



Changing Road Race Categories

Riders 17 and older by December 31 may select the category in which they will compete in the road race points series, the time trial series and other races, as detailed below.

Provision is also made for riders to switch between categories after the season has started, but only as detailed below.

Race Categories - seniors

For senior riders (17 and older) the race categories are:

Open
Intermediate
Novice/Citizen

In road races and criteriums, the race category determines the race distance. Specific details are included in the BBA Road Race Rules and in the Road Race Season Guide, but in general Intermediate riders race approximately 75% of the Open distances, while Novice/Citizen riders race approximately 50% of open distances.

Changing categories after the season has started

Any rider who has ridden (that is started) less than 4 races in his/her initially selected category may elect to switch categories. Points Series points will be adjusted as follows:

- A **Moving from a higher to a lower category** – rider will transfer 80% of points currently earned in the higher category (rounded up to a whole number of points) in respect of the races from season start to the last race started in the higher category.
- B **Moving from a lower to a higher category** – rider will not transfer any points earned in the lower category. Instead, the following will apply in respect of calculating points for the missed races:
 1. If any races in the lower category were scored as DNF or DNS, the rider will receive points as if he/she scored a DNF or DNS in that day's higher category race.
 2. Next, calculate the number of races started and finished in the lower category. In each of the next equivalent number of races in the higher category, the rider will

receive double the points earned (i.e. effectively the rider will be scored as if he/she achieved the same finishing result in the races missed). Half the points will be attributed to the current race and half to the missed race.

Examples

Rider A starts the season in the Open category and finishes the first three races 9th, 10th and 12th, scoring $13+12+10 = 35$ points. He decides to move down to the Intermediate category. He will be credited with $35 \times 80\% = 28$ points for the first three races in the Intermediate category.

Rider B starts the season in the Novice category and records a 1st, DNS and 1st for the first three races before deciding to move up to Intermediate. He finishes 6th and 7th in the next two Intermediate races. He will score DNS points for the second race (based on the size of the field in that race). He will earn the following points for each of the first five Intermediate races – 16, DNS, 15, 16, 15.

Non-Points Series Races

For the Road Race National Championships, the Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race and any other races organized by the BBA that do not form part of the Points Series, a rider may choose, on a race by race basis, to ride in a higher category than that in which he/she rides in the Points Series competition.

A rider who has not ridden in any Points Series races may choose to ride in any category.

Riders may not choose to ride in a lower category, except that a junior who rides in one of the senior race categories in the Points Series may elect to ride in the appropriate junior category.