

# 2022 Rules - TORBAR Point Series & State Championship

## Article I - TORBAR Points Series Competition

### 1. TORBAR Categories

1.1. The TORBAR (Tennessee Off-Road Best Area Rider) competition is divided in the following categories:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Pro/ Cat 1 Open	Pro/ Cat 1	Junior Men 9-12 Open
Cat 1 40+	Cat 2	Junior Men 13-14 Open
Cat 2 15-39	40+ Open	Junior Men 15-18 Open
Cat 2 40+		Junior Women 9-12 Open
50+ Open	<u>Unisex</u>	Junior Women 13-14 Open
60+ Open	Singlespeed	Junior Women 15-18 Open

### 2. Eligibility of Participants

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

2.2. It is the responsibility of members and riders to understand and adhere to the rules of the TORBAR competition.

### **3. Requirements of BAR Points Races**

3.1 Event must be a USAC approved and permitted race.

3.4. Event must take place on a Saturday, Sunday, or National Holiday.

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 during the year by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This is a deposit only and will be deducted from the total TBRA fees following the race. If the event is cancelled the date deposit will be forfeited with the exception of situations beyond the promoter's control like acts of God. 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 by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, that calendar date shall be considered available to other promoters should they wish to promote an event on that date.

3.7. Event Promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBRA TORBAR competition category to compete in a single event (i.e. Men Cat 2 15-39 as opposed to Men Cat 2 15-29 and Men Cat 2 30-39 as separate events). This does not mean, however, that all events must have races for each TORBAR Category.

3.8. Event must be announced and publicized as follows:

3.8.1 The deadline for adding a TORBAR Point Series races to the calendar is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Races added after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline can be added to the calendar, but they will not be designated as point series races.

3.8.2. Race announcements must be available for posting on the USAC or promoting club website no less than 45 days before the event. All race announcements must be with the TBRA Mountain Bike Director for TBRA approval prior to this 45 day period.

3.8.3. Race announcements must display the TBRA logo.

3.9. Event promoters must provide the TBRA Mountain Bike Director and TBRA Webmaster 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 week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.

3.10. 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.

### **4. Awarding TORBAR Points**

4.1 TORBAR 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. Points will be awarded to all riders who hold an annual USA Cycling racing

license. One day license holders will not receive TORBAR points.

4.2. The website point standings will display all riders who have earned points in a TORBAR race.

4.3. Only riders who meet the eligibility requirements will compete in the TORBAR competition. 4.4

Points Schedule. Located in Points Scale Appendix. [Points Scale](#)

4.5 TORBAR positions for each racer shall be the sum of the highest earned-points performances from a maximum number of events in each MTB discipline separately, as follows:

Cross Country - Best seven (7) races

Cross Country Marathon - Best one (1) race

Time Trial - Best four (4) races

## **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 Mountain 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.)

5.3. Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation for the TBRA racing season with first place being the largest accumulator of 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 TORBAR series points races will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. This will continue until the tie is broken.

## **6. Winners and Awards**

6.1. Winners of each category will receive a special TORBAR champion's jersey at the final MTB points race of the season.

# **Article II - TBRA MTB State Championship**

## ***1. TBRA State Championship MTB Event***

1. A state championship race will be held each year and will move between races on the TORBAR calendar. Each race promoter will be able to submit their race into a bid process each year at the TBRA annual meeting for review and voting by the board.

1.1. A new race to the TORBAR calendar cannot be awarded the TBRA State Championship designation. A race must have been run at least one year prior to applying for a state championship bid.

1.2. The promoter for the state championship race must provide a podium and conduct a podium presentation for jerseys and medals for each awarded class.

## **2. TBRA State Championship MTB Jerseys and Awards**

2.1 The top three eligible finishers for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA will receive state championship medals or other awards. A Tennessee state championship jersey will be awarded to the top eligible finisher in each category. In addition, state championship medals will be awarded to Cat 3 Men and Cat 3 Women.

2.2 Eligibility for Tennessee state championship jerseys and medals is as follows:

2.2.1 Rider must hold an annual racing license from USA Cycling.

2.2.2 Rider must be a Tennessee resident with a current USA Cycling Racing License

2.2.3 Rider must be a US Citizen or permanent resident

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

2.3 State championship jerseys and medals will be awarded on the same day as the event.