

Kansas Cycling Association

2013 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 (“KCA”) to promote racing and 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 to racing 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. 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. Effort will be made to produce a KBAR Race Schedule that represents diversity in discipline, promoter, calendar placement and location. State Championship events are automatically included in the KBAR Schedule.

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 - 49 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 50 - 59 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 60+ (Cat 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)
- Masters Women 40 - 49 (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

The KCA works with promoters to ensure all categories are included at each race. A rider must participate in at least 3 KBAR races and earn points in those races in order to win a KBAR Series category.

Masters can compete in their USAC category 1/2, 3 or 4 and earn points in those categories as well.

In the spirit of competition, a racer can win only one KBAR category, based on the one category with the racer's highest point total, at the end of the competition.

Eligibility

Participants:

Any rider with a valid annual USAC racing license who is a member of a club registered with USAC which is a member of the KCA in good standing per KCA bylaws 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 and comply with all USAC rules.
- Event promoter(s) must pay the KCA surcharge of \$1.00 per rider fee to KCA for every unique participant. All KCA surcharge payments are due 30 days after the receipt by the event promoter of the KCA surcharge invoice.
- If the KCA surcharge payment is not received by the due date, all KBAR points earned by members of the promoting club will be voided and the promoter/race shall not be eligible for KBAR/KBAT designation for the following year.
- The race promoter/club will be considered not in good standing and no future race permits will be issued to them until any overdue surcharge invoices are paid.
- If a club fails to promote a race or other USAC approved cycling event in the current calendar year as required by the KCA bylaws, all KBAR points earned by members of the non-promoting club will be voided.
- 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.
- For accurate awarding of KBAR points, the race results must be provided to the KCA by the promoter within one week of the event. The results must be correct regarding the racer's name, USAC license #, racing age, category, and team, as shown on their 2013 USAC license. If requested by the promoter, the KCA will provide training on the KCA database and registration equipment. The promoter

may check out the KCA registration equipment for use at his race once he or his designee has been deemed proficient by the KCA in using the equipment.

- 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

Points Award Rules

If at a KBAR designated race, any of the KBAR official awards “Categories” are combined or separated for race result scoring the following KBAR point award rules shall apply:

- For Combined Categories – Examples: If a Men’s Category 1/2/3 race, which is not a KBAR official award “Category”, is scheduled, the Cat 1 and 2 men combined will be awarded KBAR points based on place of finish by ignoring any Cat 3 men who finished ahead of them. Thus, the first finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer will get first place KBAR points even if not first place in race; and same with second finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer, who will receive second place KBAR points, and so forth. Similarly, Cat 3 racers will be awarded KBAR points based on place of finish by ignoring any Cat 1 or 2 racers who finished ahead of them. Thus, the first finishing Cat 3 racer will get first place KBAR points even if not first place in the race and the same with the second finishing Cat 3 racer, who will receive second place KBAR points, and so forth. This method will also apply to all combined Masters “Categories” Races, such as a scheduled Men Master 40+ race without having scheduled Men Master 50-59 or Men Master 60+ races.
- For Separated Categories – Examples: If separate Women’s Category 1/2 and a separate Women’s Category 3 race are held at an event, both which are not KBAR official award “Categories”, the Cat 1/2 will be awarded KBAR points based on the place of finish. Thus the first finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer will get first place KBAR points; and second finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer will receive second place KBAR points, and so forth. In the Category 3 race the first finisher will be awarded first place KBAR points, second place finisher awarded second place KBAR points, and so forth.

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. Teams must be members of the KCA in good standing, as defined in the KCA Bylaws, in order to be eligible to participate in the team competition. 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 Champion (Keen Wealth Cup)

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 Category Teams are a combination of all Category 1 through 4 racers.
- Men's Masters are a combination of all 40 - 49, 50 - 59, and 60+ Men's Masters racers
- Women's Masters are a combination of all 40 - 49 and 50+ Women's Masters racers
- Overall Team Champion (Keen Wealth Cup) is based on "**How is the Keen Wealth Cup Winning Overall Team Champion determined?**" at www.kscycling.org

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 50-59 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 be 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.