



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA Cycling Association



2017 Women's Series Goals, Rules, and Races

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

- Increase the number of new women racers and the retention of women racers
- Increase quantity of racing among established women racers
- Reward the longevity of Master's women racers
- Promote and support women on bikes throughout Northern California and Nevada

The Women's Committee has decided to change things up a bit for the 2017 racing year. We decided to condense the Women 3 and Women 4 Series and focus our efforts on the beginning of the year. To this end, the W3/W4 races will run from February through May 2017. Due to the great success in its pilot year, we will be continuing with a season-long Master's Women 55+ Series. Your advocates on the 2017 Women's Committee handpicked all the races, and we hope that they provide some ideas and structure to support your 2017 racing season.

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

Women 3 and Women 4 Series (February through May):

Folsom Winter Criterium	2/4/17
Central Coast Road Series # 1	2/12/17
Cantua Creek Road Race	2/19/17
Snelling Road Race	3/4/17
Land Park Criterium†	3/11/17
Bariani Road Race†	3/12/17
RKO # 3 – Winchester Circuit Race	3/25/17
Santa Cruz Classic Crit XLVIII	3/26/17
Turlock Lake Road Race	4/8/17
Mike's Bikes Cat's Hill Classic	4/29/17
Golden State Race Series (Sat. & Sun.)†	5/6-7/17
Mount Hamilton Classic Road Race*	5/28/17
RKO # 6 – Red Kite Criterium*	5/29/17
Altamont Pass Time Trial*‡	5/29/17

Master's Women 55+ Series (February through September):

RKO # 1 – The Bump Circuit Race (Winter)	2/5/17
Bariani Road Race	3/12/17
RKO # 3 – Winchester Circuit Race	3/25/17
RKO # 4 – Tempus Fugit Time Trial (Spring)	3/26/17
Turlock Lake Road Race	4/8/17
Wente Vineyards Road Race	4/30/17
Golden State Race Series (Sat. & Sun.)†	5/6-7/17
Altamont Pass Time Trial	5/29/17
Loyalton Time Trial	6/11/17
Central Coast Road Series # 8	7/15/17
Dunnigan Hills Road Race	8/12/17
Esparto Time Trial‡	8/27/17
RKO Finale – Red Kite Championship	9/3/17

† Two races in one weekend in the same general vicinity to make it more worthwhile for those with a lot of travel.

* Part of the new Memorial Day Stage Race presented by Red Kite Racing, San Jose Bicycle Club, and Team Fremont.

Races in bold are worth double points.

‡ Altamont Pass Time Trial (5/29/17) is the tie breaker for the Women 3 and Women 4 Series; Esparto Time Trail (8/27/17) is the tie breaker for the Master's Women 55+ Series.

RIDER ELIGIBILITY:

All women racers are eligible in their appropriate category so long as they have a USAC license. One-day license holders will accumulate points and are eligible for year-end awards. The same goes for women in other districts and women from out-of-state.

RULES:

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

Riders **MUST** finish the designated Women's Series races in order to receive Individual Points for the Women's Series winner designation. Whether you get a flat tire during the race or if you crash, etc., you must cross the finish line and receive a result on USAC other than DNF/DNP to receive points for the Women's Series.

In the case of a tie in the Women 3 or Women 4 Series, the fastest time in their category at the Altamont Pass Time Trial (5/29/17) will be used to break the tie. In the case of a tie in the Master's Women 55+ Series, the overall fastest time of all the 55+ categories at the Esparto Time Trial (9/16/17) will be used 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 Women's Series races will be placed higher. If ties still exist, then the 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, etc.). Riders who upgrade during the season will leave their points behind and start accumulating points in their new category.

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 W3, W4, or M55+ series will receive a series-end bonus of 1 point per race, for a total of 16 points for the Women 3 and Women 4 Series and 15 points for the Master's Women 55+ Series. The Madera Stage Race counts for 3 points and the Golden State Race Series counts for 2 points.
- At all Criteriums and Circuit Races contained within the series, if you choose to race more than once that day, then you will receive 2 points for completing the "second race" (the race other than your Women's Series category race). Your second race may be any race you are qualified to race in, such as another Master's race or a Men's E4 race, etc. Your placing in the second race does not matter; however, 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.