



# NCNCA Promoters Meeting January 2025



# Agenda

- ▶ NCNCA 2024 Year-in-Review
- ▶ Officials Update
- ▶ USAC Update
- ▶ 2025 NCNCA Road Schedule
- ▶ Committee Updates – 2025 Plans
- ▶ District Championship Bidding Process and Requirements



# 2024 NCNCA Year-in-Review

- ▶ BoD increased or maintained communications and social reach
  - ▶ Increased Facebook and Instagram posts
  - ▶ Implemented monthly NCNCA newsletter
  - ▶ Improved and maintained ncnc.org
    - ▶ Enhanced main splash page with regular updates
    - ▶ Enhanced District Championship page with race & promoter details, race requirements
    - ▶ Continued NCNCA calendar activities, website, & planning calendar
    - ▶ NCNCA Local Association documents, financials, and minutes are regularly updated
- ▶ First positive cash flow since 2018
- ▶ Total road races increased as did total field sizes
  - ▶ 36 races, +11% year-over-year
    - ▶ Adverse weather continues to be the largest challenge driving low racership
  - ▶ 218 average racers per race, +21% year-over-year
    - ▶ Criterium, Circuit, and Road Race total racers increased; time trials decreased
  - ▶ All men's field sizes except E4 men's increased year-over-year
    - ▶ Largest field sizes (in order) were men's P12, E4, M1/2/3 50+, M3/4 35+, E3
  - ▶ Juniors field sizes increased 30% year-over-year
  - ▶ Women's field sizes declined year-over-year
    - ▶ Women's Elite fields averaged 7-8 per race
    - ▶ 0 racers in some P123 races
    - ▶ Women's Masters fields averaged 1-3 racers for 60+, 50+, and 40+

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**\*\* New 2025 Board Member**



# Officials Update

- ▶ 2024 by the numbers
  - ▶ All USAC events (road, cyclocross, track, & mountain bike) were staffed / officiated
  - ▶ 28 new officials trained
  - ▶ 5 Officials upgraded (1 to A and 4 to B)
- ▶ USAC Officials Conference in October
  - ▶ NCNCA Official hosted the Chief Referee class
  - ▶ 4 Officials attended the Chief Referee Class
  - ▶ 2 Officials attended the A Referee Class
- ▶ All 2025 races through March have been assigned to referees with remainder being assigned at the annual meeting January 18th
- ▶ Important 2025 USAC Rule and Policy Changes
  - ▶ NCNCA will begin enforcing number placement rule! Riders will not be placed.
  - ▶ Category 5 and Novice will be the beginner category



# USAC Update

## ▶ Upgrades (All)

- ▶ **Category 5 is being reinstated**, will be used synonymously with Novice
  - ▶ Category 5 riders must start 5 races before upgrading to Category 4. (Category 5 is now required for new racers.)
- ▶ Only races permitted by USA Cycling, another UCI affiliated National Federation, or another organization upon written agreement by USA Cycling will be recognized. (Does not include OBRA races)
- ▶ Races for upgrades will be recognized that **date back 36 months** from the upgrade request.
- ▶ Upgrade points are **based on the overall placing in the entire field**, not broken out by category within the field.
- ▶ Riders who have upgraded will start with a zero race points balance in their new category. Where indicated in the policies, Road and Track clinic points may be carried over.

## ▶ Upgrades (Juniors)

- ▶ Junior and Youth riders are **exempt from mandatory upgrades** for points earned in **junior and youth races**.
- ▶ Juniors and Youth who earn points in Elite or U23 races in Road, Track and CX are subject to mandatory upgrades with those points only up to Category 3.

## ▶ Downgrades (All)

- ▶ A rider may be **downgraded** by USA Cycling for the following reasons: unsafe riding, lack of ability to compete in current category, or lack of placing within current category.
- ▶ A rider who feels like they have advanced too quickly may **request a downgrade** through their USA Cycling account, with the request subject to review. Riders may not downgrade to the Novice category in any discipline.

## ▶ Other USAC / NCNCA benefits

- ▶ USAC has free Event Promoter services, paid social media campaign, etc. (<https://usacycling.org/article/event-organizer-resources-marketing-your-event> )
- ▶ USAC Member Clubs get a free mentor race permit along with a curriculum playbook
- ▶ NCNCA Member Clubs have access to NCNCA's Canva social media design platform

More about category upgrades [here](#).

Review changes to Policy VIII [here](#).



# USAC Rider Days

Rank	Local Association	Road	MTB	Fun Ride	Cross	Gravel	Gran Fondo	Other	Track	Total	Geographic Area
1	<b>SCNCA</b>	11,485	4,780	7,038	155	1,111	2,688	1,007	207	28,471	SoCal
2	<b>NEBRA</b>	7,154	2,372	4,906	6,448	4,886	832	1,799		28,397	North East
3	<b>BC</b>	8,373	2,863	6,541	4,975	1,207	847		79	24,885	Colorado
4	<b>WCA</b>	6,027	5,799	431	5,110	179		88	474	18,108	Washington
5	<b>MABRA</b>	4,961	205	3,779	5,583	253	1,997	155		16,933	Mid Atlantic
12	<b>NCNCA</b>	6,647	1,176	771	0	1,582	150	456	293	11,075	NorCal
28	<b>Total</b>	<b>135,718</b>	<b>55,785</b>	<b>48,397</b>	<b>45,761</b>	<b>25,517</b>	<b>23,306</b>	<b>7,185</b>	<b>6,854</b>	<b>348,523</b>	
<b>NCNCA</b>	<b>Rank</b>	5	14	13		3	17	5	8		
	<b>Percentile</b>	82%	48%	48%		88%	15%	75%	43%		
<b>Top Rank</b>	<b>1</b>	SCNCA	WCA	SCNCA	NEBRA	NEBRA	CCA	NEBRA	WSBA		
	<b>2</b>	BC	VCA	BC	MABRA	ABC	SCNCA	CCA	PCA		
	<b>3</b>	NYSBRA	MIBRA	NEBRA	WCA	<b>NCNCA</b>	UCA	SCNCA	ICA		
	<b>4</b>	NEBRA	SCNCA	MABRA	BC	NYSBRA	MABRA	PCA	MIBRA		
	<b>5</b>	<b>NCNCA</b>	ABC	ABC	ICA	INKY	FBRA	<b>NCNCA</b>	NYSBRA		



- ▶ Road represented almost 40% of the USAC rider days for 2024
- ▶ SCNCA led the Nation in rider days, driven primarily by Road, then Fun Rides, MTB, Gran Fondo, & Other
- ▶ NEBRA led the Nation in rider days for Cross & Gravel
- ▶ BC (Colorado) was third in total rider days, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Road and Fun Ride, 4<sup>th</sup> in Cross
- ▶ NCNCA was 12<sup>th</sup>, carried by Road (5<sup>th</sup> largest) and Gravel (3<sup>rd</sup> largest)



# 2025 NCNCA Road Schedule

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Races

Month	Road Races	Other Events
January (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Bird Criteriums x4</li> </ul>	1/26 - Low Gap Hopper
February (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Aggie Criterium, Early Bird Criterium</li> <li>• Cantua Road Race, Pine Flat Road Race, ?Cherry Pie?</li> <li>• Copper Valley Circuit</li> </ul>	2/8 - Rock Cobbler 2/14 - 2/16 - Valley of the Sun 2/22 - Huffmaster Hopper 2/21 - 2/23 - Tucson Bicycle Classic
March (7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snelling Road Race, Merced Criterium</li> <li>• Land Park Criterium, Bariani Road Race</li> <li>• Cats Hill Criterium, Santa Cruz Criterium</li> <li>• Copperopolis Road Race</li> </ul>	3/1 - BWR Arizona 3/8 - Shasta Gravel Hugger 3/15 - Hincapie Gran Fondo 3/29 - Fish Rock
April (7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chico Stage Race (3 stages)</li> <li>• UC Davis Flatlands (2 races)</li> <li>• Berkeley Hills Road Race, Ukiah Mendo Hopper (NCNCA District Gravel Championship)</li> </ul>	4/9 - 4/13 - Redlands 4/10 - 4/13 - Sea Otter Classic 4/19 - Levi's Gran Fondo 4/26 - BWR California
May (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golden State Race Series (3 stages - ITT, Crit, CCR)</li> <li>• Winchester Circuit Race</li> <li>• Wards Ferry Road Race</li> <li>• Dash for Cash Criterium</li> </ul>	5/1 - 5/4 - Tour de Bloom 5/10 - King Ridge Hopper 5/15 - 5/18 - USAC Pro / Elite Nationals 5/24 - BWR California
June (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regalado Road Race, Nevada City Classic Criterium</li> <li>• Pescadero Road Race, Pescadero Circuit</li> </ul>	6/14 - Lost & Found 6/14 - 6/15 - Cascade Cycling Criteriums 6/20 - 6/22 - Baker City Classic 6/28 - 7/2 - USAC Masters & Juniors Nationals
July (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth of July Criterium, Watsonville, Calaveras TT</li> <li>• Montage Circuit Race, Sand City (??)</li> </ul>	7/12 - Death Ride
August (8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterson Pass Road Race</li> <li>• Leesville Road Race, Shea Center Criterium</li> <li>• San Ardo Road Race, University Road Race</li> <li>• Winters Road Race</li> <li>• Athlone ITT, Giro di San Francisco</li> </ul>	
September (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oakland Gran Prix</li> <li>• Henleyville Road Race</li> </ul>	9/11 - 9/14 - Grinduro 9/20 - USAC Gravel National Championship



# Committee Updates

## Competition Committee

- BAR/BAT series continues with same categories as 2024
- Elite Road District Championship winners will receive a jersey
- All Road District Championship winners will receive winner's socks
- Premier Series will not continue in 2025

## Women's Committee

- 2025 Women's Series will be simplified, consisting of 6 criteriums.
- Race Winners in P123, Masters, and E345 fields will receive a winner's jersey

## Juniors Committee

- #1 - Juniors Series - across all NCNCA disciplines (road, track, mountain, cross, & gravel)
- #2 - Improve mutually beneficial relationship with NICA
- #3 - Grow membership in all junior categories
- #4 - Establish community through regular regional junior community rides



# NCNCA District Championship Bidding Process & Requirements

- ▶ Bidding is open for all Road disciplines & categories
- ▶ Rules and 2024 championship information can be found at <https://ncnca.org/championships/>
  - ▶ To qualify for a district championship, racers must live in the district, masters must race in their age category, and all racers must hold an annual license.
  - ▶ Race Promoter must be an NCNCA member club
  - ▶ Masters Championship categories are 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+ for men & women.
  - ▶ Juniors Championship categories are 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 for boys & girls
  - ▶ Masters and junior criterium, road, and time trial championship promoters receive a \$500 stipend
- ▶ Interested promoters should submit their request for consideration to [bod@ncnca.org](mailto:bod@ncnca.org)

Discipline	P12 & U23 (M&W)	Masters (M&W)	Juniors (all)
Criterium	Available	Available	Available
Road Race	Available	Available	Available
Time Trial	Available	Available	Available
Gravel	Ukiah Mendo Hopper (4/27)	Ukiah Mendo Hopper (4/27)	Ukiah Mendo Hopper (4/27)





**THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO!  
SEE YOU AT THE RACES!!**

