: 11.7.3 To compete in a track National Championship, a Rider must have a USA Cycling-Track category of 4 or above. A Rider must have a USA Cycling-Track Category of 3 or above to compete in the Points Race. Riders that only hold an annual USA Cycling Collegiate license are required to be a Collegiate Track A (or 3 if collegiate categories go to #s) based on the experience within the conference track season.

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**Track-Collegiate Team Pursuit??**

11.7.11 The Collegiate Team Pursuit is a six-lap Race. Each Team must field 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. Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the first Rider to cross the finish line. Only standard drop handlebars are allowed in the Collegiate Team Pursuit.

\*\*This race is not really a pursuit by rule since all riders must finish a pursuit since in pursuits riders pull off front rejoin group on successive laps to finish, so it is really a sprint. Since the intention (as I understand) was to have each rider pull, then pull off, to only finish with one rider. Thus the name needs to be changed to a "Sprint" and a few more clarifications. This was reinforced by all officials from last weekend at Track nationals.

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**Track-Individual pursuit distances**

Rule 11.7.7 and 11.7.8

The current Individual Pursuits at Collegiate Track are 3k and 2k for men and women respectively. The USAC Track rules state "The distances used are 2000m for Jr women, 3000m for Elite Women and Jr Men, and 4000m for elite men."

\*\*\*Should we consider being harmonious? So 3k for women and 4 k for men?

[4]

**Super D**

Rule 10.2 Conference Events

\*\*Does it count as gravity or does it count as endurance? What category of a rider is allowed to start the Super D A race? Lots of questions on this as of most Super Ds are ran, Elite/Open, and then by age category.

I think we need a rule governing that if you have a Mtn A license (either gravity or endurance) then you can race the A Super D category to open it up to both End and Gravity omnium riders.

[5]

**Track points scoring**

Rule 11.7.15 Appendix for points scoring at Track \*\*Request was made to go deeper in points so riders can score for their team. All other nationals go much deeper and they are separated by division even, so the smaller, newer schools get no reward for participating. This especially holds true since in past only 4 riders were allowed to register in individual events and now teams can max out start list with 8 men or 8 women, so they displace points if you bring a powerhouse track team

and the smaller teams get bumped out of contention for both individual omnium recognition and team omnium points. We currently score teams 30 places deep, but not individuals even at track.  
Suggestion: Adapt a 30 or 40 place deep points table, i.e the team points table that is currently 30 deep.

[6]

**UCI bike measurements**—also see [30]

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

\*\*\*is this something where we should place a clause that states we are not required but can enforce UCI bike regulations and Jr rollout as I stated prior in the other revision.

[7]

**CX category requirements**

11.9 Cyclocross National Championship

\*\* There are no current rule suggestions for category requirements, but other Nationals require Cat 3 or Expert and above. Should this be harmonious and make a Cat 3 requirement or a similar Collegiate A?

[8]

**Track division**

Rule 11.7

\*\*Based on registration numbers and ease of scoring, should we consider separating the divisional races at Track? All the individual timed races would be very easy, the points race was extremely large and had heats on the men's side to make finals and womens had 21 participants.

Being separate may encourage more D2 participation???? This would also include changing to divisional Individual omniums.

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**MTB Relay**

Rule 11.8 MTB Championships

\*\*We've heard rumor of a Team Relay at MTB championships to replace STXC Our other two nationals have a team component, why not MTB? People have heard about it in the collegiate ranks, so why not put it out there to get feedback? Maybe consist of; 1 female, 1 upperclassman, 1 underclassman or could include a B rider. But would that encourage a B "sandbagging" issue.

[10]

**Adapt identical USAC categories**

Rule 8 Categories

8.1 Riders may choose the category in which they wish to compete, subject to the other requirements of the Rules.

\*\*In my opinion, the 1st phrase opens a can of worms now that there are category requirements and they are getting more defined. I vote for a nix of this and adapt EXACTLY the 2009 USAC categories and apply the conference rule that allows the CDs to compose those # categories into the best combination for conference races. For example, Conference A race is Collegiate 1-3, B race is Collegiate 4s, and C race is Collegiate 5s with x# of race starts, and D is entry level 5s..

\*\*Let's take the confusion of non-linear category correlation out of the picture for these collegiate kids. Studying is enough of a challenge, so you shouldn't have to study the correlation charts for an upgrade!

[11]

**Slalom definition correction**

10.1.4 (iv) "Heat" means the winner-of-two-out-of-three-Run series between two Riders.

\*\*Really incorrect as a Heat is the completion of the Runs that ultimately determines the winner in the best 2 of 3 format. Thus a Rider wins a Heat by finishing 1st in two Runs within the Heat.

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### **Conference borders and structure**

Rule 4.1 Restructuring the conference borders to address the commonality of all teams in a region petitioning to race in another conference consistently and to help schools travel distances. I.E. West TX, NM, AZ, and maybe So CA might make a better SW conference.

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**Penalties (2.2.1):** *“Each rule contained in the Rules may be followed by a range of penalties for non-compliance indicated in “[ ]”s. In the absence of such a specifically identified set of penalties, one or more of the following set of penalties may be enforced against Rider(s) and/or their Team(s) for violation of these Rules...”*

**MORE OR LESS DIRECTION ON PENALTIES?**

[14]

Petitions (2.2.3): *“All information relevant to the requested petition...”*

**PETITION PHILOSOPHY IS CONSERVATIVE. NO SECOND BITES AT THE APPLE.**

[15]

**Code of Conduct (3.1):** *“Each Collegiate Cycling Rider and each Collegiate Cycling Team is subject to the terms of Section 5 of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct Agreement...”*

**ANY TALES FROM THE FIELD?**

[16]

**Conference Specific Rules (4.4):** *“The Rules are set as a minimum for Conferences. Conference rules may not establish lower standards. Individual Conferences may enact rules that supersede the Rules...”*

**IN WHAT AREAS ARE CONFERENCE-SPECIFIC RULES MOST PREVALENT?**

[17]

**Categorization (8.1):** *“8.1.1. For Mass Start Road Races, Riders are required to have the following USA Cycling-Road categories or their equivalent...”*

**MORE OR LESS STRINGENT CATEGORIZATION?**

**ARE COLLEGIATE AND NORBA CATEGORIES APPROPRIATELY MAPPED (A = EXPERT?)**

[18]

**Upgrades (8.2):** *“Riders in a Collegiate Cycling Race are eligible for USA Cycling upgrade points, as appropriate, so long as that Race meets all upgrade requirements, including field size and distance, specified by USA Cycling...”*

**HOW HAS UPGRADE PROCESS WORKED?**

[19]

**Events (10):** Aero equipment

**TdGA DID NOT PERMIT AERO EQUIPMENT IN THE TTT, ARGUING COST AND SAFETY. GIVEN ITS MISSION STATEMENT, WHAT SHOULD COLLEGIATE CYCLING’S POLICY ON AERO EQUIPMENT BE?**

[20]

**TTT (10.2.11):** *“In Conference races, teams for team time trials consist of at least three and up to four men and at least two and up to four women. The time of 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. ...”*

**APPROPRIATE FOR ALL CATEGORIES? HARMONIZE NATIONALS RULE? HARMONIZE MEN AND WOMEN?**

[21]

**Events (10.2.6):** Suggested minimum race distances

**INCONSISTENT WITH USCF/NORBA UPGRADE REQUIREMENTS. HARMONIZE?**

[22]

**Primes (10.2.9)**

**NO GUIDANCE GIVEN ON WHO SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO CONTEST PRIMES. UNLIKE A USCF PRIME, THEY COUNT FOR POINTS. SHOULD THEY BE LIMITED TO RACE LEADERS? (MAKE THEM MORE MERIT BASED, ELIMINATE BIAS)**

[23]

**Field Sizes (11.6.8, 11.6.9):** Suggested minimum field sizes

**DELAYS NATIONALS ALLOCATIONS. SET DEFINITELY?**

[24]

**Eligibility (11.1):** Academic calendars: *“Each Rider must be enrolled as a “full-time student,” as defined by their School, and must be in good standing financially, academically and disciplinarily, during the following relevant Championship Eligibility Period...”*

**DOES THIS HANDLE TRIMESTERS AND QUARTERS CORRECTLY?**

[25]

**Eligibility (11.1, 11.6.5, ):** Conference racing: *“a Rider from such Conference must have competed in two A Races during the Conference season...”* BUT *“To compete in a Mass Start Road Race at a road National Championship...”*

**CONFUSING. APPROPRIATE? MORE OR LESS FLEXIBILITY?**

[26]

**Omnium Scoring (11.4, 11.5):** Individual and team omnium scoring now fully detailed

**TWO TIER. IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE WEIGHTING OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. CONFUSING. STILL NEEDED?**

[27]

**Team Size and Scoring (11.6.6):** *“Each Team may enter up to six Riders in the road race and up to four Riders in the criterium...”* AND *“Only the points scored by the top three point-scoring Riders for each Team in each Race are counted...”*

**NEW THIS YEAR. WADDAYA THINK?**

[28]

**Eligibility for Individual Omnium (11.6.12):** *“To be eligible to compete for the individual omnium, a Rider): “To be eligible to compete for the individual omnium, a Rider must score points in both the road race and the criterium.”*

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**Track nationals date**

Consider moving track nationals to another time during the year (e.g. mid-summer) to improve attendance and encourage collegiate track seasons)

To close to chaotic start of school for many

Include summer school in eligibility for track nationals

[30]

**Change 10.1.1 to not require onerous gear rollouts and bike measurements at Collegiate Cycling national championships**

10.1.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Rules, Collegiate Cycling road, track and cyclocross Races follow the racing rules and regulations of USA Cycling-Road, and Collegiate Cycling mountain bike Races follow the racing rules and regulations of USA Cycling-Mountain. It is each Rider’s responsibility to understand these Rules and those rules.

(a) USA Cycling Collegiate conference and national events are not required adhere to USA Cycling Rule 1J6. No junior gear restrictions are enforced and roll-outs will not be performed.

(b) USA Cycling Collegiate conference and national events are not required to adhere to USA Cycling Rule 1J1(e). It is up to the boards discretion to announce this option prior to the event.

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**Race distances for upgrade purposes**

Harmonize suggested / minimum race distances between collegiate events and corresponding USA Cycling Road and Mountain events to ensure applicability of upgrade points

[32]

**Set Field sizes at Nationals**

Specify field sizes for national championships so as to be able to calculate each conference's start spot allocation before the start of the season.

[33]

**Confusing layout to rules**

Principally road nationals eligibility rules located in two places (11.1 and 11.6)  
Other nationals issues also split into "general" and "specific"

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**Conference administration issues removed**

Intended to focus rules.  
Caused any confusion?

[35]

**Conservative interpretation by board**

Appropriate?