



2010 Race Season Guide – Road Races

The road race season comprises of the following competitions:

- Points Series Road Races – 11 races (5 criteriums and 6 road races)
- National Championships – Road Race, Criterium and Time Trial
- 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	\$10	\$75
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 (separate male and female categories in each):

Riders 17 and over

- Adult Category A
- Adult Category B

Junior riders 16 and under

- Junior Category A
- Junior Category B
- Junior Category C

There may also be rides on race days classified as Social Cycling – there will be no points or prizes awarded for these rides.

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

Riders will be able to select which category they wish to participate in. 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 chose to race in another category, but will not receive any points towards their series points total. 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 or B 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	30	40	50	45-60
Adult A	F	30	40	50	45-60
Adult B	M	20	25	35	30-45
Adult B	F	20	25	35	30-45
Social	M/F	20	25	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 11 races – 5 crits and 6 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.

Bonus points earned (see below) will not be included in the rider's classification for the IBC Criterium Series.

	IBC Criterium Series (5 races)	Road Race Points Series (11 races)
Number of highest scoring races contributing to the points total	4	8
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:

Race Directors: 25

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

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

Place	Points
12	10
13	9
14	8
15	7
16	6
17	5
18	4
19	3
20	2
21	1
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
Bonus points	<p>Riders will have the opportunity to earn bonus points that will count towards their season points total. Opportunities to earn bonus points will be determined by the Race Committee but include the following:</p> <p>2 points for each qualifying volunteer at a race, maximum 4 points per race and maximum 20 points for the season. See below for definition of qualifying volunteer.</p> <p>5 points for attendance at pre-season meeting</p> <p>Bonus points for volunteers will accumulate whether or not the rider eventually counts the race towards his/her points total but cannot be earned for a rider who does start that race, unless it is the rider himself/herself who is volunteering.</p>

Starts

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

A Road Races

1. Adult A, male and female
2. Adult B, male and female , Junior A , Social ride
3. Junior B
4. 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, male and female
- Adult B, male and female, Junior A, Social ride

- 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 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 A 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:

- Be on time to register and warm up 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 expected to direct one race during the series.

As noted above, riders may earn up to 4 bonus points per race by providing volunteers at races.

Volunteering at the following races will count:

- Road race points series races
- Road Race National Championship
- Criterium National Championship

- Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race

Only qualifying volunteers will earn points for a rider. Qualifying volunteers must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 16 or over (in the interests of safety, we cannot have young children controlling traffic).
- Must have signed in with the Race Director on the Volunteer List submitted after the race by the Race Director, clearly indicating the rider to whom points should be credited
- Must have volunteered for an entire race, unless specifically arranged with the Race Director to be relieved earlier.
- Must have been assigned a task by the Race Director (the Race Director is under no obligation to use a volunteer if he/she already has sufficient manpower to safely cover the race – preference should generally be given to those volunteers who have offered their services in advance of race day,

In order to keep this as simple as possible please use the following guide lines:

- Race Directors should be advised of volunteers in advance of the race so that they can properly plan the event. Last minute volunteers will be credited only if the race directors still have a need for additional volunteers.

Race organizers will send out emails ahead of time requesting volunteers – simply respond to those emails.

- When your volunteer arrives they should sign in at the start / finish in order that you can be properly credited with bonus points.

Sinclair Packwood Memorial Race

This is a pre-entry, invitational race. Entry into this race is limited by Police orders as well as by the BBA. 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) this season.
2. Riders completing 2 or more mass start races (road race or criterium) this season.
3. Others not meeting either 1 or 2 but deemed capable of participating by the Race Director.

National Championships

National 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 National Championship race for adult riders, male and female, and one National 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 National 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 determine 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 National Championships – these races are not sanctioned as National Championship races.