

ULTRAMARATHON CYCLING ASSOCIATION

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2011 ULTRACYCLING CUP RULES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the UltraCycling Cup is to provide an opportunity for ultra-racers everywhere to compete in a series of events to determine the best ultracyclists in the world. To accomplish this goal, the UMCA will list events on the UltraCycling Cup calendar at which ultra-racers will earn points. At the conclusion of the season, winners will be determined in each division and category, and an overall male and female champion will be declared. Becoming an UltraCycling Cup champion will be a true test of one's endurance, perseverance and determination.

II. DIVISIONS

1. There are four divisions in the UltraCycling Cup:

- A) **ULTRACYCLING CUP:** Racers earn points based on placing against other UMCA members in any event listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar.
- B) **WORLD CUP OF ULTRACYCLING:** Racers earn points based on placing against other UMCA members in selected international events listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar.
- C) **24-HOUR CHALLENGE:** Racers accumulate mileage in any 24-hour race on the UltraCycling Cup calendar, with the combined total mileage of their top three events to determine placing.
- D) **12-HOUR CHALLENGE:** Racers accumulate mileage in any 12-hour race on the UltraCycling Cup calendar, with the combined total mileage of their top three events to determine placing.

III. REGISTRATION

- 1. All UMCA members are automatically entered in the UltraCycling Cup. Separate registration is no longer necessary. All UMCA members that participate in at least one event listed on the UCC/WC/12/24 calendar, will be included in the standings.
- 2. To earn points/mileage, a racer must be a member of the UMCA prior to the first event they wish to earn points/mileage at. Under no circumstances will points/mileage be awarded retroactively.

IV. CATEGORIES

1. Riders will be ranked in categories based on:

<u>GENDER:</u>	<u>AGE:</u>	<u>BICYCLE TYPE:</u>	<u>RIDER CONFIGURATION:</u>
Male	Under 25	Standard	Solo
Female	25 – 49	Recumbent	Tandem (M, F, Mixed)
	50 – 59	HPV	2-Person Team (M, F, Mixed)
	60 – 69	Tandem	4-Person Team (M, F, Mixed)
	Over 70		8-Person Team (M, F, Mixed)

- 2. Points earned in one category will not be applied to another category; e.g., tandem points will not count in the standard category.
- 3. Age is determined by birth year, regardless of actual age on the day of a given event. For example, in 2011 all riders born in 1961 will compete in the 50-59 age group.

V. GENERAL RULES

1. The UltraCycling Cup season will begin February 1st, and end on December 31st, except that no event will be added in December without 90 days notice.
2. Results of UltraCycling Cup events will be submitted by the event organizers and/or compiled by UMCA officials and posted on the UMCA website within two weeks of the conclusion of each event. Individual racers do not have to submit their results, but it is strongly recommended they check the standings to verify everything is posted correctly.
3. If a racer finds an error with posted results and/or standings, they will have two weeks from the date of posting the results on the UMCA website to make a protest. Protests must be made in writing to the UCC chairman and copied to the UMCA executive director. E-mailed protests are acceptable. Once a protest is made, the UCC chairman will investigate and render a decision within two weeks. If a racer disagrees with the UCC chairman's decision, they may appeal it under the UMCA appeals policy.
4. If a racer feels these rules have been misinterpreted, or if they feel they have been treated unfairly according to these rules, they may file a protest. Protests must be made in writing to the UCC chairman and copied to the UMCA executive director. E-mailed protests are acceptable. The deadline to file a protest is two weeks from the date of the alleged infraction, or two weeks after the final event on the UCC calendar, whichever comes first. Once a protest is made, the UCC chairman will investigate and render a decision within two weeks. If a racer disagrees with the UCC chairman's decision, they may appeal it under the UMCA appeals policy.
5. There is no minimum number of events, points or mileage a racer must earn to be included in the UCC standings.
6. All racers earning points/mileage will be eligible for divisional awards and/or prizes.
7. The overall male and female UltraCycling Cup champions will be determined by distributing points based on overall placing against other UMCA members at each event, regardless of category. Categorical champions will be determined by distributing points based on categorical placing against other UMCA members at each event. Any solo racer using a standard or recumbent bicycle is eligible for the overall male and female UltraCycling Cup championships.
8. Most event organizers will have UMCA membership applications available at their respective event, and will be able to accept your membership application on behalf of the UMCA, if necessary. If you join the UMCA at an UltraCycling Cup event, you will be considered a member immediately, and can earn points beginning with that event.
9. Event organizers are not responsible to ensure that an individual racer is a member of the UMCA prior to their event. That responsibility lies solely with the individual racer, and it is strongly recommended that racers confirm their membership status beforehand.
10. Each event on the UltraCycling Cup calendar will have a set of rules by which their event is governed. Racers must abide by the specific rules and regulations for each event they participate in.
11. Event organizers are solely responsible for enforcing their rules and regulations. They are required to sort out any infractions, irregularities, disqualifications, adjustments of time and so forth, in their final standings before submitting official results to the UMCA. Under no circumstances will the UMCA arbitrate disputes between event organizers and participants.
12. To earn UltraCycling Cup points, racers must officially finish an event that is based on distance, and must ride some measurable distance and be listed in the official final standings of events that are based on time.
13. Racers will earn points and/or mileage in any and all divisions that an event participates in. For example, if a racer participated in Bike Sebring 24, they would earn mileage toward the UMCA 24-hour Challenge and points in both the UltraCycling Cup and World Cup of UltraCycling.
14. Any racer under suspension by another sporting sanctioning/governing body, the World Anti-Doping Agency or a national anti-doping agency, will not be eligible to earn points in the UltraCycling Cup during their period of suspension.
15. The UMCA is not responsible for cancellations or schedule changes for the events on the UltraCycling Cup calendar, and no substitutions and/or points/mileage adjustments will be made in those situations.
16. Racers may only earn points/mileage at an event that is listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar. To view the complete UltraCycling Cup Calendar calendar, go to: www.ultracycling.com/events/races.php.
17. The UMCA reserves the right to modify the UCC calendar at any time.

VI. ULTRA CYCLING CUP & WORLD CUP OF ULTRACYCLING

1. Any UMCA member that rides at least one event listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar will be ranked based on total points in the appropriate division/category.
2. Points in the UltraCycling Cup will be awarded to the top 15 UMCA members (top 10 for 6-hour and 100 mile races), and will be based on a racer's placing amongst other UMCA members in the same category, and not the overall event standings. The overall male and female UltraCycling Cup champions will be determined by distributing points based on overall placing against other UMCA members at each event. Categorical champions will be determined by distributing points based on categorical placing against other UMCA members at each event. Any solo racer using a standard or recumbent bicycle is eligible for the overall male and female UltraCycling Cup championships.
3. Points will be awarded using the following formula:

UMCA PLACING	6-HR/100	12-HR/200	24-HR/400	500 MILES	750 MILES	1250 MILES	RAAM
1.	10 Points	15 Points	30 Points	60 Points	75 Points	120 Points	150 Points
2.	9 Points	14 Points	28 Points	56 Points	70 Points	112 Points	140 Points
3.	8 Points	13 Points	26 Points	52 Points	65 Points	104 Points	130 Points
4.	7 Points	12 Points	24 Points	48 Points	60 Points	96 Points	120 Points
5.	6 Points	11 Points	22 Points	44 Points	55 Points	88 Points	110 Points
6.	5 Points	10 Points	20 Points	40 Points	50 Points	80 Points	100 Points
7.	4 Points	9 Points	18 Points	36 Points	45 Points	72 Points	90 Points
8.	3 Points	8 Points	16 Points	32 Points	40 Points	64 Points	80 Points
9.	2 Points	7 Points	14 Points	28 Points	35 Points	56 Points	70 Points
10.	1 Point	6 Points	12 Points	24 Points	30 Points	48 Points	60 Points
11.	—	5 Points	10 Points	20 Points	25 Points	40 Points	50 Points
12.	—	4 Points	8 Points	16 Points	20 Points	32 Points	40 Points
13.	—	3 Points	6 Points	12 Points	15 Points	24 Points	30 Points
14.	—	2 Points	4 Points	8 Points	10 Points	16 Points	20 Points
15.	—	1 Point	2 Points	4 Points	5 Points	8 Points	10 Points

4. The points category for each event will be displayed on the UltraCycling Cup Calendar. To view the complete UltraCycling Cup Calendar calendar, go to: www.ultracycling.com/events/races.php.

VII. 12- AND 24-HOUR CHALLENGES

1. Any UMCA member that rides at least one 12- or 24-hour race listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar will be ranked based on total mileage in the appropriate division/category.
2. Standings in each respective division will be based on the combined mileage from a UMCA member's top three mileage earning 12- or 24-hour event listed on the UltraCycling Cup calendar.
3. Racers may compete in more than three 12- or 24-hour events, but only their top three mileage earning events will count toward the standings.
4. Standard UltraCycling Cup points will be awarded in accordance with the UltraCycling Cup rules.

VIII. 12- AND 24-HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

1. The UMCA will announce the date and location of the 12- and 24-hour championship races by January 31st of each year.
2. Champions will be declared in each category, in accordance with UltraCycling Cup rules. Overall solo male and female champions will be declared in accordance with UltraCycling Cup rules.
3. Standard UltraCycling Cup points and mileage will be awarded to UMCA members, in accordance with UltraCycling Cup rules.
4. The UMCA may consider qualification standards for the 12- and 24- hour championship races in the future. If so, details will be posted on the UMCA website at least six months before the championship race.

IX. TEAMS

1. Teams are welcome to compete in the UltraCycling Cup, and will earn points under the same guidelines as solo riders.
2. Standings for teams will be sorted by division and category, using the same guidelines as solo riders. Team member's average age will be used to determine age category.
3. Teams must abide by the same rules and regulations as solo riders.
4. Teams may consist of 2, 4 and 8 members, and may be configured as all male, all female or mixed gender. However, all team members must use the same bicycle type.
5. Teams must select a name and a captain and register for the UltraCycling Cup by completing and sending in the registration form. The registration process is for informational purposes and to determine eligibility of team members. There will not be any additional fees for teams to register.
6. Team rosters may change at any time during the season, provided the change does not cause a shift in category. Roster changes must be made in writing to the UCC chairman and copied to the UMCA executive director, by the team captain, and received at least 24 hours before the start of the first event where the modification will occur. E-mailed changes are acceptable. Failure to notify the UMCA properly will result in the negating of any potential points.
7. All team members must be a member of the UMCA prior to the first event they will race in for the team. Under no circumstances will points/mileage be awarded retroactively, or to a team that is not fully comprised of UMCA members.
8. Teams may only earn points at an event on the UltraCycling Cup calendar that offers a team division. The UMCA will not require an event to create a team division, nor restructure their rules, if they do not already have a team division.
9. Each event on the UCC calendar will have a set of rules by which their event is governed. Event organizers are solely responsible for sorting out any infractions, irregularities, disqualifications, adjustments of time and so forth, in their final standings before submitting the official results to the UMCA. The UMCA will not arbitrate disputes between event organizers and participants.
10. Team champions will be declared in each category, in accordance with UltraCycling Cup rules.

X. RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

1. The top racer/team in each age/gender category in each division will receive an award from the UMCA.
2. Racers and teams that earn at least 50 points in the UltraCycling Cup or World Cup of UltraCycling divisions, 600 miles in the 24-hour division or 300 miles in the 12-hour division, will receive a certificate.