

## **Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series**



**Rules and Information** 

The 2021 Hammer Nutrition NCNCA Premier Series runs from July through September 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.

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 8/22/2021)

Date	Event
2021-07-10	Land Park Criterium
2021-07-11	Bariani Road Race
2021-07-24	Team Fremont TT Cull Canyon
2021-08-08	Patterson Pass Road Race - VP #12
2021-08-15	Suisun Harbor Criterium - VP #14
2021-09-19	Oakland Grand Prix - VP #21

## **INDIVIDUAL SCORING**

Only 2021 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.

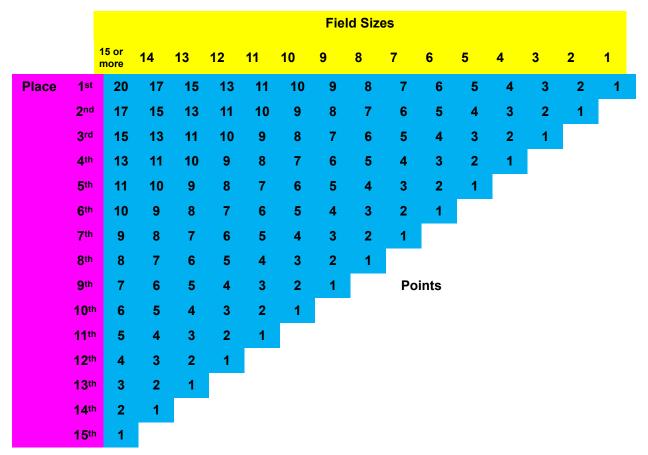
The U23 results will be extracted from Men Pro/1/2 and Women Pro/1/2/3 competitions. For the Premier Series, U23 means under-23 (juniors are included).

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 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes will serve as a tiebreaker. If the tie is not broken, then the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes and so on until the tie is resolved.

Individual points are awarded as follows:



## **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.

Team points are the cumulative score for each category over the team's best **five** races. In the event of a tie, the last race in the series will be used as a tie breaker.

Teams must be NCNCA and USAC member teams. For **2021 only**, teams may join the NCNCA at any time through the series and be eligible for points for the entire series.

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.

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).