

**Memorandum
March 9, 2010**

Re: Race Categories at 2010 Provincial and Regional Level Road Events

As a reminder, Cycling BC has made the following changes to the Road Categories for 2010:

- Category 5 Men has been eliminated for 2010; riders in this category in 2009 have been issued Category 4 licenses
- Male and Female riders new to the sport either purchase citizen race licenses and race mostly at local races, or they purchase a UCI license and must first fulfill the “New Rider Experience” requirement before being given their Category 4 license. To do so, they must collect 5 signatures on their “New Rider Experience Card” from the organizers of learn to race clinics or local races that they attend and send it to the Cycling BC office. This

Therefore, Novice categories at Provincial and Regional level races may be offered as follows:

- Category 5 Men is not offered; it no longer exists
- Organizers may choose to offer Male and Female Novice categories if they wish. Such Novice Categories are open to Citizen License Holders and UCI License Holders who have not yet completed the New Rider Experience Requirement. ***Such riders may not enter any other category at Provincial or Regional Races***
- The Novice Categories, if offered, may not be combined with any other category. They must race separately

Provincial Races:

- Must offer Category 1/2 Men and Category 1/2 Women (also open to Category 3 Women)
- May offer any other categories, taking into account the notes above about Novice Categories

Regional Races:

- Must offer Category 3 Men, Category 4 Men, and Category 3/4 Women
- May offer any other categories, taking into account the notes above about Novice Categories

Age Categories:

- May be offered at the organizer’s discretion, in addition to the mandatory categories described above for each level of sanction. ***Only riders with UCI licenses may enter Age Categories***
- If a Junior category is held, then all UCI licensed riders in the Junior age group must enter it, regardless of whether or not their ability category is also offered. Junior gear restrictions apply in this case
- If Masters categories are held as well as ability categories, then Masters riders may choose between their ability category, or the masters category. However, they may not enter both