

# 2017 Rules - TBAR Point Series & State Championships

## Article I - TBAR Series Competition

### 1. TBAR Categories

1.1 The TBAR Road Racing Series Competition is divided in the following categories:

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Pro, Category 1	Category 1-2	Men 35-44 (Cat 1-4)	Men 9-14
Category 2	Category 3	Men 45+ (Cat 1-4)	Men 15-16
Category 3	Category 4	Men 50-59	Men 17-18
Category 4		Men 60+	Women 9-14
			Women 15-16
			Women 17-18

### 2. Eligibility of Participants

- 2.1 Any Tennessee resident rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license, or any non-resident rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license that identifies the rider as a member in good standing of a TBRA-member club, is eligible to compete in one or more of the BAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.
- 2.2 Eligible riders must declare in what class (category or age group) they are competing for 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 prior to the close 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.

### 3. Requirements of BAR Points Races

- 3.1 Event must be permitted by USA Cycling.
- 3.2 Event must be promoted by a TBRA member club in good standing. If an independent entity wishes to promote a TBAR 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 start or finish in the state of Tennessee or be held in close proximity to the Tennessee border. Races held outside of Tennessee will be evaluated by the TBRA Board of Directors on a case by case basis.
- 3.5 Event must take place on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or National Holiday. In addition, an event may take place on a Friday, if and only if the event(s) consists of a stage that is part of a multiple day stage race.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 Event promoters must provide a date deposit of \$50 for each race date that they wish to promote during the year by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This is a deposit only and will be deducted from the total TBRA fees following the race. If the event is cancelled the date deposit will be forfeited with the exception of situations beyond the promoters control like acts of God. Each situation will be evaluated by the TBRA board to determine if a deposit will be refunded. In the event that the date deposit is not received by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, that calendar date shall be considered available to other promoters should they wish to promote an event on that date.
- 3.8 Event promoters for Division I races shall refund the entry fee of current TBAR champions provided that the rider fulfills the following obligations:
  - 3.8.1 Pre-register for the race by the designated pre-registration deadline
  - 3.8.2 Wear their BAR championship jersey in the race
- 3.9 Event promoters must provide each rider with two identical racing numbers; one to be worn by the rider on the lower back and one to be worn on the side (ribcage) facing the finish judge.
- 3.10 Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.
- 3.11 Event Promoters will make provisions to allow all members of a TBAR category to compete in a single event (i.e. Women 1-2 as opposed to Women 1 and Women 2 as separate events). This does not mean, however, that all events must have races for each TBAR category.
- 3.12 Event must be announced and publicized as follows:
  - 3.12.1. 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 Road Director for TBRA approval prior to this 45 day period.
  - 3.12.2. Race announcements must display the TBRA logo.
  - 3.12.3 Race announcements must include the TBAR ranking of each event.

- 3.13 All TBAR Promoters shall have their designated Chief Official approve the race course, including the positioning of the feed zone, prior to sending a flyer to the TBRA Road Director for approval.
- 3.14 All road race promoters shall provide a suitable wheel vehicle for top Men's and Women's category races. It is strongly recommended that wheel vehicles be provided for all road races.
- 3.15. Event promoter must provide the TBRA Road 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.
- 3.16 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 TBAR Points**

- 4.1 TBAR 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. Only points awarded to riders eligible under the rules count towards this competition, but if other riders earn points this information will be shown on the website.
- 4.2 When a single race event combines two or more TBAR 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 TBAR classes, elected class. In such races, points will be awarded based on finishing position within the rider's elected TBAR category. For example, in a combined Men Pro/1/2 race, the top finisher in the Pro/1 class will receive 1<sup>st</sup> place points in the Pro/1 competition regardless of his overall finish in the race. Likewise, the top Cat 2 finisher will receive 1<sup>st</sup> place points toward the Cat 2 competition.
- 4.3 Overall TBAR 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). TBAR positions for each racer shall be the sum of their highest earned-points performances from a maximum number of events in each road discipline, as follows:
 

Road Races	Best five (5) earned-points performances
Time Trials	Best five (5) earned-points performances
Criteriums	Best ten (10) earned-points performances
- 4.4 Points Schedule. Re-located to Appendix.
- 4.5 Stage Races, TBAR Points.
  - 4.5.1 TBAR Series calculations can include points-earned from finishes in Stage Races. A racer can earn points from their General Classification ("GC") overall finish position in one or more Stage Races in accord with the Points Schedule applicable to Stage Races (see Rule 4.4 - Points Series Scale). Points-earned from a GC finish in a Stage Race shall be added to a racer's BAR Series calculation without limitation under any other Rule.

- 4.5.2 Also, racers may earn TBAR Series points arising out of finishes in individual stages in accord with the Points Schedule applicable to Stage Races, if and only if the points earned performance otherwise qualifies as a best performance under Rule 4.3. In the event an individual stage points-earned performance qualifies under Rule 4.3, then it shall count toward a racer's maximum number of events in the applicable racing discipline (see Rule 4.3).

## ***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 Road 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. 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 4.3 for the TBRA racing year with first place being the largest accumulator of TBRA BAR 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 will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. This will continue until the tie is broken.

## ***6. Winners and Awards***

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

## Article II - TBRA Road Club of the Year Competition

### 1. The Competition

- 1.1 Each year the TBRA Road Team of the Year award is given to the road team that accumulates the most points throughout the year.
- 1.2 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 TBAR 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 TBAR 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 5 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 TBAR series standings.

Item	Points Race	Non-Points Race
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 Tennessee State Championships**

### **1. TBRA State Championship Road Events**

- 1.1 A Tennessee State Championship jersey will be awarded to the highest placing eligible rider (see rule 1.3 below) in each road event (road race, criterium, and time trial), for each category and age group competition recognized by TBRA. In addition, a single jersey will be awarded for Women Masters 40+ in each discipline (Road Race, Time Trial, and Criterium).
- 1.2 USAC or TBRA State Championship medals will be awarded to the top three eligible finishers in each of the following categories:
  - Men: Pro/1, Cat 2, Cat 3, Cat 4, Cat 5
  - Women: Cat 1/2, Cat 3, Cat 4, Cat 5
  - Men, Masters TT: five year age groups beginning at age 35
  - Men, Masters RR/Crit: three age groups from the Elite Masters 35+/45+ field (35-39, 40-44, 45+) and five year age bands from the Masters 50+/60+ field.
  - Women, Masters TT: five year age groups beginning at age 35
  - Women, Masters RR/Crit: one set of medals each from the Masters 40+ RR and Masters 40+ Crit
  - Juniors: 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 for both male and female
- 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 listed in the latest downloaded USAC database.
  - 1.3.3 Rider must be a US Citizen or permanent resident as listed in the latest downloaded USAC database.
  - 1.3.4 Women are not eligible for awards in Men's events [USAC Rule 8B1(d)].
- 1.4 State Championship jerseys and medals will be presented at the awards ceremony on site.