

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA Cycling Association



## 2016 Women's Series Goals, Rules and Races

The goals of the NCNCA Women's Committee are to:

- Increase the number of new women racers
- Increase retention of women racers -- esp. W3/4
- Increase quantity of racing among established women racers
- Reward the longevity of Masters women racers

Utilizing an end-of-year survey again, NCNCA women suggested changes to the series including keeping the length of the W3/W4 series manageable, divided into 2 seasons, improving results postings, and increasing social outreach. NCNCA also decided to move the W35+ series within the Premier Series, so the Women's Committee is no longer hosting that series for 2016, but we are beginning a W55+ series. Towards these ends, the Committee used all this feedback to improve the Women's Series for 2016.

The Women's Committee proposes the following race calendar for W3, W4 and W55+:

#### W4 Spring Series: W3 Spring Series:

Early Bird Training Criterium^	1-24-16	Folsom Winter Crit	2-13-16
Folsom Winter Crit	2-13-16	Snelling Road Race	2-20-16
CCCX#2	2-28-16	Land Park Crit	3-12-16
Bariani Road Race	3-13-16	Bariani Road Race	3-13-16
Tempus Fugit TT	3-20-16	Tempus Fugit TT	3-20-16
Turlock Lake Road Race	4-09-16	Sea Otter Classic Circuit Race	4-15-16
TEA Solar Cycling Classic	4-10-16	Sea Otter Classic Road Race	4-17-16
Golden State Circuit Race	5-01-16	Golden State Circuit Race	5-01-16

<sup>^</sup> Denotes all racers will receive 1 point for participation as EB's results are not recorded with USAC.

### W4 Summer Series: W3 Summer Series:

Budweiser Classic Crit	5-29-16	Budweiser Classic Crit	5-29-16
Lodi Cyclefest	6-05-16	Lodi Cyclefest	6-05-16
Mt Diablo TT	6-25-16	Mt Diablo TT	6-25-16
Colavita Grand Prix	7-17-16	Colavita Grand Prix	7-17-16
San Ardo Road Race	8-20-16	Dunnigan Hills Road Race	8-13-16
Winters Road Race	8-27-16	Winters Road Race	8-27-16
Giro di San Francisco	9-05-16	Giro di San Francisco	9-05-16

#### W55+ All Season Series:

Madera Stage Race (GC Placing only)	3-4/5-16
Tempus Fugit ITT	3-20-16
Turlock Road Race	4-09-16
Berkeley Hills Road Race	5-07-16
Loyalton TT	6-12-16
Mt Diablo TT	6-25-16
CCCX#7 Circuit Race	7-02-16
Tempus Fugit ITT	8-21-16
Red Kite Championship Crit	9-04-16
Esparto TT	9-11-16

Races in **bold face** are special emphasis races and results at these races will be worth double points.

#### RIDER ELIGIBILITY:

Riders must have a USAC license. One-day license holders will accumulate points and are eligible for year-end awards.

#### **RULES:**

This is an individual rider competition. At the conclusion of the series, the rider with the highest number of points will receive Individual Points winner designation. Individual Points winner awards will be presented at a year-end award ceremony.

In the case of a tie in the Spring Series, the fastest time at the Tempus Fugit TT, in their category, will be utilized to break the tie.

In the case of a tie in the Summer Series, the fastest time at the Mt Diablo TT, in their category, will be utilized to break the tie. If Mt Diablo is cancelled in 2016, Tempus Fugit TT, 8-21-16, will be substituted.

In the case of a tie in the W55+ Series, the fastest time at the Mt Diablo TT, in their category, will be utilized to break the tie.

In the case of further unbroken ties, the racer with the highest number of 1st place finishes, followed by 2nd place finishes etc...will be utilized until the tie is broken. Following that, the racer attending the most Womens' series races will be placed higher. If ties still exist, placings will be left tied.

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

Any protests or requests for corrections or modifications to the Women's Series results must be made so as to allow for processing before the awards ceremony. Every effort will be made to address scoring questions in a timely fashion.

Points accumulated in different categories will not be combined (e.g., W55+ points will not count towards W3 series totals). Riders who upgrade during the season will leave their points behind and start accumulating points in their new category, and the intent of splitting the seasons into two for the W3 and W4 will hopefully allow for quickly developing riders to see reward before upgrading.

#### SCORING:

All races will be scored, regardless of field size, and will accumulate points as follows:

1st place: 10 points 2nd place: 8 points 3rd place: 6 points 4th place: 4 points 5th place: 2 points 6th place: 1 point

Placings beyond: 1 point

Extra points accumulation opportunities exist throughout the series as follows:

- Individual racers who race every race in the series will receive a series-end bonus of 1 point per race, for a total of 8 points for Spring Series, and 7 points for Summer Series. W55+ Series is worth 12 points as Madera is 3 racing efforts.
- At all Criteriums and Circuit Races contained within the series, if you choose to race more than once that day, you will receive 2 points for completing the "second race" (the race other than your Women's Series category race). Your placing in the second race does not matter. Your second race may be any race you are qualified to race in, such as another Masters race, or a Men's E4 race, etc. You must start and finish the race.
- Races in **bold face** are special emphasis races and results at these races will be worth double points.