

# ECCC Road 2011 Rules & Policy Summary

## Basics

- Riders may only wear collegiate or plain clothing, i.e., no trade team kits. This is enforced more loosely in the lower categories (e.g., manufacturer branded clothing), particularly early in the season, but is to be applied strictly to A and B riders. Racers in non-collegiate kit before an event must not be permitted to start a race. Infractions observed during a race incur a fine and should be noted to the conference director. [USAC 7I]
- Promoters in general do not need to reimburse pre-registration fees, including for race cancellations, or swap rider registrations for non-participating racers.
- Collegiate and USAC road categories roughly correspond (1,2,3↔A; 3,4↔B; 4,5↔C; 5↔D; Men's 5, Women's 4↔Intro) but are not directly equivalent. [USAC 7H]
- Riders may only compete in one individual category per weekend. The conference director may grant exceptions for lower category riders downgrading in extraordinary cases.
- First time non-collegiate women racers are permitted in ECCC Women's Intro events.
- Category A individual events score 20 places deep, B 15, C 12, and D 9; Men's Intro scores 5 and Women's Intro 9 deep. Category A team events score 10 deep, B 8, C 5, and D 4; Men's Intro teams score 3 and Women's Intro 4 deep. [USAC 7K3]
- Select conference coordinators and volunteers may be granted permission by the conference director to ride along with the tail of some races, provided they have no impact on the event. Consult the conference director for eligible riders, races, and categories.

## Time Trials (inc. ITT, TTT, Hill Climbs)

- All categories in all races, including all time trials, are restricted to solely UCI mass start legal equipment. Additional documentation is available on these restrictions, but in sum:
  - “Aero” helmets, skinsuits, and shoe covers are permitted.
  - Time trial frames, aero-bars and clip-ons, and disc wheels are *not* permitted.
  - Low spoke count (< 16) and deep rim wheels (> 25mm) are in general *not* permitted, but the vast majority of the common varieties of such wheels *are* actually specially permitted by the UCI.

Violations should be brought to the conference director immediately. Riders with obvious infractions (aero bars, TT frames, disc wheels) must not be started. If questions cannot be resolved before the end of an event, the rider should be informed but started and the issue resolved afterward (relegation or DQ). [USAC 7J]

- Team Time Trial squads may start 3 or 4 riders and are scored on the leading edge of their third finisher. Men's and Women's B, C, D, and Intro TTT squads may start 2 to 4 riders and are scored on the leading edge of their 2nd finisher. [USAC 7K2d]
- TTT categories are taken as the highest individual category of the riders in the squad.
- Teams may enter multiple squads into a TTT category; only the highest placing scores, but the others displace points. Composite TTT squads of mixed gender or team are permitted and encouraged; they should be placed, but neither score nor displace points.
- ECCC ITTs generally start at 20 or 30 second intervals, hill climbs at 30s, and TTTs at 30s. Officials, promoters, scoring service, and the conference director should consult to adjust these times as necessary based on participation and time limits. Unless noted otherwise, TTs run in category stream fashion, with no set start times.

### **Mass Start Races**

- Start lists are not provided for any races. The scoring service and/or officials must record rider numbers for each race for insurance fee accounting and other purposes.
- Truly elite women may, with the conference director's permission, enter the Men's A or B races in addition to the Women's A events. They score points in the women's races but not the men's. Consult the conference director for the current list of such women.
- ECCC Women's A and B races are run as a combined Women's A/B race but scored separately. Women's A racers should be staged in front of the Women's B group.

### **Criteria**

- Collegiate primes score 4 riders deep in all categories. [USAC 7K3a]
- Men's A races have 6 primes, Men's B has 4, Men's C 3, and Men's D 2. [USAC 7K3a]
- Women's A/B races have 4 primes, with A and B racers scored separately. The first and last primes are doubled in value but not depth for Women's A. Women's C has 3 primes.
- Men's and Women's Intro races have no primes.

### **Introduction to Bicycle Racing**

- The Men's and Women's Intro mass start races have three parts: An off course instructional and skills clinic beforehand; a controlled, coached segment during the race; the race proper. The coached segment is held on course for roughly half the scheduled event, with coaches controlling the field and providing guidance and/or conducting drills. Afterward the field is stopped, regrouped, and the race begun. Some coaches remain in the field to provide additional guidance, without interfering. Consult the conference director and/or Intro Coordinator(s) for race specific plans and format.
- Intro race coaching is as permitted by the conference director.