

2016 Rules - TORBAR Point Series & State Championship

Article I - TORBAR Points Series Competition

1. TORBAR Categories

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

| Men | Women | Unisex |
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| Pro / Cat 1 Open Cat 1 40+ Cat 2 15-39 Cat 2 40+ 50+ Open | Pro/Cat 1 Cat 2 | Junior Male 14 & Under Junior Male 15 & Over Junior Female Singlespeed |

2. Eligibility of Participants

- 2.1. Any rider with a valid annual USA Cycling mountain bike racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the TORBAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of member clubs and riders to understand and adhere to the rules of the TORBAR competition.

3. Requirements of BAR Points Races

- 3.1. Event must be a USAC approved and permitted race.
- 3.2. Event must be promoted by a TBRA member club in good standing. If an independent entity wishes to promote a TORBAR 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, must have promoted a TBRA race within the previous two years (unless a new TBRA Club) 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 take place on a Saturday, Sunday, or National Holiday.
- 3.5. Event promoter(s) must pay a \$2.00 per rider fee to TBRA for every participant registered in every event. There is a TBRA fee of \$1.00 per rider that must be paid for every participant registered in a non-points

series event listed on the website. If multiple races are held on the same day only one TBRA fee will be collected for each unique person on that day.

- 3.6. Event Promoters must provide a date deposit of \$50 for each race date that they wish to promote during the year by March 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 March 1st deadline, that calendar date shall be considered available to other promoters should they wish to promote an event on that date.
- 3.7. Event Promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBRA TORBAR competition category to compete in a single event (i.e. Men Cat 2 15-39 as opposed to Men Cat 2 15-29 and Men Cat 2 30-39 as separate events). This does not mean, however, that all events must have races for each TORBAR Category.
- 3.8. Event must be announced and publicized as follows:
 - 3.8.1. Race announcement must be available for posting on the USAC or promoting club website no less than 45 days before the event. All race announcements must be with the TBRA Mountain Bike Director for TBRA approval prior to this 45 day period.
 - 3.8.2. Race announcements must display the TBRA logo.
- 3.9. Event promoter must provide the TBRA Mountain Bike Director and TBRA Webmaster with event results including, at a minimum, each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.
- 3.10. Events of promoters who are unable to adhere to, or who on race day do not correctly apply these requirements will be placed on probation and if the events are not run in accordance with these rules the following year, then they will not be allowed to promote TBAR or TORBAR events.

4. Awarding TORBAR Points

- 4.1. TORBAR points are awarded to the top riders in each race at TBRA events pursuant to the points schedule set out in the appendix to these Rules. Points will be awarded to all riders who hold an annual USA Cycling mountain bike license. One day license holders will not receive TORBAR points.
- 4.2. The website point standings will display all riders who have earned points in a TORBAR race.
- 4.3. Only riders who meet the eligibility requirements will compete in the TORBAR competition.
- 4.4. Points Schedule. Located in Points Scale Appendix. [Points Scale](#)
- 4.5. Points will be accumulated on a maximum of 80% of the season's races for each individual. TORBAR positions for each racer shall be the sum of the highest earned-points performances from a maximum number of events in each MTB discipline separately, as follows:

MTB XC Races – Best 80% (ie. 10 season XC races at 80% would be the best 8 races)

MTB TT & Short Track – Best 80% (ie. 10 season TT/ST races at 80% would be the best 8 races)

5. Scoring of the Competition and Interim Results

- 5.1. Current point standings will be available on the TBRA website.
- 5.2. Riders with protests concerning events, scoring, and/or tabulation of scores should direct protests to the TBRA Mountain Series Director no later than 10 days after an event in question or in the case of a scoring question, 10 days before the final awards are made. (NOTE: This protest period does not alter or apply to the rules governing protests pertaining to race results as announced at the event venue by the officials; this paragraph applies only to information and points posted on the website.)
- 5.3. Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation for the TBRA racing season with first place being the largest accumulator of points down to last place being the rider with the least amount of scored points in his or her category.
- 5.4. In the event of a tie in points, the rider with the most wins in TORBAR series points races will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2nd place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. This will continue until the tie is broken.

6. Winners and Awards

- 6.1. Winners of each category will receive a special TORBRA champion's jersey and award at the final MTB points race of the season.
- 6.2. Awards will be given for the 2nd and 3rd placed riders in each competition category. These awards may vary from year-to-year and will be given out at the last MTB points race of the year.

Article II - TBRA MTB Team of the Year Competition

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The TBRA MTB Team of the Year award is given to the MTB team that accumulates the most points throughout the year.
- 2.1 There are four sources of points in the Team of the Year competition. Promoters receive points for promoting races as well as points for riders participating in their event, and riders receive BAR points as well as participation points for their team.

2. Awarding Team of the Year Points

- 2.1.1 Promoter Points: Each club will earn 50 points for each TORBAR point series race it promotes. In the event that two clubs promote a point series race, the primary promoter will receive 50 points and the co-promoting team will receive 25 points. The levels for non-points races will be set at 25 points for the promoter and 15 points for a co-promoter.
- 2.1.2 Promoter Participation Points: The race promoter team will receive 1 point for each rider in the race (DNF's excluded) and the co-promoter will receive 0.5 points per rider.
- 2.1.3 Rider BAR Points: BAR points earned in the individual TORBAR competitions will be included in the Team of the Year standings.
- 2.1.4 Rider Participation Points: Each registered racer completing a point series race for a TBRA team will earn 2 points for their team (1 point for a non-points race). This is without regard to the class or category of the race. (Cat 3 riders would be eligible, for example). The racer must have an annual USAC license tied to their club/team to receive points for their team, and DNF results will not be eligible to earn points. These points will be for the Team of the Year competition only and will not affect the individual TORBAR series standings.

| Item | Points Race | Non-Points Race |
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| Promoter Points Co-Promoter Points | 50 25 | 25 15 |
| Promoter Participation Points Co-Promoter Participation Points | 1.0 per rider 0.5 per rider | 1.0 per rider 0.5 per rider |
| Rider BAR Points | See point scale appendix | n/a |
| Rider Participation Points | 2.0 points per rider | 1.0 points per rider |

Article III - TBRA MTB State Championship

1. TBRA State Championship MTB Event

1. A state championship race will be held each year and will move between races on the TORBAR calendar. Each race promoter will be able to submit their race into a bid process each year at the TBRA annual meeting for review and voting by the board.
 - 1.1. A new race to the TORBAR calendar cannot be awarded the TBRA State Championship designation. A race must have been run at least one year prior to applying for a state championship bid.
 - 1.2. The promoter for the state championship race must provide a podium and conduct a podium presentation for jerseys and medals for each awarded class.

2. TBRA State Championship MTB Jerseys and Awards

- 2.1 The top three finishers for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA will receive state championship medals or other awards. In addition, a Tennessee state championship jersey will be awarded to the top finisher in each category.
- 2.2 State championship jerseys and medals will be awarded on the same day as the event.