



2012 Race Season Guide – Road Races

The road race season comprises of the following competitions:

- Points Series Road Races – 10 races (5 criteriums and 5 road races)
- The IBC Hamilton Crit series of 5 races is incorporated within the road race series
- Butterfield Bermuda Grand Prix – three stages
- Bermuda Championships – Road Race and Criterium
- Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race
- Other events including mid week criterium races, open road races and hill climbs

Race fees

Entry fees are payable for most races. For the purposes of race fees, Junior riders are those riders who are 18 or younger as of December 31 of the current year.

Points series race fees have been determined as follows for the current season:

	Per race fee	Prepaid series fee
Adults	\$25	\$200
Juniors	Free	Free

The prepaid series fee covers both the road race points series and the IBC criterium series

Fees for other events will be advertised at the time.

Race Categories

Road Race categories will be as follows (all categories except Women are combined male and female):

Riders 17 and over

- Senior Category A
- Senior Category B
- Senior Category C
- Women

Junior riders 16 and under

- Junior Category A

- Junior Category B
- Junior Category C

All ages determined as of December 31 of the current year.

Riders will be able to select which category they wish to participate in for the season. Riders may change category once during the season prior to the start of the fourth scheduled series race of the season. Riders moving up will take 75% of their accumulated points to the new category and riders moving down will take all their accumulated points to the new category. No change of category for the purposes of the points series will be permitted after the third scheduled race. After that time, riders may not race in another category. The Race Committee has the authority to combine categories or direct riders to compete in specific categories.

Junior 15-16 riders have the option of riding in the adult A, B or C category

Road Race Distances

Road races will generally be conducted over the following distances, although actual distances will depend on road conditions and availability and Race Director discretion:

Category		Road race points series			Criterion
		Short (miles)	Medium (miles)	Long (miles)	Time (mins)
Adult A	M/F	30	40	50	45-60
Adult B	M/F	20	25	35	30-45
Adult C	M/F	15	20	35	30-45
Women	F	15	20	35	30-45
Junior A	M/F	20	25	35	30-45
Junior B	M/F	10	15	20	20-40
Junior C	M/F	2	3.5	5	10-15

Points Series qualification

The Points Series competition will comprise 10 races – 5 crits and 5 road races – see schedule for details.

Within the Points Series competition, there will also be a separate IBC Criterium Series, comprising 5 crits. Points obtained in the IBC crit series may also count for the season road race series.

A rider's classification in the points series will be determined by the sum of the points of his/her highest scoring races as shown in the table below. To qualify for consideration of the points series, a rider must start a minimum number of races, as shown in the table below

The top three riders in each category will be recognized, as well as the top female rider in each category.

	IBC Criterium Series (5 races)	Road Race Points Series (10 races)
Number of highest scoring races contributing to the points total	4	7
Minimum number of races to be started to qualify for points series	4	6

Points system

Riders will receive points for each race based on their finishing position. Points for the Road Race Series will be awarded as follows:

Riders completing race: In accordance with their finishing position per the following table

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	25	12	10
2	22	13	9
3	20	14	8
4	18	15	7
5	17	16	6
6	16	17	5
7	15	18	4
8	14	19	3
9	13	20	2
10	12	21	1
11	11	22 & lower	0

DNF (did not finish): Riders who start but fail to finish will receive points for two places less than the last finisher.

DNS (did not start): Riders will receive no points

Starts

Riders will start in groups based on categories, generally as follows:

A Road Races

1. Adult A
2. Adult B,
3. Adult C, Junior A
4. Women
5. Junior B
6. Junior C

There should be about 2 minute intervals between start groups

Start groups may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Director or Race Committee.

B Criteriums

For criteriums, categories will usually race separately as follows:

- Adult A
- Adult B
- Adult C, Junior A
- Women
- Junior B, Junior C

The Race Director will determine the order in which the races will be held and make this known prior to race day, along with approximate start times.

Riders arriving for later races should take care to keep clear of the race course and avoid interfering with earlier races.

If the Race Director determines that the nature of the course allows for multiple categories to race at the same time, then start groups should be separated by an interval of at least one lap. In general, Junior B and C groups should always race separately from the adult categories.

Rider responsibilities

As a participant in BBA races, riders have certain responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of events, including:

- Must be a paid up member of the BBA in order to race
- Be on time to register and be ready to start when called to the line
- Make sure you register on arrival and pay your fee – bring the correct change
- Make sure your membership is current
- Listen to the race briefing and any special instructions
- Read and understand the BBA Road Racing Rules

Volunteers & Race Directors

Races can only be run safely when there are sufficient course marshals and finish line personnel. The BBA is **your** club, and relies on its members to lend a hand in organizing a full slate of events for their benefit. **ALL RIDERS** are expected to contribute to the smooth running of the club, if they are expecting to enjoy the benefits.

All adult riders are required to direct one race during the series and will be scheduled to do so. If you cannot make your scheduled date, it is your responsibility to arrange to switch with another race director.

- Riders are expected to encourage friends and family members to volunteer to assist at races.

Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race

This is a pre-entry, invitational race. Entry into this race may be limited for safety reasons. The race is open only to adult riders or to juniors riding in category Junior A or any senior category, subject to the further restriction that no one may participate in this race that is under the age of 13 (age as of December 31 of the current year). Entry priority will be given as follows:

1. Riders completing 3 or more mass start races (road race or criterium) before May 24.
2. Riders completing 2 or more mass start races (road race or criterium) before May 24.
3. Others not meeting either 1 or 2 but deemed capable of participating by the Race Director.

Invitations are issued at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

Bermuda Championships

Bermuda championship races will be held for Road Racing and Criterium. Refer to the season calendar for the dates.

These will be pre-entry races.

There will be one Bermuda Championship race for adult riders, male and female, and one Bermuda Championship race for juniors 18 and under (age as of December 31 of the current year). Riders 18 and under are required to enter the Junior Bermuda Championship race.

A National Champion, male and female, and a Junior National Champion, male and female, will be recognized based on the result of the National Championship race.

The BBA will publish nationality requirements for the National Champion.

In addition to the championship races, the Race Director may also organize age appropriate races for junior riders who chose not to compete in the Junior Bermuda Championships – these races are not sanctioned as Bermuda Championship races.