

2008 Rules – TBAR Point Series & State Championships

Article I. **The TBAR Series Competition.** The TBAR Road Racing Series Competition is divided by racers in the following categories.

- Juniors (10-14)
- Juniors (15-16)
- Juniors (17-18)
- Senior Men, Pro, Category 1
- Senior Men, Category 2
- Senior Men, Category 3
- Senior Men, Category 4
- Senior Women, Category 1-3
- Senior Women, Category 4
- Masters Men (30-39)
- Masters Men (40-49)
- Masters Men (50-59)
- Masters Men (60+)

1 Eligibility of Participants.

- 1.1 Any Tennessee resident rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license that identifies the rider as a member in good standing of a USA Cycling club or team, or any non-resident rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license that identifies the rider as a member in good standing of a TBRA-member club, is eligible to compete in one or more of the BAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category. TBRA Clubs are to provide the Webmaster and TBRA President with a complete list of Club Members that must be updated regularly; points will be shown for new members only from the date of the update and will not be retroactive. Points will be shown for riders only if they compete while wearing a jersey identifying their TBRA club membership or identifying them as a TBRA champion.
- 1.2 [Rescinded.]
- 1.3 Eligible riders must declare in what class (category or age group) they are competing for mixed class race events. A rider who falls within the parameters of two classes for the same single race event must choose the class in which they wish to attempt to accumulate points before the race is held.
- 1.4 Riders can not accumulate points for more than one class in a single race event. Riders may choose to race in two separate classes at a given event and attempt to accumulate points in both classes separately.

2 Requirements of BAR Points Races.

- 2.1 Event must be USCF approved.
- 2.2 Event must be promoted by a TBRA-member club in good standing. (Note: If an independent entity wishes to promote a TBAR race, then that Promoter must partner with a TBRA club.)
- 2.3 To be considered in good standing a club must meet all necessary USCF requirements and must have paid TBRA fees which are due by March 1st, of each year (TBRA Treasurer will invoice clubs). If fees are not paid by March 1st, then a \$15.00 late fee shall be added. If TBRA fees are not paid by the first race of the season, members of the defaulting club will not accrue points until the fees are paid and any points earned in the interim will be forfeited.
- 2.4 Event must start or finish in the state of Tennessee.

- 2.5 Event must take place on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or National Holiday. In addition, an event may take place on a Friday, if and only if the event(s) consists of a stage that is part of a multiple day stage race.
- 2.6 Event promoter(s) must pay a \$1.00 per rider fee to TBRA for every participant, excluding Juniors. In addition it is strongly recommended that Juniors be charged a race entry fee of \$1.00 only.
- 2.7 Event promoters must provide each rider with two identical racing numbers one to be worn by the rider on the lower back and one to be worn on the side (ribcage) facing the finish judge.
- 2.8 Competitors must race in USCF categories and/or age groups (i.e. Junior, Master, etc.).
- 2.9 Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.
- 2.10 Event Promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBRA TBAR competition category to compete in a single event (i.e. Senior Men Category Pro/ Cat 1, Senior Women Category 1-3, etc.). This does not mean all events must have races for each TBAR Category. (NOTE: In races where TBAR categories/classes are combined points will be awarded on overall position. If a separate prize list is provided by category/class then points will be awarded to the top riders in each category/class. A prize list can take the form of a Bonus (e.g. Pro 1/2 race with a bonus for category 2 will generate two points lists whereas a Pro 1/2 race without a bonus will generate a single combined points list).
- 2.11 In addition to USCF requirements, full race information must be available for placing on the website no less than 45 days before an event. All flyers must be with the TBRA Road Race Director for TBRA approval prior to this 45 day period.
- 2.12 Event promoters must provide the TBRA Road Race Director with event results including at a minimum each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one (1) week of the close of the event in order to keep the Website current.
- 2.13 Race announcements must display the TBRA logo and include the TBAR ranking of the event.
- 2.14 All TBAR Promoters shall have their designated Chief Official approve the race course , including the positioning of the feed zone, prior to sending a flyer to the TBRA Road Race Director for approval.
- 2.15 All Road Race Promoters shall provide a suitable wheel vehicle for top Men's and Women's category races. It is STRONGLY recommended that wheel vehicles be provided for all road races.
- 2.16 Events of Promoters who are unable to adhere to, or who on race day do not correctly apply these requirements will be placed on probation and if the events are not run in accordance with these rules the following year, then they will not be allowed to promote TBAR or TORBAR events.
- 2.17 Participants in Masters 30-39 and 40-49 age group races will be limited to riders holding a Category 4 license or higher.

3 Awarding TBAR Points.

- 3.1 TBAR points are awarded to the top riders in each race at TBRA events pursuant to the Points Schedule set out in the Appendix to these Rules. Only points awarded to riders eligible under the rules count towards this competition, but if other riders earn points this information will be shown on the Website.
- 3.2 Overall TBAR Series positions shall be calculated based on the TBAR Point Scale to determine a racers "earned-point performances" (i.e., the number of points awarded under the Scale in accord with finish position and the event's Division). TBAR positions for each racer shall be the sum of their highest earned-points performances from a maximum number of events in each road discipline, as follows:
 - (i) Road Races – Best five (5) earned-points performances;
 - (ii) Time Trials – Best five (5) earned-points performances;
 - (iii) Criteriums – Best six (6) earned-points performances.

- 3.3 When a single race event combines two or more TBAR classes, a rider who qualifies for the award of points based upon their finish position will receive points applied to his/her applicable, and, in the case of a rider who qualifies for two or more TBAR classes, elected class.
- 3.4 Points Schedule. Re-located to Appendix.
- 3.5 Stage Races, TBAR Points.
 - 3.5.1 TBAR Series calculations can include points-earned from finishes in Stage Races. A racer can earn points from their General Classification ("GC") overall finish position in one or more Stage Races in accord with the Points Schedule applicable to Stage Races (see Rule 3.4 - Points Series Scale). Points-earned from a GC finish in a Stage Race shall be added to a racer's BAR Series calculation without limitation under any other Rule.
 - 3.5.2 Also, racers may earn TBAR Series points arising out of finishes in individual stages in accord with the Points Schedule applicable to Stage Races, if and only if the points-earned performance otherwise qualifies as a best performance under Rule 3.2. In the event an individual stage points-earned performance qualifies under Rule 3.2, then it shall count toward a racer's maximum number of events in the applicable racing discipline (see Rule 3.2).
- 3.6 Scoring of the Competition and Interim Results.
 - 3.6.1 Current point scores for riders in each category/class will be maintained on the website.
 - 3.6.2 Riders with protests concerning events, scoring, and/or tabulation of scores should direct protests to the TBRA Road Series Director no later than 10 days after an event in question or in the case of a scoring question, 10 days before the final awards are made. (NOTE: This protest period does not alter or apply to the rules governing protests pertaining to race results as announced at the event venue by the officials; this paragraph applies only to information and points posted on the Website.)
- 3.7 Winners and Awards.
- 3.8 Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation in accord with Rule 3.2 for the TBRA Racing year with first place being the largest accumulator of TBRA BAR Series points down to last place being the rider with the least amount of scored points in his or her category.
- 3.9 In the event of a tie, USCF rules on Individual Points Classification in stage races shall apply. See Road, Track, Cyclocross Rulebook, Rule 4C4(c).
- 3.10 Winners of each category will be awarded a TBAR Series Champion's Jersey.
- 3.11 Second and third place riders in each category will receive awards of varying nature.
- 3.12 The TBAR Championship and Jersey can only be awarded to a rider who is eligible under the provisions of the competition.
- 3.13 All awards will be distributed at the Annual TBRA Night of Champions (Annual Awards Banquet, Picnic or other event) held in the Fall.

Article II. **TBRA Tennessee State Championships.**

- 1 A Tennessee State Championship jersey will be awarded to the highest placing Tennessee licensed rider in each road event (road race, criterium, and time trial), for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA.

Article III. **Best New Rider Award.**

- 1 Each TBRA-member club is encouraged to select a club member in their first year of racing as its Best New Rider. Each rider recognized by her/his club will be awarded a TBRA medal at the annual TBRA Night of Champions (Annual Awards) Banquet.