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16.8 2015-2016 Colorado Cross Cup

In an effort to create the best possible cyclo-cross racing for Colorado, the Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado has created the Colorado Cross Cup policy to meet the needs of our racers, venues, officials and race organizers. This BRAC Policy is in addition to the USA Cycling Rulebook. In the event of conflict between these documents, USAC Rules take precedence.

16.8.1 GOALS OF THE COLORADO CROSS CUP

- Recognize the best Colorado Cross Cup Individuals and Teams in designated categories
- Encourage teamwork and competitiveness
- Effectively manage length of race day for race directors
- Provide consistent racing schedules for athletes
- Encourage quality event promotion
- Effectively manage the race calendar
- Provide equal opportunities for race directors to organize events

16.8.2 COLORADO CROSS CUP REGULATIONS

- The Colorado Cross Cup will use a multi-tiered scoring system with three different levels of events: Gold Tier, Silver Tier, and Bronze Tier. The points offered for these levels can be found in this Policy, Section 16.8.11.

16.8.2.1 REGISTRATION

- Race flyers must be posted 30 days in advance of pre-registration deadline.
- Registration for Colorado Cross Cup Events:
 - Must close a minimum of 40 minutes before each race start.
 - It is recommended that pre-registration be available until at least 36 hours before the event starts.
 - Pre-registration is recommended and race directors are strongly encouraged to provide a \$10 discount for pre-registered riders.
 - Race directors shall provide a separate line for pre-registered riders to pick up their race numbers.
 - Pre-registration files must include the following validated data and be sent to the timing company or race director 18 hours in advance of first race if requested.
 - First and Last Name
 - Category
 - **Validated** USAC License Number
 - Gender
 - Racer's state of residence
 - BRAC Day of Race Registration Program required to be used for onsite registration.
 - Electronic start lists and results must include verified USAC license numbers.

16.8.2.2 Course Preview




- Riders are allowed to preview the course at times designated by the race flyer and by the Chief Referee. A green flag will be flown near the start/finish line when the course is open for previewing. Alternatively, a red flag, or absence of a flag, will designate that the course is closed for preview. Riders shall exit the course when the red flag is visible or when notified to leave the course. Riders may preview the course by following a race group just after the start of the race. Riders must not interfere with any ongoing race. Riders previewing the course should always respect the rights of active racers. Failure to abide by this preview policy may result in disqualification for poor sportsmanship. The Chief Referee is the final authority on course preview.

16.8.3 CALENDAR CREATION, EVENT SELECTION AND RACE DESIGNATION

- In order for an event to appear on the BRAC Racing Calendar and be part of the Colorado Cross Cup, the following conditions must be met:
 - Promoting clubs must be current members, in good standing, of both USA Cycling and the Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado.
 - Race Director or club has properly applied for the status of CROSS CUP, in writing, and paid the calendar race date fee.
- BRAC will attempt to balance the schedule for equal opportunity for all race groups to compete in the CROSS CUP.

- BRAC will attempt to balance the schedule to give equal opportunities for race directors to put on events.
- The Assignment of Points Designations is based on the following criteria:
 - Quality of the past event as indicated by Chief Referee reports.
 - Quality of the past event as indicated by post-event athlete race surveys.
 - Points Designation level requested by the event organizer.
 - Attendance-by-race- group report of past events compiled by BRAC Membership Manager.
 - The race director's organization, event location, and timing on the calendar.
 - BRAC Technical Committee recommendations based on survey analysis of past promotions by club/race director.
 - Race director's history in promoting races and contributions to Colorado cycling.
- In the winter of each year, the BRAC Membership Manager will collect Race Date Request Forms and Calendar Date Fees from BRAC clubs that wish to host a cyclo-cross race in the upcoming season. Each spring, BRAC will host a Cross Promoters' Meeting to create the upcoming cyclo-cross season based on the dates requested by the clubs and race directors.
- On weekends where a race is scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday, the respective race directors will decide among themselves, which race director will adopt the Option 1 schedule and which director will adopt the Option 2 schedule. If the race directors are unable to agree prior to September 1st, BRAC will make the determination. In the event that a single race director is responsible for an event on both days of the same weekend, one day must adopt Option 1 while the other day adopts Option 2.
- From the calendar created at the Spring Cross Race Directors' Meeting, BRAC shall select the Colorado Cross Cup events and then offer a particular points designation level (Gold Tier, Silver Tier, or Bronze Tier) to weekend events that are promoted by BRAC member clubs.
- First year events and/or event organizers who cancelled an event in the previous year for reasons other than weather, will be considered probationary and therefore must prove to the Board of Directors beyond a reasonable doubt that they should be awarded a points designation higher than Bronze. Probationary races may not receive their first choice of race date without BRAC approval.
- Race organizers have the option to not be part of the Colorado Cross Cup (i.e. their event has no points designation).
- Events added to the race calendar after the calendar has been released with designations will be offered no more than a Bronze designation.
- Colorado Cross Cup event designations may be changed or removed if minimum times/distances, as specified in section 16.8.10, are not met and/or the times between finish/start of each race group was not approved by the Chief Referee.
- Failure to meet Colorado Cross Cup policy standards may result in loss of Colorado Cross Cup status for the current year's events and cause the club/organizer to be ineligible for Colorado Cross Cup status the following year.
- Changes in race venue may result in a change to Colorado Cross Cup points designation, and must be approved by BRAC.
- Mid-Week races will not be part of the COLORADO CROSS CUP point competition (Friday night races may be considered through a written request to BRAC).

16.8.3.1 CUP TIER REQUIREMENTS

	Technology	High Speed Camera or Chip Timing with Video Back Up
	Prize List	Cash SM Pro-1-2: 10 deep : Cash SW Pro-1-2: 5 deep
	Spectacle & Safety	Food vendors, high quality announcers and sound, expo, formal podium, recognize Cup leaders and State Champions, solid fencing last 100 meters, official photographer, neutral support. Pre-J Events are strongly encouraged.
	Officials Enclosure & Staffing	Enclosed, weatherproof, wind-proof, elevated, safe and shaded space for race officials. This space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers. The Chief Referee has the final decision regarding the most suitable judging location for the officials. Staffed at USA Cycling guidelines at a minimum. Radios are required for communication between Race Director, Chief Referee, Chief Judge, Registration, Medical; additional radio distribution is suggested.
	Technology	High Speed Camera or Chip Timing with Video Back Up
	Prize List	Cash SM Pro-1-2: 5 deep : Cash SW Pro-1-2: 3 deep
	Spectacle & Safety	Quality announcers and sound, formal podium, recognize Cup leaders and State Champions, solid fencing last 50 meters. Neutral support encouraged. Pre-J Events are strongly encouraged.
	Officials Enclosure & Staffing	Enclosed, weatherproof, wind-proof, elevated, safe and shaded space for race officials. This space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers. The Chief Referee has the final decision regarding the most suitable judging location for the officials. Staffed at USA Cycling guidelines at a minimum. Radios are required for communication between Race Director, Chief Referee, Chief Judge, Registration, Medical; additional radio distribution is suggested.
	Technology	High Speed Camera or Chip Timing with Video Back Up
	Prize List	Race Director Discretion (Cash Encouraged)
	Spectacle & Safety	Announcers and sound, formal podium. Neutral support encouraged. Pre-J Events are encouraged.
	Officials Enclosure & Staffing	Enclosed, weatherproof, wind-proof, elevated, safe and shaded space for race officials. This space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers. The Chief Referee has the final decision regarding the most suitable judging location for the officials. Staffed at USA Cycling guidelines at a minimum. Radios are required for communication between Race Director, Chief Referee, Chief Judge, Registration, Medical; additional radio distribution is suggested.
NON CUP	Technology	Finish Line Camera**
	Prize List	Race Director Discretion
	Officials Enclosure & Staffing	Officials Work Area. Elevated and covered platform with table, chairs, laps counter, and bell. Per USA Cycling specifications at a minimum.

* A 'High Speed Camera' is defined as a camera with the capability to produce images at a minimum speed of 1,500 line scans per second.

** Not necessarily a high speed camera, but good video system with playback capability while still filming

16.8.4 RIDER AND CLUB ELIGIBILITY

- BRAC annual members may earn points in the Colorado Cross Cup rider competition. There is no specific Category 5 CUP Competition.
- BRAC member clubs in good standing may earn points for the Team Competition.
- BRAC one-day members are not eligible for Cup points.
- Points earned before annual membership is obtained **will not** be counted in the rider's points or team's points total.

16.8.5 COLORADO CROSS CUP RIDER AND CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- USAC and BRAC club and rider license and membership fees have been paid for riders and their club.
- The correct category and club affiliation is shown on their profiles on both www.usacycling.org and www.coloradocycling.org by September 1.
- Riders must read the event flyer for start times, distances, timing requirements, and guidelines specific to each event, and check the BRAC home page for any changes to the event.
- Rider must arrive to the call-up/staging area at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their event. If late, they will enter the start grid after the most recently called rider or wave has been allowed to stage.
- Rider will verify his/her placing on the official results that are posted at the race venue.
- Riders and Teams will monitor the Colorado Cross Cup points standings on the BRAC website, and submit questions to the BRAC Executive Director.

16.8.6 COLORADO CROSS CUP RACE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- The club/race director will abide by all Colorado Cross Cup policies.
- The club/race director agrees to collect and pay all fees as outlined in the BRAC Schedule of Fees.
- Event should have a professional appearance and atmosphere as outlined in section 16.8.7.
- In the event of a weather cancelation, the race director shall call the Chief Referee, the BRAC Membership Manager, and the BRAC Executive Director to inform them of the situation as soon as possible.

16.8.7 COLORADO CROSS CUP VENUE, EVENT AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

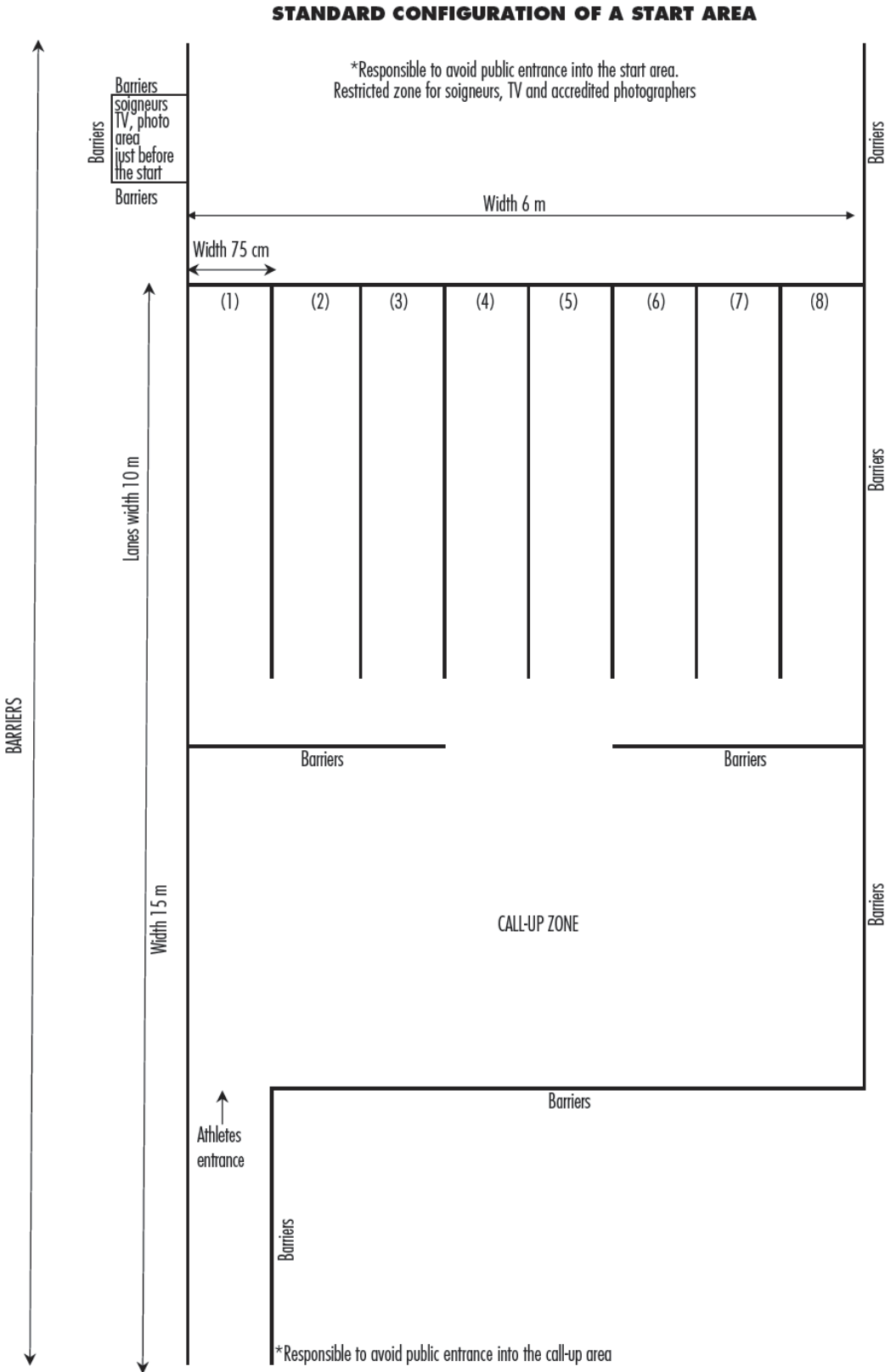
- Colorado Cross Cup events must provide a safe, weather-proof, elevated, and shaded space for race officials.
- Events with no Cup designation must provide a safe, shaded, weather-protected space for officials.
- At all events, the official's space must be positioned such that officials can clearly see oncoming racers.
- The Chief Referee has the final decision regarding the most suitable judging location for the officials.

- All venues and courses MUST meet the following distance, width, safety, and sporting requirements:
 - The course must be at least a 7 minute lap for the SM Open category leaders.
 - The entire course should be at least 3 rideable meters in width (the course ultimately needs to provide reasonable and safe passing for the duration of the lap).
 - All open area turns shall be marked with 2" wide or greater course tape, e.g., "caution" tape, fencing or cones (cones for pavement/roads only). Note: surveyors' flags or 1" tape does not meet this criteria.
 - At least 200 meters of firm surface after the start must be free of obstructions and sharp turns (as per USAC Rules).
 - A double-entry service pit should be located approximately half-way through the course.
 - Finish must be on a firm surface and free of obstructions and sharp turns for final 100 meters and 50 meters past the finish (as per USAC rules)
 - The start/finish area must have a clearly marked finish line bypass for riders warming up.
 - Barrier height, barrier location, and number of barriers per lap must abide by USAC rules.
 - ALL races must have a designated off-course staging area and start grid, located on a firm surface.
 - Course set-up should be completed 30 minutes prior to the first race using that course.
 - The chief referee will not allow a race to start if he/she deems the course unsafe.

16.8.8 STAGING, CALL UPS, AND RACE START

- All Colorado Cross Cup events will create call-ups based upon USA Cycling Cyclo-cross rankings that are sorted on race day to include only those athletes who are registered in that specific category for that specific event.
- All events that are part of the Colorado Cross Cup MUST use the BRAC Race Registration Spreadsheet. The BRAC Race Registration Spreadsheet is an electronic tool (Excel Spreadsheet) that allows race directors to create accurate start lists and registration using both pre-registered and day-of race registration. There is no charge to use the BRAC Race Registration Spreadsheet, laptop and printer.
- The BRAC Race Registration Spreadsheet can be downloaded from www.racedayreg.co
- Events that are not part of the Colorado Cross Cup can create call-ups based on other criteria. The method of creating call-ups must be included on the event flyer.
- Suggested call-up depth is the names of 40 racers (5 rows of 8 racers each).
- The Chief Referee may elect to call-up a lower number of places based on field size or other relevant issues.
- The Chief Referee and Race Director may choose to offer a first or second-row call-up to an out-of-state racer who is in the top 100 of USAC National Open rankings.
- AT LEAST one race volunteer or official must be present to assist in staging.
- Riders who miss their call-up will enter the start grid after the most recently called rider or wave has been allowed to stage.
- The starting grid should be modeled after the UCI specifications as shown in the following image, entitled 'Call-up Zone'.
- The starter will give a 60 second warning, a 30 second warning, a 15 second warning and start the race at any time in the final 15 seconds with the blow of a whistle. No other start commands will be given.

Call-up zone



16.8.9 CATEGORIES

RACE GROUPS INCLUDED IN INDIVIDUAL CUP COMPETITION						
Junior Men	JM 9-10	JM 11-12	JM 13-14	JM 15-16	JM 17-18	
Junior Women	JW 9-10	JW 11-12	JW 13-14	JW 15-16	JW 17-18	
Senior Men	SM Open	SM 3	SM 4		SINGLE SPEED	
Senior Women	SW Open	SW 3	SW 4			
Master Men	MM 40+	MM 40+ Cat 3	MM 40+ Cat 4	MM 50+	MM 50+ 4	MM 60+
Master Women	MW 40+					
Non-Cup Categories	Pre-J	SM 5				

- A Race Director shall run all Colorado Cross Cup categories designated by BRAC unless granted an exemption by BRAC.
- A Race Director is encouraged to use the following race day schedules. Other schedules must be approved by the Chief Referee and BRAC Membership Manager.
- A Race Director is encouraged to include a Pre-J (Pre-Junior) non-competitive event during the race day. It is an event for riders of either gender with a biological age of 6, 7, and 8. This event should be held during Preview time, but on a course that is completely separate from the course used during Preview time by USAC licensed riders. This event requires a separate permit from USAC that costs \$25 (which is deducted from BRAC post-race surcharges). All Pre-J participants must sign a standard release form. Race Directors are encouraged to provide ribbons or awards for all Pre-J participants.

16.8.10 RECOMMENDED RACE DAY SCHEDULES WITH MINIMUM RACE TIMES

SUGGESTED CYLOCROSS RACE DAY SCHEDULES					
Option #1			Option #2		
Category	Start Time	Duration in Minutes (Minimum)	Category	Start Time	Duration in Minutes (Minimum)
MM 60+	8:00:00 AM	40	MM 60+	8:00:00 AM	40
SM 5	8:00:30 AM		SM 5	8:00:30 AM	
MM 50+ 4	8:50:00 AM	40	MM 50+ 4	8:50:00 AM	40
SS 4-5	8:50:30 AM		MM 50+	9:40:00 AM	40
MM 50+	9:40:00 AM	40	SM 4	10:30:00 AM	40
SM 4	10:30:00 AM	40	MM 40+ 4	10:30:30 AM	
MM 40+ 4	10:30:30 AM		SW Open	11:20:00 AM	45
JM 11-12	11:20:00 AM	20	MW 40+	11:21:00 AM	
JW 11-12	11:20:00 AM		Preview	12:15:00 PM	20
JM 9-10	11:20:30 AM		SM Open	12:35:00 PM	60
JW 9-10	11:20:30 AM		MM 40+	12:36:00 PM	
JM 17-18	11:50:00 AM	30	SW 3	1:45:00 PM	40
JW 17-18	11:50:00 AM		SW 4	1:45:30 PM	
JM 15-16	11:50:00 AM		MM 40+ 3	2:35:00 PM	45
JW 15-16	11:50:00 AM		SM 3	2:35:30 PM	
JM 13-14	11:50:30 AM		SS	3:30:00 PM	45
JW 13-14	11:50:30 AM				
Preview	12:30:00 AM	20			
SW Open	12:50:00 AM	40			
MW 40+	12:50:30 AM				
SM Open	1:40:00 PM	55			
MM 40+	1:41:00 PM				
SW 3	2:45:00 PM	40			
SW 4	2:45:30 PM				
SS P-1-2-3	3:35:00 PM	40			
MM 40+ 3	3:35:30 PM				
SM 3	3:36:00 PM				

Colorado State Championships Cyclo-cross 2-Day Schedule

Saturday

Age Group Categories	Start Time	Duration in Minutes
MM 40+ 4	8:00 AM	40
MM 40+ 3	8:50 AM	45
MW 40+	10:40 AM	45
JM 13-14 JW 13-14	11:35 AM	25
Preview	12:10 PM	20
JM 11-12 JW 11-12	12:30 PM	20
JM 9-10 JW 9-10	12:31 PM	20
Single Speed *	1:00 PM	40
JM 15-16 JW 15-16	1:50 PM	30
JM 17-18	2:30 PM	40
JW 17-18 Collegiate Women A	2:31 PM	
Collegiate Men A	3:20 PM	50

Sunday

Seniors/MM50+ & 60+ Categories	Start Time	Duration in Minutes
MM 50+ 4	8:00 AM	40
SM 3	8:50 AM	40
SM 4	9:40 AM	40
SW 4	10:30 AM	40
SW 3	11:20 AM	40
Preview	12:10 PM	20
MM 60+	12:30 PM	40
MM 50+	1:20 PM	45
SW Open	2:15 PM	40
SM Open	3:05 PM	60

* Women will be scored separately for the Championship

16.8.11 COLORADO CROSS CUP POINTS SCHEDULE

Place	Gold Tier Event	Silver Tier Event	Bronze Tier Event
1	45	30	19
2	40	26	16
3	35	22	13
4	32	20	12
5	29	18	11
6	27	16	10
7	25	14	9
8	23	13	8
9	22	12	7
10	21	11	6
11	20	10	5
12	19	9	4
13	18	8	3
14	17	7	2
15	16	6	1
16	15	5	
17	14	4	
18	13	3	
19	12	2	
20	11	1	
21	10		
22	9		
23	8		
24	7		
25	6		
26	5		
27	4		
28	3		
29	2		
30	1		

- In the event of a contested finish that is too close to judge with the allocated resources, BRAC will use the applicable USAC rule 1P4(c), which is used for both road and cyclo-cross events: Should two or more riders make a dead heat for first place only, they shall re-ride the final sprint for 1,000 meters to determine the winner. If the dead heat is for any other place, the riders concerned shall be declared equal and the prizes for those places shall be added and equally divided or duplicated at the discretion of the Race Director.
- For the Colorado Cross Cup Rider Competition:
 - Points will apply for a rider's top 17 point earning events in a given season.
 - In case of a tie, a rider's placing in the respective category at the State Championships will serve as a tie-breaker.
 - The rider with the greatest total of qualified points in the respective category shall be awarded the Colorado Cross Cup Individual Championship.
- For the Colorado Cross Cup Team Competition:
 - The top three riders from a team shall have their points counted towards Colorado Cross Cup Team standings in any given category at a particular event.
 - Points will apply for a team's top 17 point-earning events in a given season.
 - Tie Breakers
 - A team's point total in the respective category at the State Championships will serve as a tie-breaker.
 - If still tied, head to head record in the respective category by a team's top rider at the State Championships will be the decider.
 - The team with the greatest total of qualified points in the respective category shall be awarded the Colorado Cross Cup Team Championship.
- Colorado Cross Cup Awards will be given three deep in all categories that have three or more participants.