

## 2008-2009 Rules TBRA Cyclo-Cross Series & State Championships

Article I. **The TBRA Series Competition.** The TBRA Cyclo-Cross Racing Series Competition is divided by racers in the following categories.

Men's Pro/ CX 1/ CX 2  
Men's CX 3  
Men's CX 4  
Men's Masters 35-44  
Men's Masters 45+  
Juniors 10-14  
Juniors 15-18  
Women's Pro/ CX 1/ CX 2/ CX 3  
Women's CX 4  
Single Speed

### 1 Eligibility of Participants.

- 1.1 Any rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the TBRA Cyclo-Cross Series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category. Riders purchasing one-day licenses will not have their results scored.
- 1.2 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 at the time of registration.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Riders participating in age-based categories, such as the Junior 10-14, Junior 15-18, Men's Masters 35-44, and Men's Masters 45+ will be categorized by subtracting the participant's year of birth from the year the TBRA cyclo-cross series ends. For example, for the 2008-2009 season, the ending year is 2009. If a participant was born in 1964, the equation would be:  $2009 - 1964 = 45$ . That participant's racing age for the entire TBRA cyclo-cross season would be 45.

### 2 Requirements of TBRA Points Races.

- 2.1 Event must be USCF approved and follow all rules for cyclo-cross discussed in the USA Cycling Cyclo-Cross Rulebook.
- 2.2 Event must start or finish in the state of Tennessee.
- 2.3 Event must take place on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or National Holiday.

- 2.4 Event promoters must provide each rider with one racing number to be worn by the rider on the side (ribcage) facing the finish judge.
- 2.5 Competitors must race in USCF categories, the designated single speed division, and/or age groups (i.e. Junior, Master, etc.). Beginners will be assigned to participate in the CX 4 category races. Upgrades and downgrades will be available per USA Cycling guidelines and standards.
- 2.6 Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.
- 2.7 Event promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBRA competition category to compete in a single event (i.e. Men's 35-44, W CX 4, etc.). This does not mean all events must have races for each TBRA cyclo-cross category.
- 2.8 In addition to USCF requirements, full race information must be available for placing on the website no less than 45 days before an event.
- 2.9 Event promoters must provide the TBRA Points 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.
- 2.10 All TBRA race promoters shall have their designated chief official approve the race course prior to each event.
- 2.11 The TBRA cyclo-cross season will commence no earlier than the first weekend in September of a given year and will end no later than the final weekend in February of the following year.
- 2.12 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 TBRA events.

### 3 Awarding TBRA Points.

- 3.1 TBRA 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.
- 3.2 When a single race event combines two or more TBRA 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 TBRA classes, elected class.
- 3.3 Points for the 2008-2009 TBRA Cyclo-Cross Series will be awarded according to the 2008 TBRA Point Series Scale Division I structure.
- 3.4 Scoring of the competition and interim results.
  - 3.4.1 Current point scores for riders in each category/class will be maintained on the website.
  - 3.4.2 Riders with protests concerning events, scoring, and/or tabulation of scores should direct protests to the TBRA Cyclo-Cross Race 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.)
- 3.5 Winners and Awards.
  - 3.6 Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation for a maximum of ten (10) events during the TBRA racing season with first place being the largest accumulator of TBRA Series points down to last place being the rider with the least amount of scored points in his or her category.
  - 3.7 In the event of a tie, USCF rules on Individual Points Classification in stage races shall apply.
  - 3.8 Winners of each category will be provided a champion's race jersey.
  - 3.9 Second and third place riders in each category will receive awards of varying nature.
  - 3.10 The TBRA Championship and jersey can only be awarded to a rider who is eligible under the provisions of the competition.
  - 3.11 All awards will be distributed at the annual TBRA Night of Champions (annual awards banquet) 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 the designated State Championship event for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA.