2012 NCNCA Points Series Rules

Purpose:

To encourage teamwork and competitiveness by recognizing both the leaders of the Individual Points Competition and Team Points Competition in each designated category and the overall Team Points Competition by combining all results from eligible events.

Description:

There are three separate competitions in the Points Series.

- **Individual Points by category** - There will be Individual Points leaders for the highest cumulative points scored in qualified events in each of twelve categories.

Men:	**Women:**
Elite 1/2, Elite 3, Elite 4	Women 1/2
Master 35+ 1/2/3, Master 35+ Cat 4	Women 3
Master 45+ 1/2/3, Master 45+ Cat 4	Women 4
Master 55+ 1/2/3/4	Women 35+ 1/2/3

NEW!! The NCNCA Individual Points Series will be split into two separate groups. **The Elite Men and Women, Cat 1/2 and Cat 1/2/3 qualifying events will remain a season-long series as in the past**.

The Elite Individual Points Series runs from January 1st to September 30th.

Men:	**Women:**
Elite 1/2	Women 1/2
Master 35+ 1/2/3	Women 35+ 1/2/3
Master 45+ 1/2/3	
Master 55+ 1/2/3/4	

NEW!! Category 3 / 4 Points Series will be split into two separate Spring and Summer series. Awards will be awarded to the leaders of both the Spring and Summer series.

Category 3 / 4 Points Series
Spring Points Series: January 1st to May 31st.
Summer Points Series: June 1st to September 30th.

Men:	**Women:**
Elite 3	Women 3
Elite 4	Women 4
Master 35+ Cat 4	
Master 45+ Cat 4	

- **Team Category Points Competition** - The award for Team Category Points Competition goes to the team with the highest cumulative points scored at qualified events in each of the following twelve categories.

<center>**The Team Category Points Competition runs from January 1st to September 30th.**</center>

Men:	Women:
Elite 1/2, Elite 3, Elite 4	Women 1/2
Master 35+ 1/2/3, Master 35+ Cat 4	Women 3
Master 45+ 1/2/3, Master 45+ Cat 4	Women 4
Master 55+ 1/2/3/4	Women 35+ 1/2/3

- **Overall Team Points Competition** - Competition for Overall Team Points in the NCNCA district. The award for the Overall Team Points goes to the team with the highest cumulative points scored at qualified events for all categories raced. Please note that there are points that count toward Overall Team Points that do not qualify for the Individual Points Competition and Team Points Competition by Race Category (see above for details). Overall Team Points Competition runs from January 1st to September 30th.

Eligibility and Rules:

- **Riders:**
  Only 2012 USA Cycling annual license holders residing in the NCNCA territory (Northern California & Northern Nevada) are eligible to earn Individual and Team points. The USA Cycling license must list "CALIFORNIA NCNCA" as the licensee's "STATE".

  Racers are eligible for points on the date the USAC office processes their membership application. Placings in events prior to a rider's USA Cycling license being processed and appearing in the USAC database will not be eligible for points. Be aware that if you renew your license or purchase a new license at race registration, it may take up to 8 weeks for your application to be processed by the USAC office. USA Cycling licenses purchased on-line are usually processed and appear in the USAC database in 2 to 3 days.

  Riders with 1-day licenses are **NOT** eligible to earn Individual or Team points.

  UCI and USPRO licensed riders are **NOT** eligible for Individual or Team points.

  Category 5 licensed riders are **NOT** eligible for Individual or Team points.

  - If a Category 5 or non-USCF licensed rider places in the top ten, the points for that place are not used. Rider placings do not move up to fill in for non-qualified placings.

- **Clubs/Teams:**
  The cut-off date for NCNCA Team Points eligibility is the last day of February. Only Clubs that are **both** USAC Clubs **and** NCNCA Member Clubs **on or before the cut-off date** are eligible to earn Team Category points and Overall Team points. Clubs that become eligible to earn team points after the cut-off date will only earn points after their eligibility date (no retroactive points will be awarded).

USAC uses the terms "USAC Club" and "USAC Club Team". USAC Clubs have the option of having a USAC Club Team(s) associated with the USAC Club. Some USAC Clubs have one or more USAC Club Teams, others do not. As an example, the "Alto Velo Racing Club" is a USAC Club that has two USAC Club Teams associated with it, "Webcor/Alto Velo" and "Webcor-Platinum". The "Left Coast Racing Team" is an example of a USAC Club without a USAC Team associated with it. A USAC Club does not need a USAC Club Team to be eligible for Team points. The USAC Club as well as its USAC Club Team(s) can earn points because a USAC license holder may be a member of a USAC Club but not listed as a member of its USAC Club Team. It is the License holder's responsibility to make sure the correct USAC Club and/or Club Team is listed on their USAC license. In the above example, Alto Velo Racing Club, Webcor/Alto Velo, Webcor-Platinum, and Left Coast Racing Team, can earn points (if both NCNCA and USAC members (if both NCNCA and USAC members).

If a rider changes Clubs, the points they have earned stay with the Club under which they were earned. Points are not transferable from one Club to another. A rider's Club is not changed until the USAC office processes the change of Club request or the request is submitted to the NCNCA President. It's the rider's responsibility to make sure they are correctly entered in the USCF database as a member of their Club and Club Team (if applicable). Requests for "Change of Club" can be made to president@ncnca.org or by contacting USAC Member Services in Colorado at 719-866-4581 (fax 719-866-4628).   Note: If a correction is made only to list the correct team within a club (not a club change), then all the riders points will be corrected.

- **Events:**
  Only USAC permitted Road events within the NCNCA region will be eligible. Road events include Road Races, Stage Races (general classification only), Circuit Races, Criteriums, and Time Trials. Only the following categories in qualifying Road events will be eligible for by category points. Note: All Points from qualifying Road events will be counted in the overall Team competition.

Men:	**Women:**
Elite 1/2, Elite 3, Elite 4	Women 1/2
Master 35+ 1/2/3, Master 35+ Cat 4	Women 3
Master 45+ 1/2/3, Master 45+ Cat 4	Women 4
Master 55+ 1/2/3/4	Women 35+ 1/2/3

- Individual or Team points will not count until the event results are posted on the USAC website and include: Place, First Name, Last Name, License Number, and Team.

- Events that are combined but picked separately and the results are posted separately will be counted for all eligible categories included (example: Master 45+/55+ raced together and the results are posted separately)

- **Only Masters races that use the age designation "+" will count for points**. Example, a "Master 35-39" race does **NOT** count for Individual points. A "Master 35+" race does count for Individual points because it allows older riders to race down in age. A "Master 30+" race does **NOT** count because it does not meet the correct age specification.   Master 45+ and Master 55+ races must include category 1/2/3 riders.   Example, Master 45+ 3/4 races do **NOT** count Individual points.

- Races that include lower category riders **will** count for Individual points. Example, a "Women" race will count for Women 1/2 even thought category 3 and 4 riders are allowed to race or an "Elite 3/4" race will only count towards "Elite 3" Individual points.

- Races that include higher category riders will **NOT** count for Individual points. Example, an "Elite 2/3" race will **NOT** count towards Elite 3 Individual points.   A "Master 35+ 3/4" race does **NOT** count towards Master 35+ Cat 4.

- Points are awarded to the top ten places as shown below. For events with less than 15 riders, points will be adjusted to reflect the field size. (example: a field size of 6 riders, 1st place will earn 6 points).

Place	Field Sizes														
	15 or more	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	20	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2nd	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
3rd	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
4th	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
8th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
9th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1								
10th	6	5	4	3	2	1									
11th	5	4	3	2	1										
12th	4	3	2	1											
13th	3	2	1												
14th	2	1													
15th	1														

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- If a new USCF race is placed on the NCNCA Road calendar or an existing race has changed dates after Dec 1st, and the new race date is on the same date as a race that was already on the calendar since Dec 1st, then the promoter of the new race must negotiate with the existing race promoter about the race events offered. If the existing race promoter has a legitimate objection to the new race, the new race is not eligible for NCNCA Points. If a race has changed dates or a new race is added and it does not interfere with an existing race, it will be included.

- When a rider earns mandatory upgrade points for a Category upgrade (30 upgrade points for a Cat 4 or 40 upgrade points for a Cat 3) within the previous 12 month period, the rider will stop earning Individual and Team points in their current category. The NCNCA Office maintains the rider database of Category 3 and 4 upgrade points and is not associated with the NCNCA Points program. The NCNCA Points program will be notified by the NCNCA Office when records indicate a rider has qualified for an upgrade. The rider will stop earning NCNCA points on the date of the race that the rider earned enough points to qualify for the upgrade. The rider will again be eligible to earn Individual and Team points at the higher category after their upgrade is processed.

- Team points will be calculated by adding together all the individual rider's points from each team to establish a team score for that race.

- Eligible USAC Championship events will earn double points (maximum 15 places, based on field size as shown above). Masters races **must** use the age designation "**+**" to be eligible.

- Stage Race placings in the final **general classification only** will receive double points. Individual stage placings do not earn points.

- It is the rider's responsibility to verify their placing on the Official results posted at each event within the published USCF protest period. **Results cannot be changed once they are final.**

- Multi-category races will not be used for points in a higher category if the rider upgrades later in the season. For example, points earned in a Cat 3/4 race while a Cat 4 will not count later toward Cat 3 points if the rider upgrades to Cat 3.

- Twilight races or Training races will not be eligible for Individual or Team points.

- The Individual and Team points program will start January 1 and end on September 30th.

- At the conclusion of the points program, the rider and team with the highest number of points will receive Individual Points and Team Points winner designations. In the case of a tie, the highest number of 1st place finishes will act as the tiebreaker. If no 1st place then 2nd place finishes will count, and so on. Individual Points winner awards will be announced /presented at the yearend NCNCA scheduling meeting.

For additional information or questions contact the NCNCA Points Series coordinator at NCNCApoints@ncnca.org