

# ECCC Road 2014 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 6E]

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 to the following chart, but are not directly equivalent [USAC 6D1(a)]:

Collegiate	Non-Collegiate USAC							
	Road		Track		Mountain		Cyclocross	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
A	Pro, 1, 2, 3	Pro, 1, 2, 3	Pro, 1, 2, 3	Pro, 1, 2, 3	Pro, 1	Pro, 1	Pro, 1, 2, 3	Pro, 1, 2, 3
B	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4	1, 2	1, 2	3, 4	3, 4
C	4, 5	4	4, 5	4	2, 3	2, 3	4, 5	4
D	5	4	5	4	3	3	5	4
Intro	5	4	5	4	3	3	5	4

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 places, C 12 places, D 9 places, and Intro 5. Category A team events score 10 deep, B 8 places, C 5 places, D 4 places, and Intro teams score 3 deep. [USAC 6H1(a)]

Select conference coordinators and volunteers may be granted permission by the conference director and USA Cycling Chief Referee 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. A race waiver must be signed and the coordinator/volunteer clearly identified so race officials will not confuse him/her as a participant.

## 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 [USAC 6F1]. 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).

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Team Time Trial squads may start 3 or 4 riders. Category A teams are scored on the leading edge of their third finisher. All other squads may start 2 to 4 riders and are scored on the leading edge of their 2nd finisher. [USAC 6G5]

TTT categories are taken as the highest individual category of the riders in the squad. [USAC 6G6]

Teams may enter multiple squads into a TTT category; only the highest placing scores, but the others displace points. [USAC 6H8]

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, and in the following order:

- Men D
- Women C
- Women D
- Men Intro
- Women Intro
- *5-10 minute break*
- Men A
- Men B
- Men C
- Women A
- Women B

## 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. It is up to the discretion of the Conference Director and Road Coordinator if the Women C and Women D groups have their own races or are combined. Factors such as attendance and potential scheduling issues will be considered, but not solely.

## Criteria

Collegiate primes score 4 riders deep in all categories. Men's A races have 6 primes, Men's B has 4, Men's C 3, and Men's D 2. 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 have 3 primes, and Women's D have 2 primes. If the groups are combined, the race will have 2 primes and the 2nd prime will be double points for the Women C riders only. Men's and Women's Intro races have no primes. [USAC 6H1(c)]

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## **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.