



Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series

Rules and Information



The 2020 Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series runs from February through August and features individual and team contests for Men P/1/2 & U23 racers, Women P/1/2/3 & U23 racers, Masters Men's 35+ 1/2/3 & 45+ 1/2/3 & 55+ 1/2/3. Note, the U23 contests are only for individuals, there are no U23 team contests.

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See the TEAM SCORING details described below.

Top three finishers of each individual contest and representatives of each winning team in the team contests are invited to the Annual NCNCA Awards Banquet.

Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series Schedule

(last updated 3/20/2020)

Date	Event
2/15	Cantua Creek Road Race
2/22	Snelling Road Race
2/23	Original Merced Criterium
3/15	Bariani Road Race
3/21	Mike's Bikes Cate Hill Classic Criterium – Double Pts!
3/22	The 52nd Santa Cruz Classic Criterium – Double Pts!
3/28	Paskenta Hills Road Race
4/26	Wente Vineyards Classic Road Race
5/09	Berkeley Hills Road Race
5/24	Mt. Hamilton Classic Road Race
6/06	Pescadero Coastal Classic Road Race
7/19	CCCX Road Series Omnium
8/15	San Ardo Road Race

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Only 2020 USA Cycling License holders residing in the NCNCA territory (Northern California & Northern Nevada) are eligible to earn Premier 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. Results 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 online are usually processed and appear in the USAC database in 2 to 3 days.

Members of a men's UCI Continental team are **ELIGIBLE** for series points. Members of a men's UCI Professional Continental team or a men's UCI World Team are **INELIGIBLE** to earn series points. Members of a women's UCI team at any level are **ELIGIBLE** for series points.

The U23 results will be extracted from Men Pro/1/2 and Women Pro/1/2/3 competitions. For the Premier Series, U23 means under-23 (juniors are included).

In a race with higher category racers, they will not be scored in the series and the scored racers will not be adjusted upwards. For example, in a Men's Pro/1/2/3 race, category 3 results will not count towards the Pro/1/2 series standings and points for a Pro/1/2 racer will not be adjusted higher.

When a field fills up and a second (ie. overflow) field is created, only the first field is scored.

The individual competition overall standings will be determined by highest cumulative score of the series. In the case of a tie, the most 1st place finishes will serve as a tiebreaker. If the tie is not broken, then the most 2nd place finishes and so on until the tie is resolved.

Individual points are awarded as follows:

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

TEAM SCORING

The Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series **team competition** will be contested among the Men's P/1/2, Women's P/1/2/3, Men's Masters 35+ 1/2/3 & 45+ 1/2/3 & 55+ 1/2/3 categories. There is no U23 team competition.

Teams must be NCNCA and USAC member teams. Only Clubs that are both USAC Clubs and NCNCA Member Clubs before March 1, 2020 are eligible to earn Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series team points starting on January 1st. Clubs that become eligible to earn team points on or after March 1, 2020 will only earn points after their eligibility date (no retroactive points will be awarded).

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. It is the rider's responsibility to have the correct Club/Team affiliation in their USAC account, no exceptions. Riders can manage their Club/Team affiliations in their USAC "My Account" page.

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For the team competition, a team's score will be ONLY the highest-scoring rider for each race (ie. the highest-scoring individual score of the team).