



2009-10 Prestige Series Riders Guide

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PART 1: Rules and Regulations

Regulations:

All SoCalCross Prestige Series events shall follow to the best of its ability the 2009 UCI regulations: notably, safety, starting order and grid, course guidelines, and duration of events.

Participation: The Series will offer the following categories:

1. Elite Men CX 1-3
2. Elite Women CX 1-3
3. CX 3/4 Men
4. CX 3/4 Women
5. CX Cat 4 Men ** Not eligible for overall series points.
6. Masters Women 35+
7. Masters Men 35+ CX 1-3
8. Masters Men 35+ CX 3/4
9. Masters Men 45+
10. Masters Men 55+
11. Junior Boys 10-14
12. Junior Boys 15-18
13. Junior Girls 10-14
14. Junior Girls 15-18
15. Singlespeed 1-3
16. Singlespeed 3/4

**Upgrade points will be tabulated each week: CX 4 to CX 3 is mandatory. 3 to 2 is suggested.*

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Cyclocross Age

- **1A16.** *The cyclocross season begins September 1st of one year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.*
- **1A17.** A rider's **racing age** shall be his or her age on December 31 of the current year *except in cyclocross. A rider's racing age in cyclocross is his age on December 31st of the year that the cyclocross season ends.* All references to age of riders, race age groups, or age class shall be interpreted as referring to racing age. The following terms refer to specific age groups.

Racing Age Age Group

Under 10	Youth
10-18	Junior
19-22	Under 23
23-29	Elite
30+	Master

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PART 2: USA Cycling's cyclocross categories



Your license shows a cyclo-cross (CX) category. If you look in your membership account, you might think you have purchased an extra license. Don't worry: You have not.

CX is a separate category and upgrade points are awarded in CX events for that category.

If you are a new racer, then your CX category will start as a 4. Just as in road and track events, you can upgrade to a 3 by earning points in CX races.

If you had a USCF or NORBA license, then you were issued a CX category when you renewed. Here's how the categories initially translated:

USAC Road Category	USAC XC Category	USAC CX category
5	3	4
4	3	4
3	2	3
2	1	2
1	Pro	1

If you feel that your USCF road or NORBA XC category did not translate correctly to your best CX category, you may request a category change online or directly through your upgrade administrator.



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PART 3: USCF Cyclocross Upgrades Explained...



If the road and XC categories do not correspond to the same CX category, then the higher one will be used. If a rider upgrades his or her road or XC category during the season, the rider's CX category can be upgraded to match the road or XC category by request of the rider or by request of the administrator.

As it is quite possible for someone to be a more skilled CX racer than would be indicated by either road category or MTB XC category, a rider may also upgrade his or her CX category independently by earning upgrading points according to the table below:

UPGRADE POINTS AWARDED FOR CYCLOCROSS

Placing	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-50	50+
1st	3	4	5	7
2nd	2	3	4	5
3rd	1	2	3	4
4th		1	2	3
5th			1	2
6th				1

Requirements for upgrading via points:

4-3: Experience in 5 races or 7 points in 12 months

3-2: 10 points in 12 months (two wins is an automatic upgrade)

2-1: 20 points in 12 months (two wins is an automatic upgrade)

USA Cycling may add additional requirements for upgrading at their discretion. Any such changes shall be made available on their website.



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Cyclocross Conversion Cyclocross categories may also be upgraded by conversion from a rider's earned road or cross country category. If during the season, a rider upgrades his or her road category or XC category, the cyclocross category can be upgraded to match.

PART 4: Series Points Ranking Schedule

Points will be awarded to the top 20 finishers at each of the Prestige Series races for all categories except First Timer and Fun race. In determining the overall series winners in each category, each rider's final points tally will be based on the best 10 events.



Placing	Points
1	23
2	20
3	18
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

Overall Series Points Classification:

- Top 20 riders in each category will receive series points. A half point will be awarded to all starters out of the top 20.
- Points shall be awarded according to the Series Points Schedule (above)
- A rider's best 10 results of the 15 events shall be counted towards the final classification.
- In the event of a tie on individual classification, the best placing in the most recent event shall be decisive.

Start Order:

- Riders may be called up in the order of current series standings to top 4 to 8 in point standings. Smaller fields raced together and scored separately will call up the top 4 in each category.



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Pre-Registration:

- Pre-registration will be offered through SportsbaseOnline.com
- Discounted season passes are available online or at Race Day Registration.

Race Day Registration:

- Registration for all events will also be each individual event. Click on the individual events to access the website links for their event information.