Kansas Cycling Association

2012 Kansas Best Cyclocross Rider (KBCXR) and Best Cyclocross Team (KBCXT) Rules

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Introduction

The KBCXR series competition was developed by the Kansas Cycling Association to recognize the most competitive racers in the KBCXR Series. KBCXR races are a set of cyclocross races that have demonstrated themselves as a challenge to racers and have met the standards set for race promoters by the KCA.

Each KBCXR race awards points to racers according to a predetermined scale. At the end of the series, the racer with the greatest number of points in each category wins the KBCXR Series in their respective category. The KCA will keep a running total of KBCXR points throughout the season and post the standings on the KCA web site.

While ability is important to win the KBCXR Series, dedication is also important. All races in the series count towards the final standings. Racers who participate in the greatest number of races and place high enough to earn points have as good of a chance to win the KBCXR Series as racers who place first but enter only a few KBCXR Series races.

The rules set forth below will help you understand how the KBCXR Series works so you can better prepare for the season and implement a plan that will hopefully help you earn the most points by the end of the season. The KCA may revise these rules periodically and the rules are subject to change between seasons.

KBCXR Schedule

The goal of the KCA is to have the schedule of KBCXR races published by August 1 of every year. Some races may be listed as tentative at that time. You will find the schedule at www.kscycling.org. The KCA Board of Directors will work with promoters to establish the KBCXR Schedule. Final determination of the KBCXR Race Schedule is by the KCA Board of Directors.

Categories

The categories that will be awarded in the KBCXR Series are as follows:

- Juniors 10-18 Male (male Cat 3 & 4)
- Juniors 10-18 Female (female Cat 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 40 49 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 50 59 (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Men 60+ (Cat 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 40 49 (Cat 3 & 4)
- Masters Women 50+ (Cat 3 & 4)
- Single speed (Men and Women combined)
- Women Category 1/2/3
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 4

- Men Category 3
- Men Category 1/2

Riders will earn points in the category of the race that they have entered, rather than the class of the rider. For example, if a woman Cat 2 rides the Men's Cat 3 race, she earns points in the Men's Cat 3 category, not the Women's 1/2/3 category. Points are not transferable between classes. A rider must participate in at least three KBCXR races and earn points in those races in order to win a KBCXR Series category.

Multiple races in one day

Age group and category riders may earn KBCXR points in two or more races on the same day. For instance, a 45 year old Cat 3 Masters racer may earn points in Masters 40-49 and Men's 3 races, if they are separate races and he competes in both races. However, in the spirit of competition, a racer can win only one KBCXR category at the end of the competition.

Eligibility

Participants:

Any rider with a valid annual USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in one or more of the KBCXR series competitions that the rider qualifies for based on age, gender, and category.

Requirements of KBCXR Points Races:

- Event must be USAC approved.
- Event must include all of the fields stated above.
- The course must form a closed circuit of a minimum length of 2.5 km and maximum of 3.5 km, of which at least 90% shall be rideable.
- The course must be long enough and challenging enough that the fastest rider racing on the course shall have a minimum lap speed of seven minutes.
- The course shall be held over varying terrain including roads, country or forest paths, and open terrain, alternating in such a way as to ensure changes in the pace of the race and allow the riders to recuperate after difficult sections.
- Event promoter(s) must pay a \$1.00 per rider fee to KCA for every unique participant.
- Event promoters agree to allow the KBCXR winners from the previous year to race for free (a minimum discount equivalent to a single race registration fee will be given in cases where there could be multiple races per day).
- In addition to USAC requirements, the race must be permitted through KCA/USAC and the flyer available for posting on the KCA web site no less than 45 days before an event.
- Event promoters must provide the KCA with event results including at a minimum each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one (1) week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.
- Promoters who are unable to adhere to these requirements, or who on race day do not
 correctly apply these requirements, will be placed on probation and if the events are not run in
 accordance with these rules the following year, then they will not be allowed to promote
 KBCXR events.

Point System

Points are awarded to all eligible racers at each KBCXR race according to the following schedule.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

The Kansas State Cyclocross Championship will have 1.5 times the normal points multiplier.

Results and Ties

KBCXR points will be awarded based on the final results as determined by the chief judge at the race.

If there is a tie in points after the last KBCXR race the tie will be broken by the highest placement in the last KBCXR race either of the riders finished. If rider A finished the last KBCXR race and rider B did not, then by default rider A will win the tie.

Winners of each category will receive 1) a KBCXR Series Champion's Jersey, funded by the KCA; 2) free entry into the following year's KBCXR races, funded by KBCXR race promoters; and 3) their name featured on the KCA's Hall of Champions at www.kscycling.org.

Current KBCXR overall standings will be available on www.kscycling.org.

Racers Who Upgrade

Category racers upgrading during the season will take ½ of their points with them into the higher category. This rule only applies to Category 4 women and Category 3 and 4 men. After a racer upgrades his/her points in the lower category are no longer counted as part of that category's competition. Racers downgrading during the season will not have their higher category points (if any) follow them to the lower category, but may still compete for KBCXR points in the lower category. Final KBCXR standings will be based on a rider's USAC license category as of the last KBCXR of the season, regardless of whether the rider actually raced the last KBCXR race.

Team Competition

Teams have the same eligibility requirements as individuals. The top five (5) point earners from each team across all categories will have their individual KBCXR points counted towards the KBCXT competition for that category. In this way both quality and quantity will help teams score points. The categories that will be awarded the KBCXT award are as follows:

- Overall Juniors Team
- Overall Men's Category Team
- Overall Women's Category Team
- Overall Men's Masters Team
- Overall Women's Masters Team

Overall team awards are based on the following:

- Juniors are a combination of Male and Female Juniors 10 18.
- Men and Women Category teams are a combination of all Category 1 through 4 racers.
- Men's Masters are a combination of all 40-49, 50-59 and 60+ Men's Masters racers.
- Women's Masters are a combination of the 40-49 and 50+ Women's Masters racers.

Racers earning points in more than one KBCXR category only count once towards the Team Competition with the rider's highest point total. If a 52 year old Cat 3 rider has scored points in the Category 3 and Masters 50-59 fields, only the highest point value of the two counts towards the team competition. This rule is put in place to encourage a true Team Competition.

Racers who officially join or change a club mid-season will have their points applied as of the date they joined their new team. Previous points earned will still apply to a racer's individual KBCXR points and the former team's total, but will not be transferred to their new team for the team competition.

Winners of each Team Competition category will be awarded a KBCXR Traveling Trophy to display until the winners of the following year Team Competition are determined and the trophy is re-awarded. Winners will also be featured on the KCA's Hall of Champions at www.kscycling.org.