

Kansas Cycling Association

2012 Kansas Best All-Around Rider (KBAR) and Best All-Around Team (KBAT) Rules

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Introduction

The KBAR series competition was developed by the Kansas Cycling Association to recognize the most competitive racers in the KBAR Series. KBAR races are a balanced set of road races, time trials and criteriums that have demonstrated themselves as a challenge to racers and have met the standards set for race promoters by the KCA.

Each KBAR race awards points to racers according to a predetermined scale. At the end of the series, the racer with the greatest number of points in each category wins the KBAR Series in their respective category. The KCA will keep a running total of KBAR points throughout the season and post the standings on the KCA web site.

While ability is important to win the KBAR Series, dedication is also important. All races in the series count towards the final standings. Racers who participate in the greatest number of races and place high enough to earn points have as good of a chance to win the KBAR Series as racers who place first but enter only a few KBAR Series races.

The Rules set forth below will help you understand how the KBAR Series works so you can better prepare for the season and implement a plan that will hopefully help you earn the most points by the end of the season. The KCA may revise these rules periodically and the rules are subject to change between seasons.

KBAR Schedule

The goal of the KCA is to have the schedule of KBAR races published by February 1 of every year. Some races may be listed as tentative at that time. You will find the schedule at www.kscycling.org. The KCA Board of Directors will work with promoters to establish the KBAR Schedule. Final determination of the KBAR Race Schedule is by the KCA Board of Directors.

Categories

The categories that will be awarded in the KBAR Series are as follows:

- Juniors 10-14 Male (male Cat 3, 4, & 5 combined)
- Juniors 10-14 Female (female Cat 3 & 4 combined)
- Juniors 15-18 Male (male Cat 3, 4, & 5 combined)
- Juniors 15-18 Female (female Cat 3 & 4 combined)
- Masters Men 40+ (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 50+ (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 60+ (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 40+ (Cat 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 50+ (Cat 3 & 4)
- Women Category 1/2/3
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 4

- Men Category 3
- Men Category 1/2

Not all categories will be run at all races. The Kansas Cycling Association works with promoters to ensure most if not all categories are included at each race. However, categories must be scored in at least 3 or more races in order for a KBAR Champion to be awarded at the end of the series. Additionally, a rider must participate in at least 3 KBAR races and earn points in those races in order to win a KBAR Series category. Points across categories are dealt with in the following way:

1. In combined Juniors fields and combined Masters fields (all juniors racing together, Master 35+ or 45+ only at the event), racers are eligible for points in their specific age groups (10-14, 15-18, 40+, 50+, 60+) based on their actual finishing place. If the first 40+ rider places 5th in a 35+ race, he only earns 5th place points in the 40+ competition, not 1st place points. If the first 10-14 rider places 5th he only earns 5th place points in the 10-14 competition, not 1st place points.
2. In combined Category races, racers are eligible for points only in their USAC license category, based on their actual finishing place. If the first Cat 4 rider places 5th in a Cat 3 / 4 race, he only earns 5th place points in the Cat 4 competition, not 1st place points.
3. Masters can compete in their USAC category 1/2, 3 or 4 and earn points in those categories as well.

Multiple races in one day

Age group and category riders may earn KBAR points in 2 or more races on the same day. For instance, a 45 year old Cat 3 Masters racer may earn points in Masters 40+ and Men's Category 3 races, if they are separate races and he competes in both races. Similarly, a Cat 4 racer can participate in a Mens 3/4 race and a Mens 4/5 race on the same day and is eligible to earn points in the Cat 4 competition from both races. However, in the spirit of competition, a racer can win only one KBAR category at the end of the competition.

Eligibility

Participants:

Any rider with a valid annual USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the KBAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.

Requirements of KBAR Points Races:

- Event must be USAC approved.
- Event promoter(s) must pay a \$1.00 per rider fee to KCA for every unique participant.
- Event promoters agree to allow the KBAR winners from the previous year to race for free (a minimum discount equivalent to a single race registration fee will be given in cases where there could be multiple races per day).
- In addition to USAC requirements, the race must be permitted through KCA/USAC and the flyer available for posting on the KCA web site no less than 45 days before an event.

- Event promoters must provide the KCA with event results including at a minimum each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one (1) week of the close of the event in order to keep the web site current.
- It is STRONGLY recommended that suitable wheel vehicles are provided for all road races.
- Promoters who are unable to adhere to these requirements, or who on race day do not correctly apply these requirements, will be placed on probation and if the events are not run in accordance with these rules the following year, then they will not be allowed to promote KBAR events.

Point System

Points are awarded to all eligible racers at each KBAR race according to the following schedule.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

Some races also entail a point multiplier. Races that earn 1.5 times the normal points are showcase races and will change each year. Races that earn 2.0 times the normal points are the State Criterium Championships, the State Road Race Championships, and State Time Trial Championships. To find out if a race has a point multiplier please visit www.kscycling.org

Racers Who Upgrade

Category racers upgrading during the season will take 1/2 of their points with them into the higher category. This rule only applies to Cat 4 Women, and Cat 3 and Cat 4 Men. After a racer upgrades his/her points in the lower category are no longer counted as part of that category's competition. The upgrade rule only applies to category racers and NOT age group racers.

Racers downgrading during the season will not have their higher category points (if any) follow them to the lower category, but may still compete for KBAR points in the lower category.

Final KBAR standings will be based on a rider's USAC license category as of the last KBAR race of the season, regardless of whether the rider actually raced the last KBAR race.

Results and Ties

KBAR points will be awarded based on the final results as determined by the chief judge at the race.

If there is a tie in points after the last KBAR race the tie will be broken by the highest placement in the last KBAR race either of the riders finished. If rider A finished the last KBAR race and rider B did not, then by default rider A will win the tie.

Winners of each category will receive 1) free entry into the following year's KBAR races, funded by KBAR race promoters; 2) a KBAR Series Champion's Jersey, funded by the KCA; and 3) their name featured on the KCA's Hall of Champions at www.kscycling.org.

Current KBAR overall standings will be available on www.kscycling.org.

Team Competition

Teams have the same eligibility requirements as individuals. The top five (5) point earners from each team across all categories will have their individual KBAR points counted towards the team competition for that category. In this way both quality and quantity will help teams score points. The categories that will be awarded the KBAR Team award are as follows:

- Overall Juniors Team
- Overall Men's Category Team
- Overall Women's Category Team
- Overall Men's Masters Team
- Overall Women's Masters Team

Overall team awards are based on the following:

- Juniors are a combination of Male and Female Juniors 10-14 and 15-18 racers.
- Men & Women are a combination of all Category 1 through 4 racers.
- Men's Masters are a combination of all 40+, 50+, and 60+ Men's Masters racers
- Women's Masters are the 40+, 50+ women's Masters racers

Racers earning points in more than one KBAR category only count once towards the Team Competition with the rider's highest point total. If a 52 year old Cat 3 rider has scored points in the Cat 3 and Masters 50+ fields, only the highest point value of the two counts towards the team competition. This rule is put in place to encourage a true Team Competition.

Racers who officially join or change a club mid season will have their points applied as of the date they joined their new team. Previous points earned will still apply to a rider's individual KBAR points and the former team's total, but not transferred to their new team for the team competition.

Winners of each Team Competition category will be awarded a KBAR Traveling Trophy to display until the winners of the following year Team Competitions are determined and the trophy is re-awarded. Winners will also be featured on the KCA's Hall of Champions at www.kscycling.org.