

TBRA Cyclocross Series & State Championship 2016-2017 Rules

Article I - TBRA Cyclocross Series Competition

The TBRA Cyclocross Points Series will be called CXBAR, short for Cyclocross Best Area Rider. "CXBAR" and "Points Series" are used interchangeably in this document.

1. TBRA Cyclocross Series Categories

1.1 The TBRA Cyclocross Racing Series Competition is divided into the following 13 categories.

Men	Women	Masters	Juniors	Open
Pro/1/2	Pro/1/2/3	35+	Men 10-14	Singlespeed
Category 3	Category 4	45+	Men 15-18	
Category 4		55+	Women 10-14	
			Women 15-18	

2. Eligibility of Participants.

- 2.1 Any rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the TBRA Cyclocross Series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category. Riders purchasing one-day licenses will not receive points in the CXBAR series competition.
- 2.2 Eligible riders must declare in what class (category or age group) they are competing for in mixed class race events. A rider who falls within the parameters of two classes for the same single race event must choose the class in which they wish to attempt to accumulate points at the time of registration.
- 2.3 Riders cannot accumulate points for more than one class in a single race event. Riders may choose to race in two separate classes at a given event and attempt to accumulate points in both classes separately.
- 2.4 Riders participating in age-based categories such as Juniors or Masters will utilize the racing age from the year that the TBRA cyclocross season ends. For example, for the 2016-2017 cyclocross season, the riders 2017 racing age would be used throughout the entire season.

3. Requirements of TBRA Points Series (CXBAR) Races.

- 3.1 Event must be permitted by USA Cycling and follow all rules for Cyclocross discussed in the USA Cycling rulebook.
- 3.2 Event must be promoted by a TBRA-member club in good standing. If an independent entity wishes to promote a TBRA race, then that promoter must partner with a TBRA club.
- 3.3 To be considered in good standing a club must meet all necessary USAC requirements and must have paid current year TBRA club dues. If TBRA club dues are not paid by the first race of the season, members of the defaulting club will not accrue points until the fees are paid and any points earned in the interim will be forfeited. The schedule of TBRA club dues, including deadlines and late fees, is documented on the TBRA website.
- 3.4 Event must be held in the state of Tennessee. However, pending board approval on a case by case basis, races that are in close proximity to the TN border may be approved for TBRA series races.
- 3.5 Event must take place on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or National Holiday.
- 3.6 Event promoter must pay a per rider fee to TBRA for every participant registered in every event. If a racer competes in multiple races on the same day, only a single TBRA fee will be collected for each unique person on that day. The per rider fee is \$2.00 for point series races and \$1.00 for non-points series events listed on the website.
- 3.7 Event promoter must provide a date deposit of \$50 for each race date that they wish to promote during the year by September 1st of each year. This is a deposit only and will be deducted from the total TBRA fees following the race. If the event is cancelled the date deposit will be forfeited with the exception of situations beyond the promoter's control like acts of God. Each situation will be evaluated by the TBRA board to determine if a deposit will be refunded. In the event that the date deposit is not received by the deadline, that calendar date shall be considered available to other promoters should they wish to promote an event on that date.
- 3.8 The TBRA Cyclocross Director shall select events to be included in the TBRA Cyclocross Series. This selection shall be conducted in consultation with event promoters and the TBRA Board. Events will be selected upon consideration of factors including, but not limited to: geographical location, course design, scheduling, and overall event quality. [Note: As the recognized Local Association for Tennessee, all cyclocross events must submit event permit application in consultation with the TBRA Cyclocross Director –including events that are not part of the CXBAR Points Series.]
- 3.9 Races in the TBRA Cyclocross Series shall include no more than one TBRA Series event per calendar day unless the race promoters vying for the same date and the Cyclocross Director are in mutual agreement.
- 3.10 Promoters wishing to participate in the TBRA Cyclocross Points Series must submit their race dates to the director of Cyclocross racing no later than the first day of September prior to the start

of the Cyclocross season. Event dates received after the first day of September will not be included in the Series without board approval.

- 3.11 In addition to USAC requirements, full race information must be available for placing on the website no less than 45 days before an event.
- 3.12 TBRA Points Series races must include all TBRA Cyclocross Categories. This means all points series events must have races for each TBRA Cyclocross category. However, multiple categories may be combined within a single race. Example: (Men CX 3, Women CX 1/2/3).
- 3.13 Awards will be given to all TBRA CX categories at a minimum 3 places in all TBRA points series races (Awards will be determined by the race promoter i.e.: Medals, etc.). This includes races where categories are combined.
- 3.14 Competitors must race in USAC Cyclocross categories, the designated Singlespeed division, and/or age groups (i.e. Junior, Master, etc.). Beginners will be assigned to participate in the CX 5 category races. Upgrades and downgrades will be available per USA Cycling guidelines and standards.
- 3.15 Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.
- 3.16 Courses:
 - 3.16.1 Courses must meet the minimum standards of the "Rules of Cyclocross Racing" listed in the USAC rule book. In particular, course length, course width (including start/finish requirements and minimum width standards) and maximum barrier height.
 - 3.16.2 All TBRA race promoters shall have their designated chief official approve the race course prior to each event. If a course does not meet USAC requirements it will not be included in the following year TBRA series unless the Cyclocross Director is assured that the course will meet those requirements.
 - 3.16.3 Course marking: Courses must be clearly marked. All turns, inside and out to be marked at a minimum with wooden stakes and caution tape (or similar marking tape). Straights should be marked at a minimum with survey flags unless it is obvious i.e.: roadway, gravel road, dirt lane etc. If one side of the course is bordered by woods, fence, hedge row, mown path through fields, etc., only the side with no border must be marked at a minimum with survey flags. Where the course passes itself in straights or otherwise, it is to be marked with, at a minimum wooden stakes and caution tape (or similar marking tape) the entire length of the straight to avoid riders cutting the course.
- 3.17 Event promoters must provide each rider with one racing number to be worn by the rider on the side (ribcage) facing the finish judge.
- 3.18 Event promoters must provide the CXBAR Director with event results including, at a minimum, each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one (1) week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.

- 3.19 The TBRA Cyclocross season will commence no earlier than the first weekend in September of a given year and will end no later than the final weekend in February of the following year.
- 3.20 Events of promoters who are unable to adhere to, or who on race day do not correctly apply these requirements will be placed on probation and if the events are not run in accordance with these rules the following year, then they will not be allowed to promote TBRA events.

4. Awarding CXBAR Points

- 4.1 Points for the 2016-2017 TBRA Cyclocross Series will be awarded according to the 2016 TBRA Cyclocross Point Series scale. All races will utilize the Division II scale, with the exception of the State Championship Race which will utilize the Division I scale.
- 4.2 Field Points: In addition to points for placing in a race, field points will be added to a riders finish points according to the TBRA Points Series Scale.
- 4.3 When a single race event combines two or more TBRA classes, a rider who qualifies for the award of points based upon their finish position will receive points applied to his/her applicable, and, in the case of a rider who qualifies for two or more TBRA classes, elected class. For example, if a CAT 4 racer races in a combined CAT 3/4 race then he will receive field points based on the number of CAT 4 racers only and their finishing position among those CAT 4 racers.
- 4.4 Overall CXBAR Series positions shall be calculated based on the TBAR Point Scale to determine a racers "earned-point performances" (i.e., the number of points awarded under the scale in accord with finish position and the event's Division level, along with field points). CXBAR positions for each racer shall be the sum of their highest earned-points performances from a maximum number of events throughout the season:

The maximum number of events is 5.

5. Scoring of the competition and interim results

- 5.1 Current point scores for riders in each category/class will be maintained on the TBRA website.
- 5.2 Riders with protests concerning events, scoring, and/or tabulation of scores should direct protests to the TBRA Cyclocross Director no later than 10 days after an event in question or in the case of a scoring question, 10 days before the final awards are made. (NOTE: This protest period does not alter or apply to the rules governing protests pertaining to race results as announced at the event venue by the officials; this paragraph applies only to information and points posted on the website.)
- 5.3 Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation in accord with Rule 4.4 for the TBRA racing year with first place being the largest accumulator of CXBAR Series points down to last place being the rider with the least amount of scored points in his or her category.

- 5.4. In the event of a tie in points, the rider with the most wins in TBAR series points races in that category will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2nd place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. This will continue until the tie is broken. If after this the tie remains unbroken, the highest placing rider in the last series race, or the race nearest the last race of the series in which at least one of the tied riders placed, will win the tiebreaker.

6. *Winners and Awards*

- 6.1 Winners of each CXBAR category will be awarded a CXBAR Series Champion's Jersey and award at the final CXBAR points race of the season. Second and third place riders in each category will receive awards.
- 6.2 The CXBAR Championship and Jersey can only be awarded to a rider who is eligible under the provisions of the competition.

Article II - TBRA Tennessee State Championship

1. *TBRA State Championship Cyclocross Race*

- 1.1 A Tennessee State Championship jersey will be awarded to the highest placing eligible rider (see rule 1.3 below) in the designated State Championship event for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA.
- 1.2 USAC or TBRA State Championship medals will be awarded to the top three eligible finishers (see rule 1.3 below) for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA.
- 1.3 Eligibility for the State Championship jersey and USAC/TBRA medals will parallel the USA Cycling requirements for state championship events.
 - 1.3.1 Rider must hold an annual license from USA Cycling
 - 1.3.2 Rider must be a Tennessee resident as documented on his/her license
 - 1.3.3 Rider must be a US Citizen or permanent resident alien
- 1.4 State Championship jerseys and medals will be presented at the awards ceremony on site.