

**2005-2006  
Western Collegiate Cycling Conference  
Competition Guide and Rules of Racing**

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\*The WCCC rulebook contains the 2006 NCCA Competition Guide and Rules of Racing in its entirety. *WCCC Rules are listed in italics.*

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 USA CYCLING AND NCCA**

The National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA), founded in 1985, is an association of USA Cycling, Inc. USA Cycling is the national governing body for the sport of bicycle racing in the United States and is a member of the United States Olympic Committee. USA Cycling offices are located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## **1.2 NCCA MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA), has identified the following mission statement:

“The mission of the National Collegiate Cycling Association is to administer, develop and promote collegiate bicycle racing in cooperation with USA Cycling, USCF and NORBA. The NCCA shall annually determine team and individual national champions, and shall pursue a leadership role internationally to foster collegiate bicycle racing.”

To achieve this, the NCCA shall:

- Establish membership policy and certify clubs and athletes as members;
- Establish, certify and maintain Collegiate Cycling Conferences;
- Appoint and supervise Conference Directors in conjunction with the NCCA Manager;
- Facilitate national championship events;
- Maintain an active liaison with USA Cycling, USCF and NORBA; and
- Pursue financial support for its mission and its members.

## **1.3 ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS**

The following goals have been established by the NCCA:

- 1.3.1 Develop competitive cycling programs in a format that is compatible with extramural and intramural sporting programs at colleges and universities.
- 1.3.2 Conduct collegiate national championships in the disciplines covered by NCCA racing programs.
- 1.3.3 Coordinate with other Associations of USA Cycling and with external organizations, as appropriate, to aid in continuing existing collegiate programs and to expand the scope of collegiate cycling.
- 1.3.4 Facilitate a connection between the USA Cycling coaching staff and NCCA clubs.
- 1.3.5 Become the largest service of new rider membership in USA Cycling, especially with respect to women cyclists.
- 1.3.6 Keep the program cost effective because the NCCA deals mainly with college students and beginning racers.
- 1.3.7 Encourage the development of the scholar-athlete in the sport of cycling.

## **2. GOVERNANCE**

### **2.1 NCCA ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE**

The National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA) is governed as an Association of USA Cycling. The NCCA governance structure is defined in its bylaws, which are printed at the back of this book, and by the bylaws of USA Cycling.

The NCCA is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of a cross-section of individuals representing the sport of cycling and the collegiate cycling community. The Board of Trustees has the responsibility of developing policy and long-term goals for collegiate cycling, as well as programs to be implemented by USAC staff and Conference Directors, taking the athletes' input and best interests into consideration.

Any changes to the NCCA bylaws become effective only after they are ratified by the USA Cycling Board of Directors.

### **2.2 PURPOSE**

2.2.1 The purpose of this document is to provide rules for collegiate cycling competition at the national and conference level. All USCF racing rules apply to road, track, and cyclo-cross events, and all NORBA racing rules apply to mountain bike events.

2.2.2 The NCCA rules and regulations are set as a minimum for conferences. Conference rules and regulations may establish higher standards, as necessary, within the individual conferences, with approval by the NCCA and USA Cycling. No rules may supersede the rules of the NCCA, USCF, NORBA, or USA Cycling. Please contact the Conference Director for specific conference rules.

### **2.3 ROLE OF THE NCCA CONFERENCES**

The NCCA is made up of 10 conferences. All information relative to events, event scheduling, racing programs, conference championships, and membership applications and requirements, can be obtained from Conference Directors.

NCCA Conference Directors are appointed by the NCCA and USA Cycling Staff. If a Conference Director does not choose to continue or is dismissed, member clubs shall have the opportunity to submit candidate recommendations to the NCCA. As decided by the NCCA, each conference is required to hold conference championships for both the road and mountain bike disciplines.

The NCCA establishes policy with respect to student athlete eligibility, national championship qualifications, rules and regulations, athlete disciplinary procedures, event permitting, and is responsible for approving all conference rules and regulations. Conferences manage their own budgets, racing calendars, monitor athlete eligibility.

### **2.4 CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION**

2.4.1 Each conference is administered by a Conference Director. The Conference Director position is a volunteer position under the general supervision of USA Cycling.

2.4.2 Each conference has an e-mail list to which members may subscribe. This list may be used for publishing announcements to the conference. The directions on how to subscribe to this list shall be conveyed to all teams in the conference by the Conference Director.

Conference email lists as of spring '05:

<b>Conference</b>	<b>To Post</b>	<b>To Subscribe</b>
ACCC	accc_info@topica.com	accc_info-subscribe@topica.com
ECCC	eccc_info@topica.com	eccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
MWCCC	mwccc_info@topica.com	mwccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
NCCCC	ncccc_info@topica.com	ncccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
NWCCC	nwccc_info@topica.com	nwccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
RMCCC	RMCCycling@yahoogroups.com	RMCCycling-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
SCCCC	scccc_info@topica.com	scccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
SECCC	secccorg@yahoogroups.com	secccorg-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
SWCCC	swccc_info@topica.com	swccc_info-subscribe@topica.com
WCCC	wccc-info@yahoogroups.com	wccc-info-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

2.4.3 The conference e-mail list may be used for publishing information to members of the conference all at once. However, any meeting announcements, race flyers, or other information pertinent to the administration of the conference should also be sent in writing via regular mail or be made available on the Conference website.

## **2.5 DEFINITIONS**

NCCA: National Collegiate Cycling Association  
ACCC: Atlantic Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference  
ECCC: Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference  
MWCCC: Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference  
NCCCC: North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference  
NWCCC: Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference  
RMCCC: Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference  
SCCCC: South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference  
SECCC: Southeast Collegiate Cycling Conference  
SWCCC: Southwest Collegiate Cycling Conference  
WCCC: Western Collegiate Cycling Conference

USCF: United States Cycling Federation

NORBA: National Off-Road Bicycle Association

USAC: USA Cycling

NCCA Club: A cycling club or team affiliated with and representing a post-secondary school.

NCCA Rider: a full time student on a NCCA member club in good standing who holds a current collegiate rider license issued by USA Cycling.

Race: a single scoring opportunity

Event: total of all races under a single race permit

Event Score: total points scored during an event

Post-Secondary School: degree-granting institution

## **2.6 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETINGS**

2.6.1 The Conference Directors shall conduct annual meetings to discuss the issues of their conferences, as well as to schedule the upcoming race season. Thirty (30) days written notice must be given to each club prior to the meeting. Clubs may request agenda items no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda shall be distributed to all club contacts one week prior to the meeting.

*2.6.1.1 An additional meeting shall be held concurrently with the WCCC Road Championships each year in order to approve race bids for that year's mountain-bike and track racing schedule, and, IF NECESSARY, to approve legislation pertaining only to mountain-bike or track racing.*

2.6.2 On each issue brought to a vote, each school shall receive one vote.

2.6.3 The Conference Director shall vote only in case of a tie. Conference Directors may call additional meetings if necessary.

2.6.4 Minutes must be sent out to all club contacts and to Collegiate Cycling Staff no later than ten (10) days after a meeting.

*2.6.5 The WCCC Conference Director shall ensure that updated WCCC rules and mailing labels of all WCCC schools be mailed to all WCCC schools no later than December 31st of each year.*

## **2.7 CONFERENCE FINANCES**

2.7.1 Each Conference Director shall receive financial assistance, made available through their respective USA Cycling conference account, from the NCCA to offset expenses incurred for the administration of the conference.

2.7.2 Conferences may adopt conference dues, late fees, and/or rider surcharges (on race entry fees) that go directly to the conference.

*2.7.2.1 Conference/NCCA surcharges total \$2.50, with \$2.00 going to the NCCA and \$0.50 going to the WCCC. A race insurance surcharge of \$2.00 per person per day shall be collected by the race promoter and be returned to the NCCA along with a surcharge report. A copy of the officials race and surcharge report along with copies of the sign-in sheets and race results shall be sent to the WCCC race results office. This surcharge shall be included as part of the race entry fees. A check in the amount of \$0.50 per person per day payable to the WCCC shall be sent to the WCCC Director along with a copy of the surcharge report.*

*Promoting teams MUST mail in the carbon copies (from the triplicate forms) of their registration and results forms along with a copy of the Chief Referee's final event report to the WCCC office post-marked no later than the Wednesday following the event. Failure to do so (all forms submitted) will result in a \$50 fine. Submission of the WCCC rider surcharges (\$0.50 per rider, per day) shall be sent in no later than two months following the event. If an invoice is needed from the WCCC for the surcharges, that request must be made no later than the Wednesday following the event. Teams that do not submit the aforementioned forms at all will be subject to a \$100 fine and a flat rider surcharge of \$100 per day will apply.*

2.7.3 Each Conference Director shall prepare a financial statement of the conference. The fiscal year runs from September 1st to August 31st. A year-end financial statement shall be sent to the USAC Staff, as well as distributed to all club contacts by September 30. The Conference Director may also present a financial report at the annual conference meeting.

2.7.4 Any conference dues/surcharges must be included in the financial statement prepared by the Conference Director.

2.7.5 If any monies are available, the conference shall decide how those monies are to be spent (e.g., scholarships for riders, support for riders attending national championship events, or equipment for conference club use.)

*2.7.5.1 Conference funds will be used for the following conference expenses:*

- Operating expenses for the WCCC Conference Director, Records Office, Race Results Office, Public Relations and Media Office, and Marketing Office.*
- Purchase of any equipment, materials, or services which will be used directly in the running of races or for the running the conference (i.e. photo-timing contract, conference numbers, officials for the WCCC, etc.)*

*2.7.5.2 A subsidy to cover photo-finish expenses of \$150.00 or 50% of the cost (whichever is lower) shall be rebated to the race promoter after a copy of the bill for such services has been sent to the WCCC Director. This subsidy is only available if the conference camera is not available for use.*

*2.7.5.3 The WCCC will reimburse any new club (has not been a NCCA club for at least three years) for their NCCA club dues for their first year in the WCCC. Reimbursement will be at 50% of club membership dues for any club with less than 5 members. Reimbursement will be at 100% if club membership is 5 or more members by the August 31st closest to their one year anniversary date. 100% reimbursement can be requested as soon as membership reaches 5 members.*

*2.7.5.4 Schools must meet WCCC financial obligations within 30 days of notification in writing or face suspension from the conference.*

*2.7.5.5 The WCCC will reimburse the USCF Official's License fee for certified officials who are students from conference teams. Riders must officiate a minimum of two conference races to qualify for reimbursement. A copy of the current license must be submitted to the WCCC Director to receive payment.*

*2.7.5.6 The conference may grant surplus funds to schools hosting national championship events. Bid fees may be loaned to a school or schools bidding for such events. In the event a bid is denied, such loans are to be repaid to the conference.*

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **3.1 CLUBS**

3.1.1 Each NCCA club must be officially recognized by its post-secondary school.

3.1.2 NCCA Clubs must apply for membership by filling out the NCCA Club application and paying the appropriate club fee to USA Cycling. NCCA Club applications may be found on the NCCA page of the USA Cycling website, or they may be obtained from any Conference Director.

3.1.3 NCCA clubs are required to belong to the conference in which they are geographically located. Conference clubs may apply for an exception. All petitions for exceptions must be sent by September 30 to the Chair of the NCCA Board of Trustees.

#### **3.2 RIDERS**

3.2.1 NCCA individual members must be full time students in good standing, as defined by the bursar or registrar at the member's post-secondary school.

3.2.2 NCCA individual members must be members in good standing of the NCCA club at their school.

3.2.3 Individuals must apply for membership by filling out the USAC license application and pay the appropriate license fees to USA Cycling. USAC license applications may be found on the USA Cycling website or may be obtained from Conference Directors.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1.1 Clubs must be members in good standing with USA Cycling and their conference in order to compete in NCCA events.

4.1.2 To participate in NCCA events, a rider must be a NCCA individual member as defined in rules 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.

*4.1.2.1 Team officers are responsible for verifying the eligibility of their competitors with their school's register. These eligibility records may be subject to examination by the WCCC at any time during the racing season.*

4.1.3 Riders must race for the school at which they are enrolled, regardless of where they are currently studying. Riders must present proof of full-time enrollment at race registration.

4.1.4 All riders must present a Collegiate license or an authorization to ride, or must purchase a one-day license to compete in a Collegiate event. Annual and one day licenses can be obtained at events. One-day licenses will not be accepted for Category A racers. One-day licenses will not be accepted at National Championships.

4.1.5 Any ineligible rider shall forfeit his/her points; the team must also forfeit all points earned by that ineligible rider.

4.1.6 Schools that have more than one geographically separate campus, each of which grants a separate degree or has a separate and distinct Athletic Department, must develop a separate Collegiate club for each campus location.

4.1.7 No school or team shall develop eligibility requirements that may unduly hamper or deny any student from participating on a team during regular season events when the student is otherwise qualified.

4.1.8 Any individual rider who has represented the United States in collegiate cycling in the past year or is a current individual collegiate National or World Champion is exempt from paying entry fees in collegiate races of the type for which the person is the champion or represented the United States. (i.e., road = road, criterium = criterium). A rider who wishes to be exempt from paying fees must petition the Conference Director who will notify the collegiate clubs.

4.1.9 Pros and ex-pros are allowed to compete in collegiate events, subject to proof of eligibility.

4.1.10 International students are eligible to compete in all NCCA events, including National Championships, as long as they meet the above mentioned eligibility requirements.

## 4.2 CATEGORIES

4.2.1 Riders may choose the NCCA category in which they wish to compete, providing that they race in a category no lower than the following chart dictates in respect to their USCF/NORBA categorization:

USCF Pro 1-2 A road/track	NORBA Pro, Semi-pro A mountain
USCF 3 B road/track	NORBA Expert, Sport B mountain
USCF 4 C road/track	NORBA Beginner C/D mountain
USCF 5 D road/track	

The penalty for riders who violate these minimum requirements shall be (1) if the event has not yet commenced, a prohibition on the rider starting the event and (2) if the event has commenced, disqualification of the rider from the event.

*4.2.1.1 Riders must indicate by mid-road season which category they intend to compete in for that season and their license must be marked at this time. Riders may downgrade after this point only with permission of the conference director. A rider who competes down a category without permission of the conference director have their individual and team points taken away for that event and may be subject or penalties for the remainder of the season.*

4.2.2 Riders may not downgrade more than one category per year per discipline.

4.2.3 Conference Directors are responsible for monitoring upgrading/downgrading of riders. Conference Directors are responsible for resolving disputes regarding categories.

4.2.4 Riders will not be allowed to downgrade at Conference Championships events.

4.2.5 In order to race in a category A road mass start event a racer must either:

- Be a current USCF category 3 or higher licensed racer or
- Have completed four collegiate mass start road category B races or
- Receive prior documented permission from the conference director to race in the A race

It is the responsibility of each rider that wishes to race a category A road mass start event to document compliance with this rule.

## 4.3 CLUBS AND DIVISIONAL STATUS

4.3.1 There are two divisions in collegiate road, mountain bike and cyclocross competition. Any school with a total full time enrollment of 15,000 students or greater at the time of club application for membership in the NCCA must compete in Division I. Schools with total enrollment of less than 15,000 students at the time of club application for membership in the NCCA may compete in Division II.

4.3.2 A school that meets Division II criteria and wishes to compete as a Division I school must declare its status no later than January 31 for road and Sept. 1 for mountain biking. If no status is declared, the school will be considered Division II.

4.3.3 A school may be Division I for the road and Division II for mountain biking or vice versa.

4.3.4 Conference rider and team allocations for National Championships will be the same for both Division I and Division II.

4.3.5 Sponsorship of a club is allowed with the condition that the income from the sponsor goes to the club and not to an individual.

4.3.6 The school's name or initials must appear on an NCCA Club's team jersey, and must be the largest and most prominent name or logo on the front and back of the jersey. Sponsors' logos may appear in addition, provided they are smaller than the school name or initials. Conference Directors reserve the right to disapprove jersey designs.

4.3.7 No USCF Club, NORBA Club, or Trade Team jersey or shorts may be worn at any collegiate event.

#### **4.4 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

4.4.1 All disciplinary actions handled by the NCCA must go through the same procedures as USAC disciplinary actions. This applies to both individuals and teams.

4.4.2 USA Cycling and its Associations shall honor the suspension or disciplinary actions imposed by the USOC or UCI and their affiliates, provided the Executive Director determines that due process was followed in imposing the discipline, including fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing as described in Policy IV of the USA Cycling Rules.

### **5. EVENTS**

#### **5.1 COMPETITION RULES**

5.1.1 Collegiate road, track and cyclocross competitions follow the racing rules and regulations of the USCF, and collegiate mountain bike competitions follow the racing rules and regulations of NORBA. It is the riders' responsibility to familiarize themselves with these rules.

5.1.2 Prizes in the form of cash or merchandise are allowed for NCCA teams only, and not for individuals.

5.1.3 Race radios are prohibited in NCCA events.

#### **5.2 CONFERENCE EVENTS**

*5.2.0.1.1 A WCCC road event shall consist of one event for each of the 5 categories, with an optional Category X. An event can be one of the following types of races: road race, time trial, team time trial, or criterium.*

*5.2.0.1.2 The Women's A and Women's B fields cannot be combined, nor can any other categories, but races may be shortened at the promoter's discretion. If acceptable to the Chief Referee, the organizer may schedule Women A and Women B fields separately on the same course at the same time after separate starts, with category mixing prohibited as per road race rules. N.B. This should only be considered for events which have a documented history of poor turnout in both women's categories, and for which total event time is severely constrained.*

*5.2.0.1.3 Starting times and race numbers should may at the organizer's discretion be assigned in ascending order of sign-in at registration for individual time trials (eg allowing the mixing of categories in the start order) for categories racing the same distance, but starts should be clustered by category for team time trial events.*

*5.2.0.1.4 The WCCC competitive road season shall start no earlier than the 1st Saturday in February and end with the WCCC Road Championships no later than the 2nd weekend in May*

5.2.0.1.5 *The WCCC competitive mountain bike season shall start no earlier than the last Saturday in September and end with the WCCC Mountain Bike Championships no later than the first weekend in December.*

5.2.0.1.6 *WCCC race events must be held only on a Saturday and/or a Sunday.*

### **5.2.0.2 Criteriums**

5.2.0.2.1 *Events must be based on a specified number of laps, no timed events are allowed.*

5.2.0.2.2 *Prime laps must be predetermined and announced at the start of the race. No other primes may be offered.*

5.2.0.2.3 *Riders who break away continue to score points in primes until they have lapped the main group. Once they have lapped the main group they must sprint with this group to score prime points (any riders away from this group then score points). The main group is the largest group on the course. If two or more groups are the same size, the leading group shall be the main group. This rule was adapted from USCF rules 2M2 and 2M3 (for a track points race. Riders lapped by the main group are not eligible to contest a primes.*

5.2.0.2.4 *Riders may be pulled at the USCF Official's discretion based on a potential safety hazard. Pulled riders do not score.*

5.2.0.2.5 *A women's B criterium can not be shorter than the corresponding men's C criterium. Likewise, a women's A criterium can not be shorter than the men's B criterium.*

### **5.2.0.3 Team Time Trials**

5.2.0.3.1 *No more than three teams per school may enter in each class for the TTT event.*

5.2.0.3.2 *Women & Men's B, C, & D riders can compete in either the men's A or B events without having to upgrade. Only women can ride in the Women's event. MA racers may only compete in the MA TTT.*

5.2.0.3.3 *For the men's A and B classes combined, at most two teams from any school can be smaller than 4 riders with the smallest team being 3 riders. The largest team can be up to 4 riders.*

5.2.0.3.4 *Each school can score their top team from the Men's A and Women's A events and their top two teams from the Men's B event. Additional teams that place will not score but will hold their place and displace other schools.*

### **5.2.0.4 Category X**

5.2.0.4.1 *A non-scoring category X race may be offered at the promoter's option. The following rules apply:*

5.2.0.4.2 *The category is optional, and may be held at the race promoter's discretion if the volume of preregistration warrants it.*

5.2.0.4.3 *The entry fee is the same and should be submitted with pre-registration.*

5.2.0.4.4 *Men's Category D, C, B, and Women are eligible to compete.*

5.2.0.4.5 *The hosting school may place as many riders as they wish prior to beginning standard preregistration procedures to fill the field.*

5.2.0.4.6 *First priority is given to those Men's C and D riders who have not raced yet that day and to any Women. Second priority is given to any B riders who have not yet raced that day. Third priority is given to Men's C and D riders who have already raced. Fourth priority is given to those Men's B riders who have already raced.*

5.2.0.4.7 *Primes are optional with a maximum of 2*

5.2.0.4.8 *Winner's medals and jerseys are optional.*

5.2.0.4.9 *Schools will be given the option to refuse any spaces given to them at the time they are notified of the space allocated to them for all other categories. The promoter may then decide on the feasibility of holding the category X event, but must notify all schools who have submitted preregistration if the event is canceled.*

**5.2.0.5 Mountain Bike Races**

5.2.0.5.1 *A promoter may schedule a mountain bike event provided that it does not conflict with any road event hosted by that promoter. A Mountain Bike Race follows NORBA rules and event guidelines. Contact the NCCA for specific sanction procedures.*

5.2.1 Conference seasons are determined by each conference.

**5.2.1.1 WCCC Road Championships – Format (Scoring rules in 5.3.0.2)**

5.2.1.1.1 *Format: The WCCC Road Championships must consist of three events for each class as follows: team time trial, road race, and criterium.*

5.2.1.1.2 *Squad limitations: Each team can enter at most 7 riders in each of the Men's A and B and Women's A classes and at most 6 riders in each of the Men's C, D and Women's A and B classes. If there is room for all teams that sign up on a waiting list, one additional rider from each team can enter each race.*

5.2.1.1.3 *TTT Format: The WCCC Championship team time trial shall be conducted according to rule 5.3.9. Composite TT teams may only be formed by individual qualifiers. Composite teams do not score nor do they displace other teams for team scoring.*

5.2.2 Conference road championships must consist of a road race and a criterium and should include a team time trial, to be held in any order determined by the promoter. Conference mountain bike championships must include a cross-country race and should include a dual slalom or mountain cross race. Conference track championships and Conference cyclo-cross championships are optional.

5.2.3 Conference Road Championships MUST be held at least two weeks prior to National Championships. Special cases will be determined by the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees.

5.2.3.1 *The following field limits are enforced for road races and criteriums. Individual time trials are exempt from field limit restrictions. Mountain bike limits are set at the promoter's discretion.*

<i>Men's A - 90</i>	<i>Men's C - 75</i>	<i>Women's A - 75</i>	<i>Category X – 60</i>
<i>Men's B - 75</i>	<i>Men's D - 60</i>	<i>Women's B - 60</i>	

*5.2.3.2 The promoter may reduce the field limit for all events as low as 40 riders per event if in his judgment the course conditions merit such a reduction. Race information must be mailed out 30 days prior to the race if this is done. The promoter can run non-scoring events (Category X – see 5.2.0.4) for the remaining riders if there are more than this limit.*

5.2.4 The field limit for mass-start races shall be set by the organizer with approval of the chief referee. If no field limit is specified, it shall be 100.

5.2.5 Conferences may determine scoring opportunities other than finish placings and prime sprints (e.g., king of the mountain) for events and how those points will count toward teams or individuals.

5.2.6 All races must have all categories for each race at each event. Combined categories are allowed. Combined races must be scored independently by category and approved by the Chief Referee and conference director.

5.2.7 The host school must request permission in writing from the Conference Director to have a race on the proposed date at least 45 days before the event.

*5.2.7.1 Road Race dates must be reserved by December 1st.*

*5.2.7.2 A \$100 bond must be posted with the WCCC Director by any school wishing to reserve a race date that canceled an event after the scheduling deadline for the previous season.*

5.2.8 Race flyers must adhere to the following:

- Must be mailed to each school or posted on the Conference website three weeks (21 days) prior to the event.
- Must contain the name and address of the sponsoring school.
- Must contain the amount of the fees for each race.
- Must have good directions to each event.

Teams failing to distribute the race flyer will be subject to a 25 dollar penalty. *A \$100 penalty will be assessed to any team that does not adhere to the 21 day posting deadline.*

5.2.9 The results and race registration forms must be sent to the Conference Director within two days of the race unless otherwise specified by the Conference Director.

*5.2.9.1 Production and transcription of results in both electronic and hard copy and of completed registration sheets (hard copy) to the race results office is the responsibility of the organizing school. Proper results include, for every rider appearing in the official's order of finish, the finish rank, name and school. Results in electronic form (using the conference spreadsheet, available from the WCCC Results Officer) must be turned in no later than Tuesday night at midnight following the race. The registration and any original hard copy results must be postmarked by the Tuesday night following the race. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine.*

5.2.9.2 Promoting teams MUST mail in the carbon copies (from the triplicate forms) of their registration and results forms along with a copy of the Chief Referee's final event report to the WCCC office no later than the Wednesday following the event (postmarked by Wednesday). Failure to do so (all forms submitted) will result in a \$50 fine. Submission of the WCCC rider surcharges (\$0.50 per rider, per day) shall be sent in no later than two months following the event. If an invoice is needed from the WCCC for the surcharges, that request must be made no later than the Wednesday following the event. Teams that do not submit the aforementioned forms at all will be subject to a \$100 fine and a flat rider surcharge of \$100 per day will apply.

5.2.10 The Conference Director or his designee will compile the results and will have them available at the next race weekend whenever possible. Point totals must be available by the last race of each month during the racing season.

Suggested minimum race distances:

Category	Road Race	Criterium
Men A	60 Miles	60 Minutes
Men B	40 Miles	45 Minutes
Women A	40 Miles	45 Minutes
Men C	30 Miles	30 Minutes
Women B	30 Miles	30 Minutes
Men D	20 Miles	20 Minutes

5.2.11 Each conference may determine appropriate entry fees, including conference surcharges and late fees.

*5.2.11.1 The maximum entry fee is \$15.00 per rider per race. If two races are held on the same day, the entry fee for the second event shall be no more than \$5.00 This applies to riders competing in both events during that day. If a rider only does one race on a given day, the \$15.00 maximum entry fee rate applies. This fee schedule covers all races including the WCCC Championships.*

5.2.12 The Conference Director shall provide the overall awards for conference championships.

*5.2.12.1 A perpetual trophy is awarded at the WCCC Road Championships to the first place team as determined by section 5.3.0.2.*

*5.2.12.2 A perpetual trophy is awarded at the WCCC Mountain Bike Championships to the first place team as determined by rules 5.3.0.3.*

*5.2.12.3 Division II Team Champions shall be determined following both Road and MTB championships.*

### **5.2.13 WCCC Race Promotion Requirements (not covered by 5.2.8-10)**

*5.2.13.1 A team is eligible to promote a race one year after it has joined the conference.*

*5.2.13.2 No school may host more than 2 race weekends during any one road/mountain bike season.*

*5.2.13.3 Copies of the race permit and road closure permits (if applicable) must be presented on request to the Chief Official. A WCCC member school's permit may include USCF or NORBA events to offered concurrently. Alternatively, a member school may host a concurrent WCCC event with a USCF or NORBA race meet being organized by a non-member promoter within the geographical limits of the WCCC.*

*5.2.13.4 Jurisdiction in which the event is held must be notified in writing 45 days in advance or earlier if required by them. Jurisdictions include the host school administration, and may also include the city and county government, county sheriff, city police, and state highway patrol.*

5.2.13.5 All race courses (venues) shall be inspected at least 30 days prior to the event by a USCF/NORBA Certified Official, District Rep, or the WCCC Director. A certificate of inspection signed by the person inspecting the venue and by the race director shall be mailed to the WCCC Director 30 days prior to the event.

5.2.13.6 The race promoter must provide a mechanic's pit for criterium events.

5.2.13.7 All WCCC road events must have no less than 2 working USCF officials at all times. All WCCC mountain events must have no less than 1 working NORBA official at all times.

5.2.13.8 Promoters may provide both lead and follow vehicles for all road races in each class. Warning signs may be posted on lead and follow vehicles. The Chief Referee may either permit or prohibit neutral follow vehicles for the purpose of race support (spare wheels).

5.2.13.9 Promoters are required to hold an awards ceremony that acknowledges race winners. No cash or merchandise prizes may be awarded to individual at a collegiate race. Medals or trophies and/or a winner's jersey may be awarded. No cash or prime prizes may be awarded.

5.2.13.10 Photo finish or video camera is required for all mass start ROAD events.

5.2.13.11 The promoter must postmark refund checks within three weeks of the completion of the race or the promoter must add a 10% penalty to the check.

5.2.13.12 If there are no comparable toilet facilities available for use, a minimum of 2 portable toilet facilities must be provided (more are strongly encouraged when multiple categories start at the same time). The Conference Director may assess a penalty of up to \$100 per day per missing portable toilet.

#### **5.2.14 WCCC Registration and Pre-registration Procedures**

5.2.14.1 Each rider must present a valid racing license along with a photo ID to be checked at registration.

5.2.14.2 Pre-registration procedures established by the race promoter determine how many riders from each school are allowed to pre-register for each event when there are more pre-entries in an event than its field limit. At WCCC Road Conference Championships, squad limits define limits to pre-registration per school.

5.2.14.3 Individual, Team Time Trial and mountain bike events are excluded from this restriction. Each team may enter as many riders as the field limits allow in regular season road events with race-day entries processed on a first come first served basis.

5.2.14.4 Race-day Registration will open 1 1/2 hours before the first event and 2 hours before subsequent events.

5.2.14.5 A waiting list will start when registration is opened for an event and eligibility will be checked at that time. Open registration will be closed no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the event. Riders on the waiting list at the close of registration will be selected to fill available slots in an event in the following manner:

A. Riders from WCCC member teams that are not yet represented in the event are selected first.

B. Riders from WCCC teams that have the smallest representation in the event are selected next.

## **5.2.15 WCCC Rider Conduct**

*5.2.15.1 Riders must use the facilities provided by the promoter assuming they are adequate. The Conference Director may impose a penalty of up to \$50 for failure to do so if the promoter or host school complains. The officials and USAC District Representative are also free to act.*

*5.2.15.2 If a rider competes in an event who does not possess a currently valid racing license, the promoting team and the rider's team will forfeit all points for that race (all events in that race).*

*5.2.16 WCCC Visiting Team Rejection of Host Course on Safety Grounds. Participating teams have the power to cancel a race for grievous safety concerns. In this matter a single person will represent each team. If, before the first race of the day, 3/4 of the representatives concur, the race can be canceled. The cancellation must be for grievous violations and weather is excluded from this rule. After the racing has begun, the power to cancel a race rests with the chief official. If the race is canceled under this rule, the promoter must refund entry fees for races not completed, at the discretion of the Conference Director.*

## **5.3 CONFERENCE SCORING**

### **5.3.0 SEASON SCORING**

#### **5.3.0.1 General**

*5.3.0.1.1 Some schools will promote more than one race in each day but each race is scored separately, except for the WCCC Road Championships where all events are scored together.*

#### **5.3.0.1.2 TEAM FINISHES IN ALL DISCIPLINES ARE SCORED AS FOLLOWS:**

<i>1st</i>	<i>100 points</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>62 points</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>32 points</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>8 points</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>86 points</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>52 points</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>24 points</i>		
<i>3rd</i>	<i>74 points</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>42 points</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>16 points</i>		

*5.3.0.1.3 Season individual MenA and Women A and team omnium rankings are based upon the sum of selected regular season races and scoring at WCCC Championships.*

#### **5.3.0.2 Road Season Scoring**

*5.3.0.2.1 In WCCC mass start road events Categories are Men A,B,C & Women A,B. A school at most 3 riders per women's Category and four riders per men's Category. Additional riders from that school hold their place in the standings but their points are not. The totaling of prime and QOM/KOM points is exempt from this restriction.*

*5.3.0.2.2 Individual omnium standing counts top ten races of the regular season. Individual omnium points for RR's, ITT's and Criteriums are computed according to the ITT points schedule, with the rider scoring the most raw points getting first place omnium points, the rider scoring the second most raw points getting second place omnium points, etc.*

*5.3.0.2.3 At WCCC Road Championships, individual omnium scoring is based on 1.5 times the raw total (finish plus prime/KOM) points schedules for the individual events – TTT doesn't count toward individual omnium standings.*

*5.3.0.2.4 Team omnium standing counts each team's top 5 events from each half of the regular season. The WCCC director defines the midpoint of the season by the first race weekend of the season.*

5.3.0.2.5 RAW points earned at the WCCC Road Championships for all three events, using schedules 5.3.5, 5.3.6, and 5.3.10, are added to each team's regular season subtotal to determine its road season total.

### **5.3.0.3 MTB Season Scoring**

5.3.0.3.1 In WCCC MTB events, Categories are Men A,B,C & Women A,B. A school scores at most 3 riders per Category. Additional riders from that school hold their place in the standings but their points are not counted.

5.3.0.3.2 For the Regular Season, Individual omnium standing counts the greater of 6 races and 50% (rounding down) of the total number of races contested. Individual omnium points for XC, DH, DS and DCs are computed according to the ITT road points schedule, with the rider scoring the most points getting first place points, the rider scoring the second most points getting second place points, etc. Dual slaloms score to 16 for individual omnium, using 5th and 9th place points for riders eliminated in the quarter and eighth final rounds respectively.

5.3.0.3.3 At WCCC MTB Championships, individual omnium scoring is the sum of the raw points (from the schedules) for all championship events.

5.3.0.3.4 Regular Season Team Omnium Standing and subtotal are based on the sum of team points from the greater of 6 races and 33% (rounded down) of all races contested.

5.3.0.3.5 Team Omnium Scoring for each event at WCCC MTB championships is 2.0 times the regular season schedule (5.3.0.1.2). If a tie exists at the end of the conference championship weekend it will be broken by the team placing in the x-country event during the championship weekend.

### **5.3.0.4 Nationals Selection/Qualification**

5.3.0.4.1 Only road events count toward the team's and/or individual's qualification for road nationals. Only mountain bike events count toward a team's and/or individual's qualifications for mountain bike nationals. Each conference may decide how teams and individual are chosen for nationals within the limits allowed in rule 6.1.5.

5.3.0.4.2 Full Teams and Individuals (from non-qualifying teams only) are selected FOR ROAD NATIONALS based on their overall score for the season (as per 5.3.0 and within limits as per 6.1.4-5). Tie scores are broken by their place in the WCCC CONFERENCE Championships. Ties are broken by final place (not points) in the last event in the Men's and Women's A classes only.

5.3.0.4.3 Teams are selected for MTB Nationals based on partial regular season Team omnium rankings as of a date chosen by the Conference Director to maximize the basis in fall racing under the constraint of maintaining Nationals travel feasibility. The WCCC director may divide the WCCC's allocation into full and partial teams and may divide the remaining individual rider spots into Omnium qualifiers and Event or Discipline Specialists. The apportionment of the allocation between the above classes must be defined by the first fall WCCC race weekend.

5.3.0.4.4 Allocations may be apportioned differently for Div I and Div II.

5.3.0.4.5 In WCCC MTB events, Categories are Men A,B,C & Women A,B. A school scores at most 3 riders per Category. Additional riders from that school hold their place in the standings but their points are not counted.

*5.3.0.4.6 In WCCC mass start road events Categories are Men A,B,C & Women A,B. A school scores at most 3 riders per women's Category and four riders per men's Category. Additional riders from that school hold their place in the standings but their points are not counted. The totaling of prime and QOM/ KOM points is exempt from this restriction.*

5.3.1 Conferences may determine how many events count toward team and individual omnium for the regular season championship.

5.3.2 A conference may choose to allow bonuses such as double or triple points at conference championships, and may set standards for earning those points.

5.3.3 Conferences may set a maximum number of riders per school per category that may score points toward the team total (In effect for 2006). A maximum of 4 racers per school per category may score points towards the team total in each race (recommended for 2006, mandatory in 2007). Other riders from that school displace other competitors; they retain the points as individuals but the points are not awarded to the team.

5.3.4 In the case of a tie on total points, the tie will be broken in the favor of the team that has:

- The most first place finishes by Men's and Women's A or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men's and Women's A; the most 3rd place finishes by Men's and Women's A, or if still tied;
- The most first place finishes by Men's and Women's B or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men's and Women's B; the most 3rd place finishes by Men's and Women's B, or if still tied:
- The most first place finishes by Men's and Women's C or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men's and Women's C; the most 3rd place finishes by Men's and Women's C, or if still tied:
- The most first place finishes by Men's and Women's D or, if still tied, the most second place finishes by Men's and Women's D; the most 3rd place finishes by Men's and Women's D.

The scoring for NCCA road races and criteriums are as follows:

**5.3.5 CONFERENCE ROAD RACE AND ITT (ITT recommended for 2006, mandatory for 2007)  
INDIVIDUAL POINTS**

Place	Men/Women A	Men/Women B	Men C	Men D
1	80	48	32	20
2	70	42	24	16
3	63	36	18	12
4	57	32	15	8
5	51	28	12	5
6	45	24	9	4
7	40	21	7	3
8	35	15	5	2
9	30	12	4	1
10	26	9	3	

Place	Men/Women A	Men/Women B	Men C	Men D
11	22	7	2	
12	18	5	1	
13	15	3		
14	12	2		
15	9	1		
16	7			
17	5			
18	3			
19	2			
20	1			

### 5.3.6 CONFERENCE CRITERIUM INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Place	Men/Women A	Men/Women B	Men C	Men D	Primes
1	70	41	22	12	5
2	64	35	16	9	3
3	58	31	13	7	2
4	52	27	10	6	1
5	46	23	9	5	
6	41	18	8	4	
7	36	15	6	3	
8	31	13	5	2	
9	27	11	4	1	
10	23	9	3		
11	19	7	2		
12	15	5	1		
13	12	3			
14	9	2			
15	7	1			
16	5				
17	4				
18	3				
19	2				
20	1				

5.3.7 The number of primes per category for criteriums are as follows:

Men A	Men B	Men C	Men D	Women A	Women B
6	4	3	2	6	4

*5.3.7.1 Hot spots and King/Queen of the Mountain (KOM/QOM) sprints can be contested in road races. These are scored the same as a prime in a criterium. The maximum number offered per category per race is:*

<i>Men A</i>	<i>Men B</i>	<i>Men C</i>	<i>Men D</i>	<i>Women A</i>	<i>Women B</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>

5.3.8 Any prime prizes must be awarded on the same laps as points primes. Any prime prizes must be awarded to the team of the rider who wins the prime and not the individual rider.

5.3.9 Teams for team time trials shall be made up of three to four racers for both men and women. The time for the team is taken when the front wheel of the third rider crosses the finish line for both men and women. Only women may compete in the women's Team Time Trial. A men's Team Time Trial squad may be composed of both men and women. The team time trial points count only toward the team standings. A maximum number of one Team Time Trial Team from each school may score points in each category. Additional placing teams displace other competitors.

*5.3.9.1 In WCCC Team Time Trial events, Categories are Men A,B and Women (A?). A school scores at most one team in Men A, two teams in men B, and one team in Women(A?). Additional teams from that school hold their place in the standings but their points are not counted. Each school may register no more than three teams per category.*

5.3.10 Recommended TTT scoring for 2006 road season, mandatory for 2007 road season:

Place	Men/Women A	Men/Women B	Men C	Men D
1	110	65	42	27
2	92	52	33	20
3	79	43	25	14
4	68	36	18	10
5	58	30	14	
6	49	24		
7	42	19		
8	36	16		
9	31			
10	26			

5.3.11 The scoring for individuals in NCCA conference mountain bike cross-country events is as follows:

Place	Men A/Women A	Men B/Women B	Men C
1	120	65	35
2	115	62	33
3	110	59	31
4	105	56	29
5	100	53	27
6	95	50	25
7	92	48	24
8	89	46	23
9	86	44	22
10	83	42	21
11	80	40	20
12	78	39	19
13	76	38	18
14	74	37	17
15	72	36	16
16	70	35	15
17	68	34	14
18	66	33	13
19	64	32	12
20	62	31	11
21	60	30	10
22	58	29	9
23	56	28	8
24	54	27	7
25	52	26	6
26	50	25	5
27	48	24	4
28	46	23	3
29	44	22	2
30	42	21	1

Place	Men/Women A	Men/Women B	Men C
31	40	20	
32	38	19	
33	36	18	
34	34	17	
35	32	16	
36	30	15	
37	28	14	
38	26	13	
39	24	12	
40	22	11	
41	20	10	
42	18	9	
43	16	8	
44	14	7	
45	12	6	
46	10	5	
47	8	4	
48	6	3	
49	4	2	
50	2	1	

5.3.12 The scoring for individuals in NCCA conference mountain bike dual slalom or mountain cross events is as follows:

Place	Men A/Women A	Men B/Women B	Men C
1	78	42	23
2	75	40	21
3	72	38	20
4	68	36	19
5	60	30	15
6	60	30	15
7	60	30	15
8	60	30	15
9	50	20	5
10	50	20	5
11	50	20	5
12	50	20	5
13	50	20	5
14	50	20	5
15	50	20	5
16	50	20	5
17	38	10	
18	38	10	
19	38	10	
20	38	10	
21	38	10	
22	38	10	
23	38		
24	38		
25	38		
26	38		
27	38		
28	38		
29	38		
30	38		
31	38		
32	38		

5.3.12.1 The scoring for individuals in WCCC conference mountain bike downhill, super downhill, dual slalom or mountain cross events is as follows:

Place	Men A/Women A	Men B/Women B	Men C
1	78	42	24
2	75	40	23
3	72	38	22
4	68	36	21
5	65	34	20
6	62	32	19
7	59	30	18
8	56	28	17
9	53	26	16
10	50	24	15
11	47	22	14
12	44	21	13
13	41	20	12
14	38	19	11
15	35	18	10
16	32	17	9
17	29	16	8
18	26	15	7
19	23	14	6
20	20	13	5
21	18	12	4
22	16	11	3
23	14	10	2
24	12	9	1
25	10	8	
26	9	7	
27	8	6	
28	7	5	
29	6	4	
30	5	3	
31	4	2	
32	3	1	

5.3.13 The scoring for all other mountain bike events will be left up to each conference.

5.3.14 Out of conference riders' points and qualifications status will be determined by the Conference Director.

*5.3.14.1 Non-conference teams may pre-enter WCCC regular season races at the option of the host school. They shall be allocated spots only after all entries for pre-entered conference teams are honored. Non-conference riders do not score points nor do they displace conference riders from scoring.*

## **6. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **6.1 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

The following requirements are for all Collegiate National Championships.

6.1.1 All riders and their collegiate cycling team must be current members of the NCCA. There will be no rider or club licensing on site at the championships.

6.1.2 Full-time students competing in national championships must submit proof of eligibility (NCCA Eligibility Verification Form) at registration. This form is available from USA Cycling and Conference Directors.

6.1.3 In order to be eligible to compete at collegiate road, track, mountain bike and/or cyclocross National Collegiate Championships, each athlete must meet minimum enrollment requirements at the time of competition. These requirements include the following, based on the most recent academic term:

- Undergraduate and graduate students must be enrolled as “full time students”, as defined by the collegiate institution.
- Graduate students meeting these requirements must be making full-time progress towards completion of a graduate degree.
- Recent Graduates must have been eligible in the most recent academic term (defined above) and completed the requirements for a graduate or undergraduate degree. In addition this student must provide written verification confirming this status.
- Deadlines: road-spring session, track - fall or summer session, mountain bike - fall session, cyclocross - fall session, freshman (registered but not having started classes for current session) - paid session fees. For track nationals, if a rider has not started school, verification of tuition payment must be provided.

6.1.4 Riders must have competed in an A race during the conference season in order to compete at National Championships with the exception of track and cyclocross. For disciplines without conference competitions, qualification shall be at the discretion of the Conference Director. Additional qualification requirements by discipline are detailed in this rulebook as appropriate.

6.1.5 Each conference qualifies individual riders or teams, based on the percentage of the total number of NCCA riders in each conference. Number of riders per conference is based on the total annual collegiate membership count on December 31 of the previous year. Each conference is guaranteed at least one team entry and one individual male and female entry per division at the NCCA National Championships.

6.1.6 Only conference road events count toward a team's and/or individual's qualification for road nationals. Only conference mountain bike events count toward a team's and/or individual's qualifications for mountain bike nationals. Each conference may decide how teams and individuals are chosen for nationals within the limits allowed in rule 6.1.4. Only finish points from Category A racers count towards qualifications to national championships.

6.1.7 The school hosting the national championship event automatically qualifies a team.

6.1.8 The previous individual national champions are invited to compete in the current nationals, providing proof of eligibility (whether the team attends or not). If those members are on teams that have already qualified for the event, they will serve as members of these teams, not as additional riders. Under no circumstances may a team include more than eight men and eight women.

6.1.9 At all events, all riders must wear identifiably similar team jerseys or blank jerseys with the school's name or abbreviation prominently displayed.

6.1.10 Collegiate National Champions are permitted to wear their National Championship jersey only in the collegiate event that they won. (i.e. road = road, criterium=criterium) The previous year's National Champion may not wear his/her jersey in the next year's National Championship race.

6.1.11 Eligibility issues for National Collegiate Championships, which may result in a rider or team not competing at the current national championships, may be protested only before the start of the first event at the National Collegiate Championships in question. The Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees or their designate will have final say regarding all eligibility issues. Start lists for all Collegiate Nationals shall be posted with sufficient notice prior to the start of the first event of each National Championship.

## **6.2 FORMAT**

The following rules are for all Collegiate National Championships.

6.2.1 Individual National Championship event winners will be recognized as National Champions with National Championship jerseys awarded to first place, and gold, silver and bronze medals awarded to first through fifth places.

6.2.2 The team title is determined by the highest cumulative point total of all of the men's and women's events and the team is recognized as national champions with national championship jerseys. In addition gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for first through fifth places.

6.2.3 Men's and women's individual omnium championships titles shall be determined by summing the points scored by individual riders across all individual events. Men and women will be scored separately within Division I and Division II for the individual omnium.

6.2.4 In the case of a tie on total points, the tie will be broken in the favor of the rider who has:

- The most first place finishes or, if still tied, the most second place finishes, the most third place finishes, the most fourth place finishes, the most fifth place finishes, or if still tied;
- The highest placing in the last race, or the race nearest the last race of the omnium in which at least one of the tied riders placed.

6.2.5 Riders in the team events must belong to the same school; there are no composite teams.

6.2.6 Teams may bring no more than 8 men and 8 women to any single national championship event.

### 6.3 ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

6.3.1 The following are the suggested distances for the events for the national collegiate road championships.

Event	Men	Women
Road Race	60-150 km	60-100 km
Criterium	60-90 minutes	45-60 minutes
Team Time Trial	25-35 km	25-35 km

6.3.2 Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses for the national road championships. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances at the time of the event based on these considerations.

6.3.3 Separate road races and criterium races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championships.

### 6.4 ROAD QUALIFICATIONS

6.4.1 Any single team may enter four individuals in the road race, four in the team time trial and three in the criterium. Up to four riders per team may be allowed in the criterium provided that the field limit will not be exceeded. Riders must designate the mass start events they will be participating in at registration.

6.4.2 To compete in mass start events at Collegiate Road Nationals, riders must have competed in their respective conference championships as a category A racer in the road race and criterium events. Riders must have furthermore competed in at least one other mass-start event in the current conference season as a category A rider. Riders who do not participate in their conference championships must have competed as a category A racer in their final three mass-start conference races during the current season. If the conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements a petition may be made to the Collegiate Cycling Board of Trustees, whose decision shall be final.

### 6.5 ROAD RACING REGULATIONS

6.5.1 USCF Category A event racing regulations are in effect for the championship road race, criterium, and team time trial.

6.5.2 The total individual points for a given team in each race will be summed by event and the resulting rank ordering of this tally will determine the team placing for that race. Team placing for both men and women will be equally valued and will be awarded to the top 40 teams per event.

6.5.3 The criterium field limit is 127.

6.5.4 The road race field limit for both men and women is 169 riders.

6.5.5 Bonus point primes will be offered in the criterium. The men will have six primes and the women will have four on a scale of 7, 5, 3, 2, 1, for first through fifth place. These will apply to both the individual and team omnium.

6.5.6 Any prime prizes must be awarded on the same laps as points primes. Any prime prizes must be awarded to the team of the rider who wins the prime and not the individual rider.

6.5.7 Team Time Trials consists of no more than four riders with a minimum of three riders for both men and women. Teams will be timed on the leading wheel of the third rider for both men and women. Riders must be from the same school; no composite teams are allowed.

6.5.8 Staging for mass-start events at road nationals shall proceed as follows: Conference Omnium Champions and the previous year's National Champions will be called to the line. Then staging groups each consisting of one representative per team will be called to the line, one school at a time based on the previous academic year's team overall rankings. Only one rider per team may be in each staging group.

## 6.6 POINTS SCHEDULE: Road Nationals

### INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Place	Men/Women Road Race	Men/Women Criterium	Primes
1	166	100	7
2	156	88	5
3	148	80	3
4	140	72	2
5	132	66	1
6	126	60	
7	120	56	
8	114	52	
9	108	48	
10	102	44	
11	96	40	
12	92	38	
13	88	36	
14	84	34	
15	80	32	
16	76	30	
17	73	28	
18	70	26	
19	67	24	
20	64	22	

Place	Men/Women Road Race	Men/Women Criterium	Primes
21	61	20	
22	58	18	
23	56	16	
24	54	14	
25	52	12	
26	50	10	
27	48	8	
28	46	6	
29	44	4	
30	42	2	
31	40		
32	38		
33	36		
34	34		
35	32		
36	30		
37	28		
38	26		
39	24		
40	22		
41	20		
42	18		
43	16		
44	14		
45	12		
46	10		
47	8		
48	6		
49	4		
50	2		

TEAM POINTS (Road Nationals)

Place	Men/Women Road Race	Men/Women Criterium, TTT
1	120	84
2	110	77
3	102	71
4	95	66
5	89	62
6	83	58
7	78	54
8	73	51
9	69	48
10	65	45
11	61	42
12	58	39
13	55	36
14	52	34
15	50	32
16	48	30
17	46	28
18	44	26
19	42	24
20	40	22

Place	Men/Women Road Race	Men/Women Criterium, TTT
21	38	20
22	36	19
23	34	18
24	32	17
25	30	16
26	28	15
27	26	14
28	24	13
29	22	12
30	20	11
31	18	10
32	16	9
33	14	8
34	12	7
35	10	6
36	8	5
37	6	4
38	4	3
39	2	2
40	1	1

## **6.7 TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

6.7.1 The following races shall count toward the men's omnium: Sprints (Championship format), 3k Time Trial, 30k Points Race and Kilometer Time Trial.

6.7.2 The following races shall count toward the women's omnium: Sprints (Championship format), 2k Time Trial, 500m Time Trial and 20k Points Race.

6.7.3 The following team races are to be held: Italian Pursuit, Women's Team Sprint and Men's Team Pursuit.

6.7.4 A team may register a maximum of eight men and eight women at track nationals with a maximum of 4 riders per team in any single race.

6.7.5 The Women's Team Sprint may be ridden with a minimum of 2 riders.

6.7.6 The Italian pursuit is a six-lap race with a minimum of two and a maximum of six riders with at least one woman and no more than 4 men per team. The women must lead the team for a minimum of two laps. The Italian Pursuit follows the same format as the Olympic Sprint.

## **6.8 TRACK QUALIFICATIONS**

In order to compete in the collegiate track championships, riders must either successfully complete a track safety course or submit a participation form that verifies that the rider has safely competed in a track event prior to national championships. Riders must have a USCF category of 4 or above. A male rider must have a USCF Track Category 3 or above designation to compete in the Points Race.

## **6.9 TRACK FORMAT**

6.9.1 National Collegiate Track Championships must take place in the course of three full days, with a fourth day scheduled for inclement weather.

6.9.2 A rider is limited to competing in only three individual races, not including team races. These events must be declared at time of registration.

6.9.3 For team competitions, teams are limited to one participating school per race.

## **6.10 TRACK RACING REGULATIONS**

6.10.1 USCF track racing regulations are in effect for the championships, as listed in the USCF Rules of Bicycle Racing.

## 6.11 POINTS SCHEDULE: TRACK CYCLING

### INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Place	Men/Women
1	40
2	35
3	32
4	30
5	28
6	26
7	24
8	22
9	20
10	18
11	16
12	14
13	12
14	10
15	9
16	8
17	7
18	6
19	5
20	4

### TEAM POINTS

Place	Individual Events	Team Events
1	90	90
2	80	80
3	74	74
4	68	68
5	62	62
6	56	56
7	50	50
8	44	44
9	38	38
10	32	32
11	28	
12	24	
13	20	
14	16	
15	12	
16	8	
17	6	
18	4	
19	2	
20	1	

**6.12 MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

6.12.1 National Championship Disciplines: The cross-country, Short Track and downhill and one of Dual Slalom, Mountain Cross or Dual must be conducted as National Championship events.

6.12.2 Staging for mass-start events at mountain bike nationals: Conference Omnium Champions and the previous year’s National Champions will be called the line. Then a staging group consisting of one representative per team will be called to the line, one school at a time based on the previous academic year’s team overall rankings. Only one rider per team may be in each staging group.

6.12.3 National Championship Events: The following are the suggested times for the events for the national collegiate mountain bike cross country championships.

Men	Women
A: 2-2:30 hours	A: 1:45-2:15 hours

6.12.4 Separate cross country races and short track races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championships.

**6.13 QUALIFICATIONS**

6.13.1 The total field size for each Men’s and Women’s National Championship cross-country race is 175 competitors.

6.13.2 One team of four riders per conference will be allocated, plus one host team for the National Championships. This equals 44 riders allocated. The remaining 131 positions will be based on the conference allocations, as is done for Road Nationals.

6.13.3 Eligible teams may consist of a maximum of eight men and eight women. Of those riders, only four men and women may compete in the cross-country, short track, dual slalom, dual, mountain cross and downhill events. Clubs must identify the members of the team who will start in each event at race registration.

6.13.4 In conferences with very small fields or few or no collegiate mountain bike events, qualification is at the discretion of the Conference Director.

**6.14 MOUNTAIN BIKE REGULATIONS**

6.14.1 NORBA racing regulations are in effect for NCCA Mountain Bike Championships.

6.14.2 The total individual points for a given team in each race will be summed by event and the resulting rank ordering of this tally will determine the team placing for that race. Team placing for both men and women will be equally valued and will be awarded to the top 40 teams per event.

## 6.15 POINTS SCHEDULE: MOUNTAIN BIKE

### INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Place	XC	ST/DH	DS
1	200	140	140
2	186	130	120
3	174	122	100
4	164	114	80
5	156	108	60
6	150	102	60
7	144	98	60
8	140	94	60
9	136	90	30
10	132	86	30
11	130	82	30
12	128	78	30
13	126	74	30
14	124	70	30
15	122	67	30
16	120	64	30
17	118	61	15
18	116	58	15
19	114	55	15
20	112	52	15
21	110	49	15
22	108	46	15
23	106	44	15
24	104	42	15
25	102	40	15
26	100	38	15
27	98	36	15
28	96	34	15
29	94	32	15
30	92	30	15

Place	XC	ST/DH	DS
31	90	28	15
32	88	26	15
33	86	24	
34	84	22	
35	82	20	
36	80	18	
37	78	16	
38	76	14	
39	74	12	
40	72	11	
41	70	10	
42	68	9	
43	66	8	
44	64	7	
45	62	6	
46	60	5	
47	58	4	
48	56	3	
49	54	2	
50	52	1	
51	50		
52	48		
53	46		
54	44		
55	42		
56	40		
57	38		
58	36		
59	34		
60	32		

INDIVIDUAL POINTS (continued)

Place	XC	ST/DH	DS
61	30		
62	28		
63	26		
64	24		
65	22		
66	20		
67	18		
68	16		
69	14		
70	12		
71	10		
72	8		
73	6		
74	4		
75	2		

Place	Men/Women XC	Men/Women ST, DH, DS
12	58	39
13	55	36
14	52	34
15	50	32
16	48	30
17	46	28
18	44	26
19	42	24
20	40	22
21	38	20
22	36	19
23	34	18
24	32	17
25	30	16
26	28	15
27	26	14
28	24	13
29	22	12
30	20	11
31	18	10
32	16	9
33	14	8
34	12	7
35	10	6
36	8	5
37	6	4
38	4	3
39	2	2
40	1	1

TEAM POINTS (Mountain Bike)

Place	Men/Women XC	Men/Women ST, DH, DS
1	120	84
2	110	77
3	102	71
4	95	66
5	89	62
6	83	58
7	78	54
8	73	51
9	69	48
10	65	45
11	61	42

## **6.16 CYCLO-CROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

6.16.1 Collegiate Cyclocross National Championships take place during the USCF Cyclocross National Championships.

6.16.2 The collegiate race is 45 minutes for men and 45 minutes for women.

6.16.3 The top four men and women per team score points by using the Nationals Road Race points schedule.

6.16.4 The team Omnium is determined using the same procedure as for Road National Championships.

6.16.5 Staging for cyclocross nationals shall proceed as follows: Conference Omnium Champions and the previous year's National Champions will be called to the line. Then staging groups each consisting of one representative per team will be called to the line, one school at a time based on the previous academic year's team overall rankings. Only one rider per team may be in each staging group.

## **6.17 HEARINGS**

6.17.1 Hearings shall be conducted according to USAC Policy IV.

## **6.18 NCCA ALL-AMERICAN CYCLING TEAM**

6.18.1 Each school year, at the conclusion of the final national collegiate championship, the top five men and five women overall per division from road, track, cyclo-cross, mountain bike championships will be named to the All-American Collegiate Cycling Team.

6.18.2 These individuals will be recognized on the NCCA and USAC website and will receive a certificate of recognition.

## **6.19 TOP 20 RANKINGS**

6.19.1 The top 20 ranked collegiate cycling teams are determined by taking the top-20 teams at the road, track, mountain bike and cyclocross national championships and assigning each points on a scale of 1-20 (i.e., first place = 20 points). Each club's points are added together and the club with the highest total points earns first place, ranked to the 20th place.

6.19.2 Overall school rankings are based upon performance at national championships. The rankings are determined immediately following the Collegiate Road National Championships.

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# **BYLAWS OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CYCLING ASSOCIATION**

## **1. NAME, PURPOSE, AFFILIATION**

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the National Collegiate Cycling Association (“NCCA”).
- 1.2 The purpose of the NCCA shall be to promote competitive cycling for students at colleges, universities and similar degree-granting educational institutions in the United States.
- 1.3 The NCCA shall be an association of USA Cycling, Inc. (“USA Cycling”) and shall operate under and be subject to USA Cycling regulations.

## **2. EMBLEM**

The emblem of the NCCA shall be determined by the USA Cycling Executive Director, (“ED”). No person or organization may use the name or emblem of the NCCA in advertising, soliciting goods or services, or promoting without the written consent of the NCCA.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 The NCCA’s membership shall consist of individuals (“Members”) who meet the following criteria and the eligibility standards set forth from time to time in the NCCA Rule Book:
  - 3.1.1.1 NCCA individual members must be full time students in good standing as defined by the bursar or registrar at the member’s post-secondary school.
  - 3.1.1.2 NCCA individual members must be members in good standing of the NCCA club at their school.
  - 3.1.1.3 Members must be USA Cycling license-holders with an add-on NCCA license and in good standing with the NCCA.

## **4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- 4.1 The governance and general management of the NCCA shall be vested in its Board of Trustees (the “Board” and the collective individuals of the Board, “Trustees”, or separate individuals of the Board, “Trustee”). The initial members of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the members of the committee of NCCA as approved at the NCCA committee meeting on May 10, 2003, and as existed prior to March 5, 2004, who shall serve as Trustees until the first elected Board of Trustees is seated pursuant to these Bylaws.
- 4.2 The Board shall meet officially two times annually. In addition, the Chair, the ED or President of USA Cycling or a majority of the Board may call special meetings of the Board. Meetings of the Board may occur in person or via conference telephone call.
- 4.3 The Board shall consist of five Trustees, four Membership Trustees and one Eligible Athlete Trustee.
- 4.4 Trustees shall earn no salary or other compensation from NCCA or USA Cycling for their services as a Trustee.
- 4.5 To create staggered terms, two of the initial Membership Trustees shall serve one-year terms and the other two of the initial Membership Trustees shall serve two-year terms. Thereafter, all Membership Trustees shall serve two-year terms.

4.6 Eligible Athletes shall elect the Eligible Athlete Trustee pursuant to the USA Cycling bylaws. The Eligible Athlete Trustee shall serve a two-year term.

4.7 In the event a Trustee resigns before his or her term has expired or is otherwise unable to complete his or her term, a replacement shall be selected pursuant to the USA Cycling amended and restated bylaws, to serve the remainder of the term.

4.8 The Board shall have the following officers, each of whom the Board shall elect annually.

4.8.1 The Chair shall call all official meetings and preside at all official and special meetings.

4.8.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for notice, minutes and all other official records of the NCCA.

4.8.3 One Trustee shall be responsible for representing the NCCA on the Board of Directors of USA Cycling.

4.8.4 The Board may explain, define, and interpret any provision of these bylaws, subject to the authority of the USA Cycling Board of Directors.

## **5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

5.1 Election of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of two classes of Trustees, as follows. The dates of nominations and elections shall be as specified in USA Cycling Bylaws.

5.1.1 Member Trustees. Member Trustee candidates shall be nominated by petition of five members of the NCCA.

5.1.2 Athlete Trustees. Candidates must be qualified to serve as NCCA Athlete Trustees under USA Cycling Bylaws. Only members who are Eligible Athletes by virtue of membership in the NCCA may nominate candidates or vote in Athlete Trustee elections.

5.2 Member and Athlete Trustee Election Schedule

5.2.1 Nomination notices shall be published no later than May 1 of each year. All nomination petitions and signed acceptances thereof must be sent to NCCA headquarters no later than June 1.

5.2.2 No later than August 15 ballots shall be mailed, including but not limited to electronic mail, by NCCA headquarters to NCCA members who were members on August 1. Ballots and candidate statements will also be posted on the USA Cycling website by August 15th.

5.2.3 Trustees shall take office at the first meeting of the Board following the NCCA Trustee election.

## **6. COMMITTEES**

6.1 The Board shall have the following standing committee, the members of which shall be appointed by the Board and at least 20% of which each shall be an Eligible Athlete.

6.1.1 The Rules Committee shall be responsible for creating, interpreting, and amending the rules under which NCCA competitions are held. The ED or a person designated by the ED shall, with advice of the trustees, interpret the Racing Rules in periods between meetings of the Board of Trustees.

6.2 In addition, the Board may establish, regulate and disband other committees as necessary to achieve the purpose of the NCCA.

6.3 The Board shall determine the membership of all committees at least annually. At least one member of each Committee shall be a Trustee. Eligible Athlete committee members need not be Trustees. All committees shall report to the Board through a representative not less frequently than semi-annually. The Board may set such other requirements for its committees as it sees fit.

## **7. AMENDMENTS**

7.1 The Board may amend these bylaws at any official or special meeting of the Board subject to ratification by the USA Cycling Board of Directors. The approval of a majority of the Board is required for such an amendment to have effect.

7.2 Any Trustee may propose an amendment. Such a proposal shall be submitted at least fifteen days in advance of the Board meeting at which it is to be voted on and must include: The name of the proposal; the reason for the proposal; the effect of the proposal, if adopted; and a version of the portions of the bylaws to be amended that indicates what is to be added, what is to be deleted and what is to be changed.