

2022 Rules - TBAR Point Series & State Championships

Article I - TBAR Series Competition

1. TBAR Categories

1.1 The TBAR Road Racing Series Competition is divided in the following categories

Men	Women	Masters	Juniors
Pro, Category 1	Pro, Category 1, Category 2	Men 35-44 (Cat 1-5)	Men Under 14
Category 2	Category 3	Men 45+ (Cat 1-5)	Men 15-16
Category 3	Category 4/5	Men 50-59 (Cat 1-5)	Men 17-18
Category 4/5		Men 60+ (Cat 1-5)	Women 9-14
		Women 40+ (Cat 1-5)	Women 15-16
			Women 17-18

2. Eligibility of Participants

2.1 Any rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the BAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.

2.2 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 prior to the close of registration.

2.3 Riders cannot 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.

3. Requirements of BAR Points Races

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in an event being excluded from the TBRA series calendar for the following year.

3.1 Event must be permitted by USA Cycling.

3.3 Event must start or finish in the state of Tennessee or be held in close proximity to the Tennessee border. Races held outside of Tennessee will be evaluated by the TBRA Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

3.4 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.

3.5 Event promoter(s) must pay a \$2.00 per rider fee to TBRA for every participant registered in every event. There is a TBRA fee of \$1.00 per rider that must be paid for every participant registered in a non-points series event listed on the website. If multiple races are held on the same day only one TBRA fee will be collected for each unique person on that day.

3.6 Event promoters must provide a date deposit of \$50 for each race date that they wish to promote. This is a deposit only and will be deducted from the total TBRA fees following the race. If the event is canceled the date deposit will be forfeited with the exception of situations beyond the promoters control. Each situation will be evaluated by the TBRA board to determine if a deposit will be refunded. In the event that the date deposit is not received one month in advance of the event, that calendar date shall be considered available to other promoters should they wish to promote an event on that date.

3.7 Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.

3.8 Event Promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBAR category to compete in a single event (i.e. Women 1-2 as opposed to Women 1 and Women 2 as separate events). This does not mean, however, that all events must have races for each TBAR category.

3.9 Event must be announced and publicized as follows:

3.9.1. Race announcements must be available for posting on the TBRA or event's website no less than 14 days before the event. All race announcements must be with the TBRA Road Director for TBRA approval prior to this 14 day period.

3.9.2. Race announcements must display the TBRA logo.

3.10 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 Director for approval.

3.11 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.

3.12 Event promoters must provide the TBRA Road Director with event results including, at a minimum, each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, team or club name, and age within one week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.

4. Awarding TBAR Points

4.1 TBAR points are awarded to the top riders in each race at TBRA events pursuant to the Points Series Scales document on the series rules page of the website. 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.

4.2 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. In such races, points will be awarded based on finishing position within the rider's elected TBAR category. For example, in a combined Men Pro/1/2 race, the top finisher in the Pro/1 class will receive 1st place points in the Pro/1 competition regardless of his overall finish in the race. Likewise, the top Cat 2 finisher will receive 1st place points toward the Cat 2 competition.

5. Scoring of the Competition and Interim Results

5.1. Current point standings will be available on the TBRA website.

5.2 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. 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.

5.3 Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation in accord with Rule 4.3 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.

5.4 In the event of a tie in points, the rider with the most wins in TBAR series points races will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2nd place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. This will continue until the tie is broken.

6. Winners and Awards

6.1 The TBAR Championship and Jersey can only be awarded to a rider who is eligible under the provisions of the competition.

Article II. TBRA Tennessee State Championships

1. TBRA State Championship Road Events

1.1 A Tennessee State Championship will be awarded to the highest placing eligible rider (see rule 1.3 below) in each road event (road race, criterium, and time trial), for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA.

1.2 USAC or TBRA State Championship medals will be awarded to the top three eligible finishers in each of the following categories:

- Men: Pro/1, Cat 2, Cat 3, Cat 4, Cat 5
- Women: Cat 1/2, Cat 3, Cat 4, Cat 5
- Men, Masters TT: 35+, 45+, 50+, 60+
- Men, Masters RR/Crit: 35+, 45+, 50+, 60+
- Women, Masters TT: 35+, 45+, 50+, 60+
- Women, Masters RR/Crit: 40+

1.3 Eligibility for the State Championship jersey and USAC/TBRA medals will parallel the USA Cycling requirements for state championship events.

1.3.1 Rider must hold an annual license from USA Cycling

1.3.2 Rider must be a Tennessee resident as listed in the latest downloaded USAC database.

1.3.3 Rider must be a US Citizen or permanent resident as listed in the latest downloaded USAC database.

1.3.4 Women are not eligible for awards in Men's events [USAC Rule 8B1(d)].