

# NCNCA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE POLICY

Dear Race Directors, Teams & NCNCA Clubs,

Below is a copy of the Championship Events policy for NCNCA. The purpose of the policy is to more clearly define what is expected from you as the host of NCNCA Championship events, as well as what you can expect from NCNCA. This policy has been developed based on prior experience as well as feedback from race directors, teams and racers over the years.

More importantly for you as Race Directors, Teams & NCNCA Clubs, part of that policy is to open up the process of bidding for the right to host a Championship at one of your events. Please submit bids to [President@ncnca.org](mailto:President@ncnca.org) no later than Saturday, February 16th- 2019, so that they can be reviewed, and decisions begin to be made at the February 25th Board Meeting. Please note it is a requirement to be an NCNCA Club in current standing to host an NCNCA District championship.

Here is the section of the policy covering bids:

“After the development of the season’s racing schedule, Race Directors will be invited to apply to promote one or More District Championships. Included in their application will be information about the course, approximate prize list(s), venue features and amenities, community involvement, and so forth. Championship races are expected to have a podium with a backdrop suitable for photos, and a speaker system for announcements and presentations. Enhancements to the racing experience that would strengthen bids for championships would include a stage, a professional-sounding announcer, neutral support, motor referees and follow vehicles for each field, a robust medical plan including onsite EMTs or similar staffing, professional results company support at the finish, larger prize lists, spectator parking and good places to view the racing, etc. The request to host a championship should include any additional support the race will need from NCNCA in terms of staffing, financial help, and so forth. All of these factors will be considered when assessing the bids for each event.”

For 2019 the NCNCA Board of Directors is pleased to be offering extra support for the Championship events. As these events are key races during each season in the NCNCA, and continually make the NCNCA the very best region in America for Cycle Sport.

Championship Support \$2,500 budget

Time Trial Events - \$500

Hill Climb – none

Road Race Events

Elite RR - none

Junior RR - \$500

Masters RR - \$500

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Criteriaums

Elite Criterium - none

Junior Criterium - \$500

Masters Criterium - \$500

The NCNCA Board has authorized up to \$ 2,500 in grants to support events that agree to host road championships in 2019. Specific amounts to offset lower revenue fields and higher race production expenses are detailed as above, with an allowance for grants that may be requested by hosting Race Directors.

NCNCA will provide medals for Championship podiums and will promote championship events on our website and in social media. In addition, as we did previously, the NCNCA is seeking sponsorships to provide Jerseys that can be awarded on site at hosting events.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you again for your time and energy and all you do for racing in Northern California and Nevada. Happy Holidays to you, your teams and staff, family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith DeFiebre

Vice President, Northern California and Nevada Cycling Association

Please send all questions and proposals to NCNCA President Erik Camacho -  
President@ncnca.org

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## NCNCA Championship Policy

Annually, preferably prior to National Championships in the discipline, NCNCA will hold Championship events for racers who reside within Northern California and Nevada (as defined by USAC). Race events will be held in each discipline, including at least Road Race, Individual Time Trial, Criterium, and Cyclocross. NCNCA may choose to add additional specialty sub-categories for Team Time Trials as interest and competition levels support. Separate championships or championship categories will be held for Elite, Women, Juniors and Masters racers, to encourage competition amongst and against one's racing peers.

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Within age graded Championships, Juniors will race in two-year increments, and Masters in five-year increments, based on racing age.

Elites: P/1/2/3 race (or Pro only, and 1/2/3 Races), U23

Juniors: 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; 15-16; 17-18

New for 2019, the club/promoter must hold 4 races as follows (for champs, not for every race):

girls and boys raced together but picked separately

12 and under (as 9-10, 11-12 picked separate)

13-14

15-16

17-18

As well as the minimum time limits for races:

12 and under - 20 minutes

13-14 - 30 min

15-16 - 40+ min

17-18 - 40+ min

Masters: 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+\*

- Category 4 racers are eligible to enter Masters fields with a racing age of 55 or older
- Category 5 racers may enter Masters fields with a racing age of 60 or older

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Women: Cat P/1/2/3; and Masters Women 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60+ \*

- Category 4 Women are eligible to enter Masters fields with a racing age of 45 or older.

*\* The Five year age groupings shall continue at least through age 69 for Masters (open) and 64 for Masters Women. The above list is of the required fields. Race Directors, working with the Chief Referee, may add additional age-range fields in five or ten-year increments and may offer an ultimate Master's xx+ field.*

An annual USAC racing license is required for participation in a championship race. No One-Day licenses are allowed. Most fields have category restrictions, except in younger Junior age cohorts, and older Masters fields.

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The NCNCA will provide medals for the top three racers in each Championship event. Additional prizes may be added, NCNCA is currently seeking sponsorships to provide Jerseys that can be awarded on site at hosting events. Additional support for championships may be included in the NCNCA budget. Race Directors should include details of support they may request in their bids. Receipt of that support may be defined in a written agreement between the Race Director and NCNCA, and contingent on successful delivery of the enhancements offered in the championship bids.

The Race Flyer must mention the Championship(s) being run at the event, specifying category requirements and age cohorts. Residency requirements

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must be spelled out in the flyer, and racers who do not list NCNCA as their home LA with USAC will not be eligible to place in the Championship event.