

MABRA Championship & Jersey Rules

Table of championship categories, rules and guidelines governing championship races, categories, jerseys, medals, mixing fields, language for flyers, etc. Entries highlighted in gray are not eligible for championship jerseys or reduced entry fees, but are awarded MABRA medals. Overall BAR Winners receive end of season awards.

MABRA Championship Classes and Categories

Time Trial	Road Race	Criterium	Track	BAR	Cyclocross#
Men 1/2/3	Men 1/2/3	Men 1/2/3	Men 1/2/3	Men 1/2/3	Men Cat 1/2/3
Men Cat 3	Men Cat 3	Men Cat 3		Men Cat 3	Men Cat 3,4
Men Cat 4	Men Cat 4	Men Cat 4			
Masters Men 35+	Masters Men35+	Masters Men 35+	Masters Men 35+	Masters Men 35+	Masters Men 35+ Cat 1-3
Masters Men 45+	Masters Men 45+	Masters Men 45+	Masters Men 45+	Masters Men 45+	Masters Men 45+ Cat 1-3
Masters Men 55+	Masters Men 55+	Masters Men 55+	Masters Men 55+	Masters Men 55+	Masters Men 55+ Cat 1-4
Masters Men 65+	Masters Men 65+	Masters Men 65+	Masters Men 65+	Masters Men 65+	
Masters Men 35+3/4#	Masters Men 35+3/4#	Masters Men 35+3/4#			
Junior 9-12 Boys	Junior 9-12 Boys#	Junior 9-12 Boys#	Junior 9-12 Boys#		Junior 9-12 Boys
Junior 9-12 Girls	Junior 9-12 Girls#	Junior 9-12 Girls#	Junior 9-12 Girls#		Junior 9-12 Girls
Junior 13-14 Boys	Junior 13-14 Boys#	Junior 13-14 Boys#	Junior 13-14 Boys#		Junior 13-14 Boys
Junior 13-14 Girls	Junior 13-14 Girls#	Junior 13-14 Girls#	Junior 13-14 Girls#		Junior 13-14 Girls
Junior 15-16 Boys	Junior 15-16 Boys#	Junior 15-16 Boys#	Junior 15-16 Boys#		Junior 15-16 Boys
Junior 15-16 Girls	Junior 15-16 Girls#	Junior 15-16 Girls#	Junior 15-16 Girls#		Junior 15-16 Girls
Junior Men 17-18	Junior Men 17-18#	Junior Men 17-18#	Junior Men 17-18#		Junior Men 17-18
Junior Wm 17-18	Junior Wm 17-18#	Junior Wm 17-18#	Junior Wm 17-18#		Junior Wm 17-18
Women 1/2/3	Women 1/2/3	Women 1/2/3	Women 1/2/3	Women 1/2/3	Women Cat 1/2/3
Women Cat 3	Women Cat 3	Women Cat 3		Women Cat 3	Women Cat 3
Women Cat 4	Women Cat 4	Women Cat 4			Women Cat 4
Masters Wm 35+	Masters Wm 35+	Masters Wm 35+	Masters Wm 35+	Masters Wm 35+	Masters Wm 35+
Masters Wm 45+	Masters Wm 45+	Masters Wm 45+	Masters Wm 45+	Masters Wm 45+	Masters Wm 45+
Tandem#					
Para Open Men#					
Physical Disability Men#					
Para Handcycle					

Men#					
Para Open Women#					
Physical Disability Women#					
Para Handcycle Women#					

NOTES:

- (#) Winners of these categories receive medals and/or awards only. No Championship jersey or reduced entry privileges are associated with these categories.
- Masters categories will be awarded medals only in **5-year increments**, in line with USA Cycling categories for Masters Championship events. For example, the 35+ criterium championship awards medals for age groups 35-39 and 40-44, as well as a championship jersey for the race winner (regardless of age group).
- Men and Women Category 4, Masters Men 35+3/4 BAR categories are not eligible for BAR jerseys. Junior Categories are eligible as indicated.
- Cyclocross winners of the listed categories receive medals only. No jersey or reduced entry privileges are associated with the categories.

Rules for MABRA Time Trial, Road Race, Criterium, Track and Cyclocross Championships

General

1. Time Trial, Road Race, Criterium, and Cyclocross championships for each class or category are won based on results in a single race. Track championships are based on omnium results. Those races are designated as MABRA Championship Races through the proposal and approval process at the Annual Membership Meeting.
2. Except for Track, MABRA Championships are separate events from USA Cycling State Championships. The MABRA Track Championships may be combined with USA Cycling State Championships.
3. Best All-around Rider (BAR) championships are won based on BAR points accumulated throughout the season. The BAR Administrator designates which races are included in the BAR series.

Events

1. Race Directors of Championship events shall make their best efforts to offer separate races for each of the categories listed above. Fields can be combined only with prior approval of the MABRA BAR and Championship Coordinators, after consultation with the Chief Referee.

Eligible Riders

1. For the Track, Road Race, Time Trial(s), Criterium, and Cyclocross Championships, a rider is eligible to win a MABRA championship if USA Cycling records as of the date of the race show that the rider's club, as printed on his/her license, is a member of MABRA. Unattached or non-MABRA club riders are eligible only if the address on their USA Cycling license is within the MABRA geographic boundaries. (Which are: *Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and the following United States Postal Zip Codes in Virginia: 20101 to 22799 as determined in the current National Zip Code Directory.*)
2. Riders must also meet USAC/USCF eligibility requirements, which include:
 1. Championships are open only to riders who hold USA Cycling rider annual licenses. One-day license holders are not eligible.
 2. Championship medals will be awarded only to riders who meet the above club and/or geographic requirements, although the race event may include riders who are ineligible for the championship.

In addition to the rules outlined here, all MABRA championship races must also meet the USCF championship rules outlined by USA Cycling.

MABRA Championship Jersey Privilege

1. Champions will reign in the year following the championship, which is when they can wear their purchased MABRA Jersey. Reduced Entry Fee privilege will also be for the following year.
 - a. Jerseys may be purchased either directly from MABRA or through a club's custom uniform ordering process. Championship jerseys designed for a specific MABRA club must be approved by the MABRA Championship Coordinator prior to ordering. Design guidelines can be found in the appendix to these rules.
2. All MABRA Champions can wear their jerseys and will be eligible for reduced entry fees beginning the next season following the race season that the championship was won.

Reduced Entry Fee Privilege

1. Reduced Entry Fee privilege is limited to the discipline of the championship.
 - a. Individual Time Trial championships apply only to Individual Time Trials
 - b. Road Race championships apply only to Road Races
 - c. Criterium championships apply only to Criteriums and circuit races
 - d. Track championships apply only to Track races

(The race disciplines as defined in USCF Racing Rules. See sec 2 for track racing, sec 3-3C for road racing, sec 3D for criteriums, sec 3E-3F and table 1 for time trials)

2. Entry privilege applies only to a race where age-group or category matches the championship won.

Exceptions:

- a. Entry privilege for Category 4 champions applies only in races of category 3 or above. (The intent is to encourage eligible riders to upgrade).
- b. Entry privilege for Junior champions applies to any Junior race in the same discipline (criterium, road race, or time trial). If a Junior champion becomes too old for the age-group of that championship, the privilege applies in the next older Junior age-group. If a Junior champion is no longer eligible because of age to race in any Junior class, the privilege applies in senior races of any category in the same discipline, but only one per day. (The intent is to promote junior talent without penalizing juniors for aging).
- c. Junior track jerseys will be recognized for entry privilege in Junior criterium races.
- d. Entry privilege for Masters championships applies only to races of same age class in which the championship was won, even if the champion is eligible for an older age class. (i.e.: a 46 year-old rider wins the 35+ Championship race. The jersey can only be used in 35+ races and not in 45+).

Procedures for Privilege

1. Champion must obtain a MABRA championship jersey or skinsuit for the year of the championship, either through the MABRA purchase or by a MABRA-approved team uniform (incorporating the championship design), and must wear the garment in the designated race.
2. The Race Director will waive the entry fee, but is not obligated to waive the surcharges.
3. Riders with a championship jersey who have pre-registered for an event may request reimbursement of their entry fee (but not USAC surcharges or online registration fees) at race number pickup/registration.
4. This procedure does not grant any registration privilege, and does not prohibit Race Directors from charging a late fee.

MABRA Championship Medals

1. In non-age graded events, medals are awarded to the top 3 finishers per eligibility requirements listed above.
2. In age-graded events, medals are awarded to top 3 finishers in age groups as listed in chart above.
 - a. For junior boys and girls, medals are awarded to the following groups: racing age 9-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.
 - b. For masters events, medals are awarded to 5-year increments as follows:
 - i. 35+ championships: medals for racing ages 35-39 and 40-44

- ii. 45+ championships: medals for racing ages 45-49 and 50-54
- iii. 55+ championships: medals for racing ages 55-59 and 60-64
- iv. 65+ championships: medals for racing ages 65-69 and 70-74

Rules for Best All-Around Rider (BAR) Championships

Events

1. All riders are eligible to compete in the BAR according to class or category regardless of address or club affiliation (per BAR rules).

Reduced Entry Fee Privilege

1. Reduced Entry Fee privilege is limited to MABRA BAR races only.
2. Entry privilege applies to MABRA BAR races in the same class or category the following year after winning the championship.
3. Entry privilege for Junior BAR champions applies to any Junior BAR race. If a Junior BAR champion becomes too old for the age-group of that championship, the privilege applies in the next older Junior BAR age-group. If a Junior BAR champion is no longer eligible because of age to race in any Junior class, the privilege applies in senior BAR races of any category, but only one per day. (The intent is to promote junior talent without penalizing juniors for aging).
4. Entry privilege for Masters BAR champions applies only to races of same age class in which the championship was won, even if the champion is eligible for an older age class. (i.e.: if a 46 year-old rider wins the 35+ BAR, the jersey can only be used in 35+ BAR races and not in 45+ BAR).

Procedures for Privilege

1. Champion must obtain a MABRA championship jersey or skinsuit for the year of the championship, either through the MABRA purchase or by a MABRA-approved team uniform (incorporating the championship design), and must wear the garment in the designated race.
2. The Race Director will waive the entry fee, but is not obligated to waive the insurance surcharges.
3. Riders with a BAR championship jersey who have pre-registered for an event may request reimbursement of their entry fee (but not USAC surcharges or online registration fees) at race number pickup/registration.
4. This procedure does not grant any registration privilege, and does not prohibit Race Directors from charging a late fee.

Mixed Fields

Guidance if two fields must be mixed

Scenario 1: multiple medal/jersey classes

Example: If categories must be mixed, the rider must make certain at registration that they are registering for the proper category. Women Category 1/2/3 - Women Cat 3 combined field Championship: If a category 3 woman registers for the Category 3 field and wins the race, she will win the Women 3 gold medal and the Women 3 Championship jersey. If a cat 2 comes in second to her, she wins the Women 1/2/3 gold medal and the Women 1/2/3 Championship jersey. If, however, a Category 3 woman registers for the Women 1/2/3 field and wins the race, she wins the category 1/2/3 jersey and the 1/2/3 gold medal.

Scenario 2: multiple medal/jersey classes

Example: Masters 35+/45+: If master's categories must be mixed, the rider must make certain at registration that they are registering for the proper category. Older riders may register for a younger category. In a combined race, riders will be eligible to win the jersey only for the category that they registered for before the race. The default age is the age on that rider's racing license. In combined races, Race Directors must provide different number series to each race group.

Medals are awarded according to age on the rider's license. If a 55 year old racer enters the 45+/55+ race as a 45+ racer and wins, he will receive jersey privileges in the 45+ class, and the 55-59 gold medal. If, in the same race, a 56 year old racer enters as a 55+ racer and gets second overall, he will receive the 55+ jersey privileges and the 55-59 silver medal.

Flyer language, depending on race:

Winners of the Women's 35+, Women's 45+, Men's 35+, Men 45+, Men's 55+, Men's 65+ Championships will be eligible to wear the MABRA Championship jersey the following race season. Medals will be awarded to the winner of each 5-year age increment (i.e. Women's 35-39, 40-44, etc. through age 65, and Men's 35-39, 40-44, etc. through age 85)

Riders are eligible to win a MABRA Championship if USAC records as of the date of the race show that the rider's racing club, as printed on his/her license, is a member of MABRA, or if the address on their USAC license is within the MABRA geographic boundaries (as defined above).

Appendix: Championship Jersey Design Guidelines

To obtain MABRA approval on a team championship uniform, it must be submitted to the MABRA Championship Coordinator prior to production. Approval will require:

(1) the MABRA 4-flag logo to be the most prominent feature of the uniform.

- (2) The design must include the year the event was won on the front and back of the jersey.
- (3) White must be the predominant color in the jersey, with red and blue as secondary colors.
- (4) Sponsor logos may remain in their original colors provided those colors are utilized in the logo only, and not made a design element for the entire uniform.

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If you have questions please e-mail the [MABRA Championship Coordinator](#)

