



2016 Update for Race Organisers and Riders

Cycling BC Vision - For Cycling BC to be recognized in Canada as a leader in implementing innovative programs and seeking unique opportunities to build and promote the sport of cycling at all levels.

An innovative, first step in 2016 is the creation of a Province Wide Points System that will bring together all levels of events to support a cumulative ranking and upgrade system. From local weekly races to National Championships, Cycling BC will be tabulating and tracking athletes from youth to masters to grow and evolve our the sport of cycling.

Our Mission, Values and Strategic Pillars are as follows:

Mission - To grow the sport of cycling in BC and support our members.

Values - Fairness, Safety, Inclusiveness, and Growth through Opportunities

Strategic Pillars - Participation, Development and Excellence



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What's the difference between ranking and upgrades? The following slides set out the new policy.

The Ranking System is similar to our former BC Cup points system but each race has a ranking structure dependent on how the race organizers choose to deliver and sanction their events. Premier Races like EV Spring Series, Jeremy's Roubaix, BC Superweek (developmental categories) obtain AA status whereas local racing such as the Victoria Cycling League, World Tuesday Night Championships or other weekly / monthly events put on in regions like the Lower Mainland, Okanagan or Northern BC also accrue points towards the ranking but on a slightly lower scale. One important requirement is to ensure trained commissaires are on site. For local events this is a very simple process and the cost to the club is very small, a quick online course combined with a weekend of on the job training. If each club had a few trained 'C' level commissaires every race could be sanctioned and upgrade / ranking points could be given, providing our membership lots of opportunity to race competitively.

Championship events such as BC Provincials, BC Superweek (Cat 1/2) and Nationals will yield the most points — as they are the true jewels of the season. Not only can participants compete for a chance to become Provincial or National Champion but they can also position themselves to become the overall BC Points Champion.

The Upgrade System follows in similar fashion to the Ranking System however it tracks athletes as they move from lower developmental categories up to the higher ranks. We recognize that as athletes move up from Cat 5 to Cat 2 more points are required, however the purpose here is to prepare riders for the demands of Cat 1/2/Pro racing, where a winning pedigree is required. With the assistance of the coaches and directors we will examine each athlete to ensure adequate placement such that the athletes are being competitive, safe and having fun.



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After consultation with the Road Cycling Community, the following recommendations will shape the 2016 policy updates.

The goals of defining the standards include:

- increased understanding of service levels by organisers and athletes alike
- encourages organisers to maintain or elevate levels of service and quality of event based upon where they want to fit in to the spectrum of events
- creates a provincial wide network for participants
- attracts new organisers and participants

Part of these standards will be a graduated points count to reward higher quality events and encourage the increased participation of 'point chasing' participants.

As a result of standardized points, a provincial ranking system of participants can be developed and will help Cycling BC select riders for the Provincial team or recognize and reward top athletes.

Cycling BC will work with stakeholders from each sport and discipline to define appropriate points systems to operate. Cycling BC recognizes the need to continuously evolve. We are committed to working with stakeholders across all disciplines to continue building out appropriate upgrade and downgrade policies.



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Participant standards for Race Organisers

- Participants must race within their allocated UCI Categories
- Categories should be run as follows:

1. Cat 1 / 2 M Cat 1 W
2. Cat 3 M Cat 1 / 2 W
3. Cat 3 / 4 M Cat 3 W
4. Cat 4 / 5 (novice) M Cat 4 / 5 (novice) W

Of note: - U19 / U17 M & W to race within license categories

- U15 / U13 M & W to race with Cat 4 / 5 M & W (exceptions can be applied for to CBC with coaches recommendation and letter of support)

- Masters to race within license categories (Masters Cat 1 to be developed) – if a participant has ridden as an Elite, they can not downgrade to ride Master in the same calendar year

- Organisers are required to record all finishing positions along with license category (or at the very least, top 10 finishers in each category)

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Participant standards for Race Organiserscontinued

- Finishers need to be noted
 - AAAA: Nationals - top 10 (30, 27, 24 ... 3 points)
 - AAA: Provincials, Superweek Cat 1/2 - top 10 (20, 18, 16 ... 2 points)
 - AA: Premier Series, Spring Series, Superweek Cat 3/4 - top 10 (10, 9, 8 ... 1 points)
 - A: Weekly Races - top 5 (5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points - if Commissaire present to certify results)
- Road, Criterium and Time Trial events all earn equal points
- Clearly identified places will garner points
- Points in a group finish will be based upon position in group
- When a group finish doesn't allow organiser to determine places, points will be split evenly
- If starter field size is less than double the number of positions awarded points, points will be limited to half the top finishers (i.e. AA race, 14 starters, points awarded to top 5, as follows 10, 9, 8, 7, 6)



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Organiser expectations of Participants

- Participants are expected to:
 - race within their categories
 - to follow the Code of Conduct
- Constructive feedback is welcomed by Cycling BC and organisers
- Queries (including results) should be directed first to race organisers within 48 hours of results being posted



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Road Upgrade Policy Statements

The purpose of defining categories and creating upgrades is to:

- further athlete development and encourage long term participation in the sport
- create a competitive environment for like minded athletes with compensation as thresholds are met

The process requires that athletes race in their designated categories and collect points as a result of top placed finishes.

The rules include:

- One upgrade per calendar year, exceptions to be submitted to Cycling BC, allowing for two weeks to process, new license fees may apply
- Upgrades are mandatory once points are tabulated and published by CBC
- Racers / Organizers will have grace period to institute upgrade



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- Cat 5 to 4 – 20 pts required (once Cat 5 is agreed)
- Cat 4 to 3 – 25 pts required
- Cat 3 to 2 – 30 pts required
- Cat 2 to 1 – 35 pts (recent results only) and coach letter required
- Out of province race results will be recognized at the equivalent Cycling BC level (to be determined by Cycling BC), a maximum of 4 results per calendar year, allow two weeks for processing
- If starter field size is less than double the number of positions awarded points, points will be limited to half the top finishers (i.e. AA race, 14 starters, points awarded to top 5, as follows 10, 9, 8, 7, 6)
- It is acknowledged that some riders will serve as domestiques and ride in a more competitive race while others will chase points in a less competitive race, this does not impact the upgrade policy



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Road Downgrade Policy Statements

- Enforced downgrades can occur if no points are collected in 24 months
- A cyclist can choose to downgrade at the beginning of the season prior to purchasing their license



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Through consultation with the Road community, and changes in the way events are sanctioned and scored we hope to create the following outcomes:

- **Province wide strategy for all race organizers**
- **Promotion of safe and well run events**
- **Elevation of the number and level of events**
- **Standardized points system to reduce disputes and increase relevance of annual awards**
- **Increase rider interest in regular participation**
- **Upgrades can be monitored and awarded consistently as required**
- **An increase in the number of qualified commissaires, coaches and quality riders**
- **Improvement in industry relations with clubs, organisers, sponsors and suppliers**

As stated at the outset, we are constantly striving for excellence and are planning to evolve this policy as we attempt to reach our goals. Feedback is strongly encouraged.

The proposed structure of CBC sanctioned events:

Events	Standards	Results	Responsibilities	
			Organizer	CBC
<p>Grassroots</p> <p><i>(low key event, entertaining, safe, self seeded)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no CBC points - Commissaires optional - Agrees to follow Best Practices Guide (waiver) - Occasionally sanctioned / insured by CBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nil - Optionally published on CBC site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows Best Practices, but not enforced - If sanctioned - Key Reports (Emergency Action Plan, Accident Reports completed, Participant Reports completed) - \$25 / event - \$150 maximum (per series 6 or more) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide Best Practice guidelines - Provide insurance - Publish event in calendar
<p>A - Local - Weekly Races</p> <p><i>(competitive events, local riders, safe and well run)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CBC points awarded if Organiser sourced Commissaires present (participation in mentoring program optional) - Agrees to follow Best Practices Guide (waiver) - Sanctioned / insured by CBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Points for Upgrades - Points for CBC Awards - Published on CBC website - Results are included in aggregated totals for series or season results - 5 - 1 points awarded for top 5 finishers (5, 4, 3, 2, 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Reports (see above) - 2 x volunteer Commissaires - Promotional materials for CBC Web - Post event promo materials - Volunteer program - CCN results uploaded (72 hrs) - \$150 / event - \$450 maximum (per series 3 or more) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to 2 x mentoring Commissaires - Insurance Certificate - Possible Grant program - Publish event in calendar - Post event publicity - Results posted (96 hrs)
<p>AA - Regional - Premier Series, Spring Series, Superweek Cat 3/4</p> <p><i>(better organization, attracts riders beyond local community, categories respected, timing and results, points awarded)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizer sourced Commissaires (x2) present for mentoring by CBC Commissaires (x2) - Sanctioned and insured by CBC - Results through CCN (72 hrs) - Rider / sport UCI categories respected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Points for Upgrades - Points for CBC Awards - Published on CBC website - Results are included in aggregated totals for series or season results - 10 - 1 points awarded for top 10 finishers (10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Reports (see above) - 2 x volunteer Commissaires - Promotional materials for CBC Web - Post event promo materials - Volunteer program - CCN results uploaded (72 hrs) - \$150 / event - \$450 maximum (per series 3 or more) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to 2 x mentoring Commissaires - Insurance Certificate - Possible Grant program - Publish event in calendar - Post event publicity - Results posted (96 hrs)
<p>AAA - Provincial Championships / Superweek Cat 1/2</p> <p><i>(run to the highest standard, attracting more top riders, limited number of events, better venues, CBC Rep on site)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizer sourced Commissaires (x3) present for mentoring and working with CBC Commissaires (x3 - 1 Prov B level or higher as Head Commissaire) - Sanctioned and insured by CBC - Results through CCN (72 hrs) - Rider / sport UCI categories respected - Prizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Points for Upgrades - Points for CBC Awards - Published on CBC website - Results are included in aggregated totals for series or season results - 20 - 1 points awarded for top 10 finishers (20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Reports (see above) - 3 x volunteer Commissaires - Promotional materials for CBC Web - Post event promo materials - Volunteer program - on-site results immediately to CBC rep for determining current series leader - CCN results uploaded (24 hrs) - \$450 / event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to 3 x mentoring Commissaires (1 Head Commissaire) or as required - Insurance Certificate - Possible Grant program - CBC Technical Delegate - CBC available to supply timing/results (as needed) - on-site recognition of series leader - Publish event in calendar - Increased Pre and Post event publicity - Prizes - Event materials (podium, backdrop, flags, etc) - CBC Sponsor efforts - Results posted and series standings (48 hrs)
<p>AAAA - National Championships / Canada Cups</p> <p><i>(single race / sport and discipline, CBC Staff to support)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizer sourced Commissaires (x3) present for mentoring and working with CBC Commissaires (x3 - 1 Prov B level or higher as Head Commissaire) - To be confirmed with Cycling Canada: Sanctioned and insured by CBC - Results through CCN (72 hrs) - Rider / sport UCI categories respected - Prizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Points for Upgrades - Points for CBC Awards - Published on CBC website - Results are included in aggregated totals for series or season results - 30 - 1 points awarded for top 10 finishers (30, 27, 24, 21, 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Reports (see above) - 3 x volunteer Commissaires - Promotional materials for CBC Web - Post event promo materials - Volunteer program - CCN results uploaded (24 hrs) - \$450 / event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissaires as required - Insurance Certificate - Possible Grant program - CBC Technical Delegate - CBC available to assist as needed - Publish event in calendar - Increased Pre and Post event publicity - Superior Prizes - Event materials (podium, backdrop, flags, etc) - Results posted (48 hrs)