Kansas Cycling Association

2015 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. KBAR points standing protests must be made by the individual racer within two days after the web site posting date. Any Protests shall be reviewed and a final determination made by a KCA Board Protest Subcommittee, formed and chaired by the Board President.

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, excluding Track, are automatically included in the KBAR Schedule.

Categories

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

- Juniors 9-14 Male (male Cat 3, 4, & 5)
- Juniors 9-14 Female (female Cat 3 & 4)
- Juniors 15-18 Male (male Cat 3, 4, & 5)
- Juniors 15-18 Female (female Cat 3 & 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)

- 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 road or criterium race event should include the following minimum separate races:

- Junior Male and Female (All ages)
- Masters Men 40 - 49
- Masters Men 50 – 59
- Masters Men 60+ (include 65+)
- Masters Women (Include 40-49, 50-59, 60+)
- Women Category 1/2/3
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 4
- Men Category 3
- Men Category 1/2
- Men Category 5 (Men Category 5 in this race are not eligible for KBAR points)

The above is a recommendation only, however if any category or age races are combined they must be staged to allow for KBAR points scoring in the KBAR Categories and be so noted on the Race Flyer.

A rider must participate in at least four (4) KBAR races and earn points in the specific KBAR category 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.

Eligibility
Participants:
Any rider with a valid annual USAC racing license is eligible to compete and earn points in one or more of the KBAR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category. Provided, however, that riders who are members of KCA member clubs not in good standing per the KCA Bylaws are not eligible to win a KBAR category.

Requirements of KBAR Points Races:

1. Event must be USAC approved and comply with all USAC rules.
2. Event must include all of the KBAR Categories stated above.
3. Event promoter(s) must pay the KCA surcharge rider fee 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. If a KCA member 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.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. The promoter shall utilize the KCA registration equipment at the 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.
10. 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, racing age, category, and team, as shown on their current USAC license.
11. It is STRONGLY recommended that suitable wheel vehicles are provided for all road races.
12. 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	18	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Some races also entail a point multiplier. Races, as determined by the Board, that earn 1.5 times the normal points are showcase races and may 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.
- One Day Licensed racers are not eligible to participate in the KBAR competition. However, they will be assigned KBAR points based on their place of finish, thereby affecting points earned by eligible racers.

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.

KBAR Awards and Ties

KBAR points will be awarded based on the final race results as determined by the chief judge at the race. 1st place winners of each KBAR Series 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.
Additionally, 2nd and 3rd place finishers of each KBAR Series category will receive Kansas Best Rider Silver and Bronze Medals.
If there is a tie in points for a KBAR Series category 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. This tie breaker rule shall only apply to the free entry award for 1st place winners. Otherwise, all ties for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers shall be considered co-winners and receive duplicate awards accordingly.
Current KBAR overall standings will be available on www.kscycling.org.

Team Competition

Teams competing for Kansas Best All-around Team (KBAT) have the same eligibility requirements as individuals. Teams must be in good standing with USAC, and, if affiliated with KCA member clubs, in good standing as defined in the KCA Bylaws, in order to be eligible to participate in the KBAT competition.

The team competition categories that will be awarded the KBAT 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 KBAT awards are based on the following:

- Juniors Team is a combination of Male and Female Juniors 9-14 and 15-18 racers.
- Men & Women Category Teams are a combination of all Category 1 through 4 racers.
- Men's Masters Team is a combination of all 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60- 64, and 65+ Men's Masters racers
- Women's Masters Team is a combination of all 40 - 49, 50 - 59, and 60+ Women's Masters racers
- Overall Team Champion (Keen Wealth Cup) is based on 2015 Keen Wealth Cup rules posted at
  www.kscycling.org

After each race event, the top five (5) point earners from each team across all categories for a KBAT competition category will have their individual KBAR points counted towards the team competition for that KBAT category. The KCA will keep a running total of these KBAT points throughout the season and post the points standings on the KCA web site after each KBAR event. KBAT standing protests must be made by the Team President within two days after the web site posting date. Any Protests shall be reviewed and a final determination made by a KCA Board Protest Subcommittee, formed and chaired by the Board President.

Racers earned points in more than one KBAR category all count towards the associated KBAT competition category. If a 52 year old Cat 3 rider has scored points in the Cat 3 and Masters 50-59 fields, both of the two can count towards the corresponding KBAT category 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 KBAT points total, but will not be transferred to their new team for the KBAT competition.

KBAT Awards and Ties

Winners of each Team Competition category will be awarded a KBAT 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.

KBAT points will be awarded based on the final race results as determined by the chief judge at the race. If there is a KBAT tie in points in a KBAT category after the last KBAR race, the tie will be broken by the highest KBAT Team points earned in the last KBAR race by either of the Team's. If Team A earned points in the last KBAR race and Team B did not, then by default Team A will win the tie.