

Kansas Cycling Association

2014 Kansas Best Cyclocross Rider (KBCXR) and Best Cyclocross Team (KBCXT) Rules

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Introduction

The KBCXR series competition was developed by the Kansas Cycling Association (“KCA”) to promote cyclocross racing and recognize the most competitive racers in the KBCXR Series. KBCXR races are a set of cyclocross races that have demonstrated themselves as a challenge to racers and have met the standards set for race promoters by the KCA.

Each KBCXR 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 KBCXR Series in their respective category. The KCA will keep a running total of KBCXR points throughout the season and post the standings on the KCA web site.

While ability is important to win the KBCXR 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 KBCXR Series as racers who place first but enter only a few KBCXR Series races.

The Rules set forth below will help you understand how the KBCXR 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.

KBCXR Schedule

The goal of the KCA is to have the schedule of KBCXR races published by August 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 KBCXR Schedule. Final determination of the KBCXR Race Schedule is by the KCA Board of Directors. Effort will be made to produce a KBCXR Race Schedule that represents diversity in course, promoter, calendar placement and location. The State Championship event is automatically included in the KBCXR Schedule.

Categories

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

- Juniors 9-18 Male (male Cat 3, 4 & 5)
- Juniors 9-18 Female (female Cat 3 and 4)
- Masters Men 40 - 49 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 50 - 59 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 60-64 (Cat 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)
- Masters Men 65+ (Cat 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)
- Masters Women 40 - 49 (Cat 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 50- 59 (Cat 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 60+ (Cat 3 & 4)

- Single speed (Men and Women combined)
- 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 preferred cyclocross race event should include the following minimum separate races:

- Junior Male and Female (All ages)
- Masters Men (include 40 – 49, 50 – 59, 60 – 64, and 65+)
- Masters Women (Include 40-49, 50-59, 60+)
- Women Category 1/2/3
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 4 (may include Men Category 5 who are not eligible for KBCXR points)
- Men Category 3
- Men Category 1/2
- Single Speed (All genders)

Riders will earn points in the category of the race that they have entered, rather than the class of the rider. For example, if a woman Cat 2 rides the Men's Cat 3 race, she earns points in the Men's Cat 3 category, not the Women's 1/2/3 category. Points are not transferable between classes. A rider must participate in at least four KBCXR races and earn points in those races in order to win a KBCXR Series category.

Multiple races in one day

Age group and category riders may earn KBCXR points in two or more races on the same day. For instance, a 45 year old Cat 3 Masters racer may earn points in Masters 40-49 and Men's 3 races, if they are separate races and he competes in both races. However, in the spirit of competition, a racer can win only one KBCXR category at the end of the competition.

Eligibility

Participants:

Any rider with a valid annual USA Cycling racing license; who is a member of a club registered with USAC which is also in good standing with KCA per KCA bylaws; or who has a valid USA Cycling annual license, but is not a club member is eligible to compete and earn points in one or more of the KBCXR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.

Requirements of KBCXR Points Races:

- Event must be USAC approved and comply with all USAC rules.
- Event must include all of the fields stated above.
- The course must form a closed circuit of a minimum length of 2.5 km and maximum of 3.5 km, of which at least 90% shall be rideable.

- The course must be long enough and challenging enough to, in the opinion of the Chief Referee of the race, prevent multiple riders from being lapped by the leaders and the pulling of the lapped or soon to be lapped riders.
- The course shall be held over varying terrain including roads, country or forest paths, and open terrain, alternating in such a way as to ensure changes in the pace of the race and allow the riders to recuperate after difficult sections.
- Event promoter(s) must pay the KCA surcharge of \$1.00 per rider to KCA for every unique participant per the current KCA Surcharge Policy. All KCA surcharge payments are due 30 days after the receipt by the event promoter of the KCA surcharge invoice. The KCA rider surcharge will be waived for each Woman and Junior rider that finishes their event race, in addition to the waiver of the surcharge for racers whose entry fees are \$10 or less per the current KCA surcharge policy. The KCA and Keen Wealth \$5 per racer sponsorship of junior entry fees at 2014 CX events will also apply.
- If the KCA surcharge payment is not received by the due date, all KBCXR points earned by members of the promoting club will be voided and the promoter/race shall not be eligible for KBCXR/KBCXT designation for the following year.
- The Promoter/club will be considered not in good standing and no future race permits 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 KBCXR points earned by members of the non-promoting club will be voided.
- Event promoters agree to allow the KBCXR 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 pre-posting review to allow posting on the KCA web site no less than 45 days before an event.
- The promoter shall utilize the KCA registration equipment for use at his race. The promoter shall designate and provide a registrar who has been deemed proficient by the KCA in using the equipment. With advance request by the promoter, the KCA will provide training on the KCA database and registration equipment for the promoter's designated registrar.
- For accurate awarding of KBCXR 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 2014 USAC license.
- 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 KBCXR events.

Points Award Rules

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

- For Combined Categories – Examples: If a Men's Category 1/2/3 race, which is not a KBCXR official award "Category," is scheduled, the Cat 1 and 2 men combined will be awarded KBCXR points based on place of finish by ignoring any Cat 3 men who finished ahead of them. Thus, the first finishing Cat 1 or Cat 2 racer will get first place points even if not first place in race; and

same with second finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer, who will receive second place KBCXR points, and so forth. Similarly, Cat 3 racers will be awarded KBCXR 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 KBCXR points even if not first place in the race and the same with the second finishing Cat 3 racer, who will receive second place KBCXR 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 KBCXR official award “Categories”, the Cat 1 / 2 will be awarded KBCXR points based on the place of finish. Thus the first finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer will get first place KBCXR points; and second finishing Cat 1 or 2 racer will receive second place KBCXR points, and so forth. In the Category 3 race, the first finisher will be awarded first place KBCXR points, second place finisher awarded second place KBCXR points, and so forth.
- One Day Licensed racers are not eligible to participate in the KBCXR competition. However, they will be assigned KBCXR points based on their place of finish, thereby affecting points earned by eligible racers.

Point System

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

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

The Kansas State Cyclocross Championship will have 1.5 times the normal points multiplier.

Results and Ties

KBCXR 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 KBCXR race the tie will be broken by the highest placement in the last KBCXR race either of the riders finished. If rider A finished the last KBCXR race and rider B did not, then by default rider A will win the tie.

KBCXR Awards

1st place winners of each category will receive 1) a KBCXR Series Champion’s Jersey funded by the KCA; 2) free entry into the following year’s KBCXR races, funded by KBCXR race promoters; and 3) their name featured on the KCA’s Hall of Champions at www.kscycling.org. Additionally, 2nd and 3rd place finishers of each category will receive Kansas Best Rider Silver and Bronze Medals.

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

Racers Who Upgrade

Category racers upgrading during the season will take ½ of their points with them into the higher category. This rule only applies to Category 4 women and Category 3 and 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 KBCXR points in the lower category. Final KBCXR standings will be based on a rider's USAC license category as of the last KBCXR of the season, regardless of whether the rider actually raced the last KBCXR race.

Team Competition

Teams have the same eligibility requirements as individuals. Teams must be in good standing with KCA, 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 KBCXR points counted towards the KBCXT competition for that Team category. In this way both quality and quantity will help teams score points. The Team categories that will be awarded the KBCXT 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 9 - 18
- Men and 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, 60 - 64, and 65+ Men's Masters Racers.
- Women's Masters are a combination of the 40-49, 50- 59, and 60+ Women's Masters Racers.

Single Speed category results do not count towards Team Competition. Racers earning points in more than one KBCXR 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 Category 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 racer's individual KBCXR points and the former team's total, but will not be transferred to their new team for the team competition.

KBCXT Awards

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