

USA Cycling Meeting of the Board of Directors

Colorado Springs, CO

December 3, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. mtn

Nancy Cowan, presiding Secretary called the meeting to order followed by a formal roll call:

BA Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present by phone
Matt Barger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Erica Clevenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Present – ABSENT
Rob DeMartini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present by phone
Stephen Ettinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Beth Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Gina Kavesh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Kristin Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Nancy Leon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Alex Nieroth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Rafi Ortiz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Michael Patterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Sean Petty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Bob Saffell	<input type="checkbox"/> Present – ABSENT
Bob Stapleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Alison Tetrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Arielle Verhaaren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present by phone
Julia Violich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present by phone
Brook Watts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Robin Thurston (Advisory)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Brendan Quirk (Advisory)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present

Board Vice Chairman Alex Nieroth motioned for approval of the August 19, 2019 board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Board Member Nancy Leon. All in favor, no one opposed, minutes approved.

Chairman, Bob Stapleton's opening comments included a welcome to advisory board member Robin Thurston and the introduction of guest Brendan Quirk. Bob gave his view on the direction of the company and his thoughts on business opportunities going forward, stating that current leadership is motivated.

Shane Garman, General Counsel, lead the Governance discussion that included the re-election of the Chairman & Vice Chairman. Michael Patterson, Governance Committee Chair motioned for a vote to re-elect Bob Stapleton, as Chairman of the board, and Alex Nieroth as Vice Chairman of the board, to remain in those positions through the upcoming year 2020. Motion seconded by Kristin Klein. All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.

Shane provided updates on the revised USOPC Bylaws, current federal legislation, the U.S. Center for SafeSport audit and USAC's procedures for effectuating U.S. Center for SafeSport disciplinary actions.

Rob DeMartini, CEO gave an overview of the day's Agenda to include topics around Commercial team, 2020 Budget, and Elite Athletics preparation for Tokyo. Rob described the current state and financial health of the organization. Rob gave a quick overview of the 2019 revenue vs. budget, a recap of investment projects completed on time and under budget; and explained that the 2020 Budget is focused solely on membership, retention and modern marketing, as well as IT projects. Other updates: still working on NICA agreement, Zwift deal is close, and there are changes with how we are working with our Local Associations. Board discussion around LA's and the "volunteer" structure.

Introduction of Lindsay Goldman, Director of Membership. Lindsay described her background and prior work in cycling. Lindsay talked about the goals and redefining the new membership value proposition – presenting her approach on how we build an emotional connection and the strategy to reach out to 7 million “enthusiasts”. Lindsay presented the proposed offers including the family package and the plan to “simplify” offerings while creating more value and focus on these areas: kids, elite athletes, advocacy; events – better experiences, results and rankings, quality events. Tangible take-aways, i.e. we’ll be giving out custom made stickers for their bikes. Robust benefits - partner discounts, Bike Law free legal counsel, VIP starts and aid station support. Benefits will be clearly defined on our website. Campaign to promote offer to members/new pricing structure will include an increased frequency of newsletter as well as social media efforts. Discussion by the board members around the auto renewal process, how to handle with the new launch in January 2020, with auto-renewal in December 2019. Launch expected January 13th, with extensive rollout campaign, brief discussion on 12 month rolling structure & pricing.

Bouker Pool, Chief Commercial Officer, joined in the presentation giving an overview of the marketing plan to reposition the brand, and the overall messaging strategy. We’ll do customer satisfaction surveys, along with engaging a PR firm to help us with influencers & celebrities spreading the word with a “PSA” style campaign “I am USA Cycling” and bringing in Ambassadors to lead VIP rides. Also asking help from Athletes/Partners/Club Partners to push our marketing campaign forward. Bouker updated the board on sponsorship/partnership, both current & progress, and brief review of prospects in discussion.

Todd Sowl, CFO presented the 2019 forecast, along with 2020 Budget objectives, membership numbers and revenue impact/sensitivity analysis. 2020 Budget presented to board for review & discussion. Matt Barger, Chairman of the Finance Committee suggested the board hear from Elite Athletics, before a vote is taken on approving the budget.

Scott Schnitzspahn, VP of Athletics presented Tokyo 2020 and athlete readiness. An update on accomplishments in 2019. Projected medals and goals update. Review of athletic spending.

Alex Nieroth motioned for approval of the 2020 Budget as proposed, seconded by Michael Patterson, all in favor, no one opposed, one board member abstained, with a quorum the Motion passed and the 2020 budget as presented was approved.

After a budget vote, Scott continued with the roll out of “Project 20-28”.

Break for lunch.

Continuation after break with Kim Gerra, Director of IT – giving an IT update and accountability since the last board meeting in August. Projects for 2020 - robust membership database, results, rankings & ratings, universal event calendar and online waivers for non-competitive events. Challenges ahead include product & project management bandwidth and finding qualified talent.

Chuck Hodge, Chief of Racing Operations – presented the VIP Rider Experience, update on new events brought in, and rider benefits under the new membership proposition. Chuck laid out the new 2020 rule changes (see document attached). Motion by Alex Nieroth to approve the rule changes, seconded by Gina Kavesh. All in favor, no opposition, rules as proposed approved.

Alex Nieroth, on behalf of the Nominating & Governance Committee motioned for approval of Brendan Quirk to serve as a non-voting director on the board of directors, in an advisory capacity. Seconded by Brook Watts. All in favor. Brendan Quirk approved to join the board. Alex pointed out that there is now a vacancy on the board due to Andy Lakatosh resigning. The track committee needs to run a special election to fill the board role. Shane Garman will notify the committee.

Other business and open discussions on topics around IT, communications pipeline, transgender issue, tap into alumni or create an alumni association.

Alex Nieroth motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Bob Stapleton, all in favor, no one opposed, so adjourned.

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Following are USA Cycling Rulebook changes proposed for 2020. Item 1 contains the item we believe the board of directors should be aware of in terms of new regulations and changes that may create questions within the experienced cycling community. The remaining items are all of the proposed changes, listed in the order of the rulebook numbering and identified by discipline. The majority of items are clean-up based on printing errors, interpretations encountered in the field and updating to match international regulations.

Editing Key

Text in ~~strikethrough~~ is existing text to be deleted

Text in red italic is new/added text

Text in red standard text represents existing text that is moved

Text in green represents an introduction or comments to assist with interpretive intent.

Item – 1. [General-Revises two current regulations, to require the defending National Champion to wear their national championship jersey while defending their title at a National Championship event of the same discipline (road, track, mt. bike, CX, etc.) and class (Elite and same age range of Masters, Juniors). Wearing the national championship jersey, when eligible (revising 1J5) allows free entry into National Championships.]

1H4. Entry in Races

(g) National and World Champion race entry.

- (i) Current UCI World or U.S. National Champions, who enter ~~category A, B or C~~ races **with a prize list of \$5,000 or greater**, ~~(except~~ **including** National Championships) by the specified pre-registration closing date, and shall be refunded their entry fee (not including insurance fees and surcharges) provided that they are eligible to wear their championship jersey in the race, and do so. Age-graded champions are only eligible when competing in the class in which the jersey was won.

[Allows free entry into the national championship event if national championship jersey is worn.]

1J5. Jerseys [Specific National Championship Obligation]

(f) Only current National Champions may wear National Championship jerseys and only in the specialty (road race, time trial, criterium, Cyclocross, short track cross-country, downhill, Madison, etc. and **class** age group (Junior, Master, U23, Elite) in which the title was won. Age-graded champions may wear the jersey in other age classes within their overall **class**, age Group and specialty **discipline**; e.g., Junior 15-16 road race champion in a Junior 17-18 road race.

- (i) In Elite races, only the USA Cycling Elite champion, ~~Professional champion~~ **Amateur**, and U23 champion may wear the jersey in the appropriate specialty.
- (ii) In stage races, the jersey may only be worn by the current National Champion in the same specialty as the stage; e.g., Criterium Champion in a criterium stage.
- (iii) Members of registered clubs/teams may place advertising on the jersey. Riders or teams that create their own National Champions jerseys must ~~have the design approved~~ **follow the approval procedure outlined** by USA Cycling and must follow the approved format recognized internationally. All National Champion's jerseys must comply with UCI rules for advertising as follows:
 - (a) Front and back of the jersey in a rectangle 10 cm high
 - (b) On the shoulders or sleeves in a single line a maximum of 5 cm high
 - (c) On the sides of the jersey in a band 9 cm wide.
- (iv) Only former National Champions are permitted to wear the Stars and Stripes pattern on the trim of their jerseys. The Stars and Stripes pattern may be worn in all disciplines, not just the discipline in which it was won.
- (v) A National Champion in one discipline (mountain bike, collegiate etc.) may not wear the

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jersey in events of another discipline, except as noted above.

(vi) *The defending National Champion must wear their National Championship jerseys may not be worn in the subsequent National Championship of the same discipline and class.*

[Language consistency. Clarifies Amateurs as a separate class now that our Elite champion is the same as our professional championship), requires wearing the national champion's jersey in the subsequent National Championships]

Item – 2. [General-Clarifies the age definition of Youth riders.]

1C. Rider Classes

1C1. Age-based Classes

All riders are classified according to age as shown below. All ages are based on racing age, which is the year of the event minus the rider's birth year. A rider's racing age in Cyclocross is his age on December 31st of the year that the Cyclocross season ends. Cyclocross season begins on September 1st of one year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.

(a) Youth riders are riders with a racing age of ~~less than 9.~~ *8 and under*

Item – 3. [General-Ties together the definition of youth riders and youth races.]

1H9. Mixing of Classes, Categories, and Genders

(a) Eligibility. No rider may race in a class or category other than that which is stated on his or her license, other than as allowed below.

(b) UCI Team members are not allowed to enter Masters Races.

(c) Masters may compete in any races for their age or younger, subject to category restrictions but not races exclusively for Under 23s or Juniors.

(d) Under 23 and Junior riders may compete in any races for their age or older, subject to category restrictions but not Masters races.

(e) Youth riders may enter only youth races. *Youth races may include only riders from ages 6 through 8.*

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(i) A Race Director may offer races for combined classifications and categories but the categories in a given race must be the same for all age groups. ~~However, Youth races may include only riders from ages 6 through 8.~~

Item – 4. [Track-Clarify the use of the blue band and update regulation to match international regulations.]

2B4. Blue Band. *The blue band is not a part of the racing surface.* In all races it is permissible to ride below the measurement line, but never below the track surface on the blue band, unless done so involuntarily. *A warning, relegation or disqualification may be issued depending upon the advantage gained or seriousness of the incident involving the use of the blue band.*

Item – 5. [Track-Clarify the use of pads in standing start time trial events and update regulation to match international regulations.]

2B18. *For standing start time trial events, except the Team Sprint,* the blue band shall be made impractical for riding by the placement of sponges 50 cm long *pads* every 5 meters from the pursuit line to the exit of each turn.

~~**2I6.** The blue band shall be made impractical for riding by the placement of sponges 50cm by 8 cm by 8 cm in the turns at 5 meter intervals 20 cm below the lower edge of the measurement line.~~

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Item – 6. [Track-Clearly defines Kilometer and 500m events as Standing Start Events.]

2I3. Standing Start Events. *Kilometer/500m*

Item – 7. [Track- Pursuit distances are already in the Championship regulations.]

2J2. Championship individual pursuit, treated below, is a race between two riders competing over a fixed distance. The riders start on opposite sides of the track. The winner is determined by either catching the other rider or recording the fastest time over the specified distance *as established for National Championships*. ~~The distances used are 2000 meters for junior women, 3000 meters for elite women and junior men, and 4000 meters for elite men.~~ The rider who catches the other or covers the distance in the shortest time is the winner.

Item – 8. [Track-Update regulations for Championship events to match international regulations.]

2J5. Qualifying Round.

(a) The qualifying round is a time trial in which no more than two riders may be timed simultaneously on the track. Any rider who is caught must finish the distance to have his or her time recorded.

- i. No rider may take advantage of the slipstream of their opponent-disqualification.*
- ii. A rider who is caught, may not repass and must remain behind their opponent to the end of their ride-disqualification.*

Item – 9. [Track-Update regulations for Championship events to match international regulations.]

2K7.

(c) At the Elite National Championships, the 8 Teams recording the best times in the qualifying rounds shall be matched in the first competition round as follows:

- (i) The team having obtained the 6th fastest time against the one having obtained the 7th fastest time.
- (ii) The team having obtained the 5th fastest time against the one having obtained the 8th fastest time.
- (iii) The team having obtained the 2nd fastest time against the one having obtained the 3rd fastest time.
- (iv) The team having obtained the fastest time against the one having obtained the 4th fastest time.
- (v) The finals heats shall be ridden in the inverse order to that stated below.
- (vi) The winners of the last two heats in the first competition round shall ride the final for first and second places.

- a) If both teams caught their opponents in this round, they shall be seeded in the final based upon their qualifying times.*

[remainder unchanged]

Item – 10. [Track-Update regulations to match international regulations.]

2L. Team Sprint

2L2. Starts

(d) The blue band at the start shall be made impractical for riding by placing three 50 cm pads at 5, 10 and 15 meters from the pursuit line. No other pads shall be placed on the blue band.

(e) The riders of each team shall start side by side with a lateral distance of 1.5 meters between riders.

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Item – 11. [Track-Update regulations to match international regulations.]

2N. Madison

2N1. A Madison is a race ~~run over a specified distance with intermediate sprints~~ involving teams of two riders who relay each other. *The event is run over a specified distance with intermediate and final sprints.* Ranking is determined *based upon the total points awarded for sprints and laps taken by each team. For non-championship events, rankings may be based on* distance plus accrued points in the sprints.

Item – 12. [Track-Update regulations to match international regulations.]

2N3. Sprints for points shall be held in the same manner as a points race. ~~In Championship Madison, sprints will occur every 10 laps on 250m tracks or shorter, for a total distance equal or close to 50 km for Men Elite, 30 km for Women Elite, 30km for Men Juniors and 20 km for Women Juniors, with sprints occurring at equal intervals according to the Madison table in the Appendix 1. For non-championship races, the following guidelines are given for tracks of varying sizes:~~ *There shall be an equal number of laps between all sprints, starting from the final sprint, based on track size, as follows:*

<200m, 15 laps

200m - <333.33m, sprints will occur every 10 laps

333.33m, sprints will occur every 6 laps

≥ 400m, 5 laps

In the case where the total number of laps is not divisible by the indicated number of laps between sprints, the additional laps required for the overall distance, shall be ridden prior to the first sprint.

Standard *distance*, laps and sprints, based upon track size, are indicated in Appendix 1.

The Race Director may specify different points allocations provided that he informs the officials and riders in writing in advance of the race. The first team in each intermediate sprint shall be awarded 5 points, the second 3 points, the third 2 points, and the fourth 1 point. Points awarded in the last sprint after the full distance will be doubled (10 points, 6 points, 4 points, 2 points).

[remainder unchanged]

Item – 13. [Track-Update regulations to match international regulations.]

2P. International Tempo Race (International Style Omnium)

2P1. The International Tempo Race is a specialty in which the final placings are determined according to accumulated points won by riders during the sprints and by taking laps.

2P2. Except for the specific details (even implicit) in this sub-section, the rules of the Points Race shall apply equally to the International Tempo Race.

(a) For National Championships, the following distances shall be used.

Men Elite 10 km

Women Elite 7.5 km

Men Junior 7.5 km

Women Junior 5 km

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Item – 14. [Mtn. Bike-Update regulation to match international regulations.]

5E1. Downhill

(f) If a rider leaves the course *for any reason*, the rider must re-enter the course ~~at the same spot~~ *between the same two course markers* where the rider exited the course.

Item – 15. [Mtn. Bike - Clean up Dual Slalom event description. Create a ranking rule for the overall order of finish in a Dual Slalom. Adjust penalties to practice.]

5E2. Dual Slalom

These are dual slalom guidelines; there are other options for conducting a dual slalom. Consult the race entry form and attend the mandatory riders meeting for more information.

(a) Everyone will have at least one run for qualifying.

i. A rider who has a DNS, DNF, or DSQ for infractions in 8G4 in the qualifying round will be eliminated from the competition.

(b) The fastest qualifier will be seeded against the slowest, the next fastest with the next slowest. See Appendix ~~3-2~~ for dual slalom seeding.

i. In the event of a tie on total qualifying times, ties shall be broken at random for the higher seeded position. [coin flip, drawing lots]

(f) Timing. After the qualification, runs in the final *bracket* heats, *the differential between the two riders shall be recorded. A The losing rider in each ride shall receive the time differential recorded between the two riders. A losing rider may lose by receive* no more than a 1.5 seconds differential *or a differential as set in the special regulations*. This maximum differential applies to slow runs or penalties resulting from jump-starts, missed gates or other infractions. ~~A rider who does not finish the run will be eliminated.~~

(c) Racers will race head-to-head on each course. The *winner of the two rides* rider with the faster combined time will ~~shall~~ advance to the next heat.

(e) The winner of each heat shall be determined as follows:

i. the rider who wins twice, or

ii. after the second ride, the rider with the smallest recorded differential between the two rides, or

iii. the rider who finishes or completes the greater distance in the second ride if both riders miss gates, crash or cannot finish.

(g) Ties in split times *recorded differentials between the riders can* shall be broken in *one of* the following ways:

i If overall times are recorded, the tie is broken by comparing the overall times on the course that both riders completed.

ii. If only split *differential* times are recorded, the winner of the last run is the overall winner.

(d) Starts. The rider's bicycle must be stationary and contacting the gate (if used) at the moment of the start. Failure to comply will be considered a false start.

(e) Runs. Alternating left and right, racers must ride around (not over) each gate, with both tire tracks passing on the outside of the gate. *Failure to clear a gate shall be determined by Ggate* judges located along the course, whose decision is final, ~~determine this.~~

(i) The final classification of the competition is drawn up in groups from each bracket round, in the following order:

i. all riders competing in the big final.

ii. all riders competing in the small final.

iii. the classification of the other riders is determined by the bracket round reached, then by their qualification time.

iv. Within each of the above-mentioned groups, DNF riders are classified before DNS. In case of multiple DNF or DNS, the tiebreaker shall be their qualification time.

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(j) Riders disqualified from the competition for disciplinary penalties shall not appear in the final classification. In the case of a disciplinary disqualification, all riders below the disqualification shall be advanced on place.

8G4 – DUAL SLALOM		
8G4(A)	MISSING A GATE	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(B)	FALSE START	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(C)	CHANGING LANES	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(D)	INTERFERING WITH THE OTHER RIDER	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY OR DSQ IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(E)	NOT PASSING BOTH WHEELS AROUND A GATE	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(F)	MISSING A GATE AND GOING BEYOND THE NEXT GATE <i>OR NOT RETURNING TO COURSE PER THE REGULATIONS</i>	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(G)	NOT FINISHING IN POSSESSION OF THE BIKE	DSQ IN QUALIFYING ROUND. 1.5" PENALTY IN FINAL ROUND
8G4(H)	MISSING START TIME BY MORE THAN TWO MINUTES <i>AND DELAYING THE PROGRAM</i>	DSQ

Item – 16. [Championships - Clearly define that all juniors competing in the same event as 17-18 year old's are bound by the same citizenship criteria.]

7B3. Junior Championships are open only to riders in the specified age ranges of the event who meet other qualification requirements (category) stated elsewhere.

*(a) Junior Championships, open to Junior 17-18, may be entered only by US Citizens with a USA racing nationality and a valid annual USA Cycling or foreign international license. Younger riders allowed compete in these championships, by invitation or published qualifications, **must** meet the same citizenship and licensing criteria as noted herein.*

(b) Junior Championships open to Junior 16 and younger, may be entered by:

- (i) Permanent Residents (green card) with a valid annual USA Cycling license or*
- (ii) US Citizens with a USA racing nationality and a valid annual USA Cycling or foreign international license.*

[17-18 Junior events are recognized by the UCI. We therefore apply citizenship criteria to these events, the same as for U23 and Elite. As more junior 17-18 events have been opened to allow selected 16 and older athletes to compete for development, we've run into misunderstandings regarding eligibility.]

Item – 17. [Championships - Deletes a national championship event not produced for two years.]

~~7G5. Fat Bike Championships. The following classes shall have a Fat Bike national championship event. Awards will be given only in these classes.~~

~~Men Women
Pro/Open Pro/Open
11-14 11-14
15-18 15-18
19-29 19-29
30-39 30-39
40-49 40-49
50-59 50-59
60+ 60+~~

[Renumber remaining items, Marathon and Non-championship events.]

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Item – 18. [General/Mechanical Fraud - Adds e-bike definitions and use allowances. Because E-bikes are gaining popularity and are a form of entry to enjoyment, participation and racing, USA Cycling wants to create both regulations and guidelines to establish use of these e-bikes within our existing regulations that ban mechanical fraud for purely athletic ability events.]

113. Bicycle Types

*(f) Outside of competitions for bicycles defined by 111 that are solely powered by the rider, **E-bikes** are allowed only as a separate class of competition and only where allowed by local jurisdiction at the location of these competitions or rides.*

*i. An **E-bike**, for USA Cycling events, shall comply with the Consumer Safety Products Council (CPSC) as Class 1, low speed electric bicycle with fully operable pedal system (pedals, crank, chain and gears), without a throttle, 350 watt or less motor which engages only with pedaling, and motor assistance that stops at 20 mph (32 kph).*

a. E-bikes may be subject to inspections, including label verification, motor output diagnostics, performing motor speed cut-off tests, wheel dimension controls, and possible impounding before and after the event.

8K2. All riders and teams, or other entities a rider represents must ensure that all their bicycles are at all times in compliance with the provisions of article 111. Any presence of a bicycle that does not comply with the provisions of article 111, within or on the venue of a cycling competition, constitutes a technological fraud by the rider and the team, or other entity the rider represents in the relevant competition, irrespective of whether the bicycle is at all used during the competition.

a) E-bikes, compliant with regulation 113 and at an event permitted for E-bikes, shall not constitute a violation by presence, within or on a venue of a cycling competition.

Item – 19. [Records - Places an additional statement of mandatory anti-doping requirements, for record recognition, in opening statements of Record Attempts for clarity.]

9. RECORDS

9A. Qualifications

9A1. National records for the fastest time for a certain distance or the farthest distance for a certain time may be recognized for U.S. citizens participating in races that have been issued a permit by USA Cycling or another organization affiliated with the International Cycling Union.

9A2. All claims for records must have been based on events that were executed in accordance with the rules of the body that issued the race permit. A record claim must be submitted on the official form supplied by USA Cycling and must be signed by the chief referee and other licensed race officials who witnessed the event.

9A3. If more than one record of a given type is claimed in some 24 hour period, only the fastest one in that period will be recognized.

9A4. The bicycle used to set a National record must comply with current UCI regulations for bicycles even if the event permit did not require UCI bike compliance.

9A5. Drug testing, confirming no adverse findings, is mandatory for official recognition of all US records for ages 17 and up.

Item – 20. [Glossary - Removes the term Senior, which is no longer used in the regulations.]

AMATEUR CLASS: The amateur class comprises riders in the ~~senior~~/elite age group (19-29) *and above* who are not members of UCI teams, or, in the case of women, not on domestic elite teams.

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Item – 21. [Glossary - Removes an obscure definition and creates Discipline definitions for administrative (Conduct) and cycling (Sporting)].

~~**DISCIPLINE:** One of the disciplines in which Collegiate Cycling offers a national championship.~~

DISCIPLINE-administrative: Any action taken against an infraction of the regulations, which may include the following; warning, relegation, disqualification, and up to suspension of racing or membership privileges after due process.

DISCIPLINE-cycling: A defined competition type of bicycle racing. BMX, Mountain Bike, Road, Cyclocross and Track are all examples of cycling sport disciplines.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS BASED ON MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Item – [Updates regulations and terminologies to address new membership and licensing models.]

1A. Licenses

1A1. Generalities

(e) An annual *membership and associated* license *are* valid from January 1 through December 31, *for one year from the date of purchase. International and technical membership licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31.* However, USA Cycling may choose to begin issuing licenses for the following year prior to January 1st, at its discretion.

Item – [Updates regulations and terminologies to address new membership and licensing models.]

1A3. *Membership and Licensing Types*

USA Cycling issues *several* ~~four types of~~ *membership and* licensing options:

(a) *Standard and Premium Memberships* include a *domestic racing* license valid only for participation in *domestic events* in the United States.

*(i) A **Standard** membership allows the member to race in the **Novice** category at any domestic race.*

*(ii) A **Standard** membership held by a **Junior or Youth** rider allows the member to race in any category and class they are qualified for.*

*(iii) A **Standard** membership held by a **Collegiate** rider allows the member to race in any category and class they are qualified for, at any domestic and/or collegiate race.*

Collegiate licensees must comply with all Collegiate criteria, including categorization for non-collegiate events, in Chapter 6 of these regulations.

*(iv) A **Premium** membership allows the member to race in any category and class they are qualified for.*

(b) International licenses are annual licenses valid in the United States or any country for events sanctioned by a cycling federation affiliated with the UCI. International Licenses are required for UCI (*international*) events held within the United States.

(c) One-day licenses may be purchased online through the USA Cycling registration system or onsite at any USA Cycling sanctioned event and are valid for a single day of racing.

(i) One-day ~~beginner~~ licenses may only be purchased by the lowest category of racer for that discipline; i.e., category 5 *Novice* men and women for road, track, and Cyclocross, and category 1, 2 or 3 for MTB.

(ii) Experienced one-day race licenses may be purchased online only by former members to race in categories excluded by the *One-day Beginner* license.

(iii) One-day licenses may not be used for Championship events.

~~**(d)** Collegiate licenses may be purchased according to the guidelines set forth in Chapter 6 and are only valid for collegiate events.~~

Item – [Updates regulations and terminologies to address new membership and licensing models.]

1A5. License Format

Licenses will have the following characteristics:

(a) The license is in the form of an identification card or electronic with information on the front and back *or electronic facsimile (USA Cycling membership app).*

1D1. Numerical Categories *Category Definitions:*

(a) *Beginning riders* are assigned a *Novice* category.

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(b) Experienced riders are assigned to one of the following categories with smaller numbers representing increasing rider proficiency and ability:

- (i) Road, Track, and Cyclocross:** 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 for men; and 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for women.
- (ii) Mountain Bike:** 3, 2, 1 and Pro.

Item – [Moves specific upgrade information to Upgrade Policy.]

1D3.

(a) Rider categories are assigned by USA Cycling based on a rider's experience and performance. Riders are assigned to the lowest ability category until a higher category has been earned.

(b) For MTB, a rider may choose to be a category 2 or 3 without having to earn points. Once such a choice is made, the rider may not drop back to a lower category without first requesting and receiving a downgrade.

(c) Categories indicate cycling abilities relative to riders of the same ~~sex~~ **gender** without regard to age.

Item – [Updates regulations to address new upgrade concepts and to move specific upgrade details to Policy VIII.]

1E. Rider Upgrading and Downgrading

1E1. General Information

(a) Rider **requests for upgrades and downgrades** are handled electronically through USA Cycling via the rider's online account. The request will be sent to **reviewed** by the person responsible for the area and/or category.

(b) Races and events that count for upgrades are as follows:

Only—**(i) Races** permitted by USA Cycling, or

~~(ii) Foreign~~ races permitted by a UCI affiliated National Federation, **or**

(iii) Events and Races not listed above, may be considered for upgrading based upon a written agreement between USA Cycling and other sanctioning bodies.

will count for upgrading.

(c) Riders who are more than halfway through a series may request a waiver of a mandatory upgrade so that they may finish out the series under the conditions below:

(i) The series is covered by a single permit and one race director.

(ii) The request is approved by the race series director and USA Cycling.

(iii) The waiver is granted for a maximum of three event days.

(iv) Such a waiver may only be used once per rider per category.

Note that for MTB series, subsections (i) and (iii) are not applicable.

(d) Points, **experience** and rankings for all voluntary upgrade requests may only date back 36 months from the date of the upgrade request.

(e) Riders who have upgraded will start begin to accrue points in their new category with a zero balance.

(f) Junior and Youth riders are exempt from mandatory upgrade regulations, for points gained in Junior and youth racing. Points gained in U23 and Elite events will be used for mandatory upgrading, up to Category 3.

(g) All Rider Upgrade/Downgrade details for Road, Track, Cyclocross and Mountain Bike are found in USA Cycling Policy VIII-Race Category Upgrading/Downgrading.

[previous items c, d, e and f move to policy]

Item – X. Categories [Removes reference to category 5 and replaces with Novice. Sets maximum field sizes for road races.]

1H5. Maximum Field. Entries shall be accepted in order of receipt by the Race Director up to the field limit, and subsequent entries shall be returned. The maximum field limit in any

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youth race shall be 50.

For massed-start road events (road races, circuit races, criteriums) the field limit for an event that includes category 5 *Novice* men or women shall be 75. For other massed-start road events and Cyclocross events, if no field limit is given in the official race announcement, a field limit of 100 shall be used. *For road races the field size shall be limited to 200, except for mass participation events, e.g. Gravel Grinders, Grand Fondos.*

For criterium and Cyclocross events with multiple fields on the course, any field limit is applied to the total number of riders on the course unless stated otherwise in the race flyer.

Item – X. Categories. [Removes reference to category 5 and replaces with Novice and makes it generic for men or women.]

1H10. Prizes

(d) In youth races and races exclusively for *Novice* ~~men~~ *riders*, no prizes (including primes) of commercial value may be awarded – only such things as trophies, medals, ribbons, and certificates.

Item – X. Categories. [Removes reference to professional and replaces with Elite to agree with International regulations and Championships.]

1K. Racing Rule Generalities

1K1. Scope

(b) National Championships for 17-18, U23 and ~~professional~~ *Elite* riders will be run under UCI rules, except as specifically noted elsewhere in these rules. At the discretion of USA Cycling, other races for 17-18, U23 or ~~professional~~ *Elite* riders that are used to qualify riders for national teams or international competition may use UCI rules, either completely or in part.

[Item – X. Glossary. Redefines participants in Open Class, except Novice]

OPEN CLASS: All participants, *except novice*, can compete in an open class, *regardless of license category*.