

# **John Marino Competition (JMC)**

*Policy on Selecting and Sanctioning Events Included in the JMC*

*Approved unanimously by the Board of Directors November 24, 2003.*

Background – The John Marino Competition honors the founder of the UMCA and the Race Across AMERICA. Ultra racers compete in a series of approximately 25 events to determine the best ultra riders of the season. The events included in the JMC are selected by the Chair of the JMC and the Managing Director of the UMCA based on the following criteria.

- 1) Rules – All events must obey the traffic laws. All events must have a published set of rules, which are distributed to participants, and participants must have an opportunity to ask questions and clarify rules.
- 2) Duration – Preference is given to events that are 24 hours or longer.
- 3) Drafting – Events may be drafting or non-drafting or mixed; however, preference is given to non-drafting events. If the event has a non-drafting rule, then the rule must be enforced.
- 4) Entry – Events must be open to all riders who meet the published qualification criteria (although a cap on the number of riders is acceptable); events cannot be by invitation only.
- 5) Officiating – An event must have adequate officiating, in most cases three separate officials: one with the lead riders, one with the middle of the field and one with the rear.
- 6) Timed Events – All events in the JMC will be timed events, with time including all off-the-bike time.
- 7) Results – Ride organizers are urged to make preliminary results available to riders within two hours of the conclusion of the event. Final results must be available within two weeks after the conclusion of the event. For events that have a specified distance, results must include the official distance of the event and the time of each rider at least to the nearest minute. For events that have a specified duration (12- or 24- hour race), then the results must include the distance credited to each rider at least to the nearest mile or kilometer – this may be an integral number of laps, or may include partial lap distances, depending on whether the event counts partial laps.
- 8) Insurance – The event organizers must have liability insurance, and the UMCA must be named as an additional insured.
- 9) Promotion – Events must supply contact and ride information to the UMCA, to be published in a list of all upcoming JMC events and contact information in each issue of the newsletter and on the website. Each event will display the UMCA logo on event material.
- 10) Location – Preference is given to events in North America, and to RAAM qualifiers throughout the world.
- 11) Geographical Diversity – From among the qualified candidates (per the foregoing criteria), events are chosen so as to form a geographically diverse slate.
- 12) Total Slate – The total slate will be between 25-30 events per year.
- 13) Event Rotation - Among the lower-point-value candidate events (1-2 points), since there are quite a few candidates and a limited number of JMC slots, preference is given to selecting different events from year to year, so long as geographical diversity is not compromised.