



2010 COPPER CUP POINT SERIES

The ABRA point system – the Copper Cup - awards points for race results for most of the Arizona races throughout the year in a number of categories. The Copper Cup point system is designed to encourage competition among racers. A jersey will be awarded to the winner of each category at the end of the racing season.

CATEGORIES based on USCF Categories:

Junior Men 10-12	Senior Men Cat Pro 1,2	Senior Women Cat 1,2	Large Team
Junior Men 13-14	Senior Men Cat 3	Senior Women Cat 3	Small Team
Junior Men 15-16	Senior Men Cat 4	Senior Women Cat 4	Tandem
Junior Men 17-18	Senior Men Cat 5	Master Women 30-34	
Junior Women*	Master Men 30-34	Master Women 35-39	Cyclocross only:
	Master Men 35-39	Master Women 40-44	Open Men
	Master Men 40-44	Master Women 45-49	Open Women
	Master Men 45-49	Master Women 50-54	Master Men 30+
	Master Men 50-54	Master Women 55-59	
	Master Men 55-59	Master Women 60-64	
	Master Men 60-64	Master Women 65+8	
	Master Men 65-69		
	Master Men 70+*		

Junior Women, and Master Men 70+ and Master Women 65+ will be broken down further by age group if entries warrant.

ELIGIBILITY

Copper Cup points are given to members of ABRA teams only, or to racers who have joined ABRA on an individual basis. Points earned prior to joining ABRA do not count. Points earned after switching to a non-ABRA team in the middle of a racing season do not count. Points can be earned by members of a non-ABRA team or racing as “unattached” if they pay a \$5 fee per year to ABRA (pay to ABRA Treasurer).

Only USCF annual license holders can accumulate points – riders with one-day licenses earning points will not accumulate points toward the Copper Cup awards. Riders purchasing an annual license after completing races with a one-day license will not retroactively be awarded points earned while racing on a one-day license – points are accumulated from the date of purchase of an annual license.

POINT SCALES – for all categories

# in Cat	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 - 5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 - 15	10	8	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 - 40	20	15	12	10	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41 +	40	35	33	30	28	24	22	20	18	16	15	14	13	12	10	8	7	5	3	1

Points are awarded for each race on the ABRA calendar that is a permitted USCF road event, with the exception of weekly training criteriums. Races that count towards points include all USA Cycling disciplines of road –time trials, criteriums, and road races – as well as track races permitted in Arizona. Cyclocross races have their own separate categories. Points are earned for each stage of a road race, plus points are awarded for overall final General Classification in a Stage Race or Omnium.

The Tortilla Flats Road Race Series will be awarded points at ½ the point scale.

Arizona State Championship Races (track, road race, time trial, criterium, hill climb, and cyclocross) are awarded double points for each race.

POINTS ARE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

The following is a synopsis, with examples, of how points are awarded based on the configuration of the fields and the prize lists offered by the promoter.

One large age-group field with one payout available:

Points are awarded for each paying field in a race. For example, if a stage race is listed as having a 35+ category only, but awards a special trophy to the first 45+ or 55+ racer, the 45+ or 55+ racer does not receive extra points. If the racer is 46 years old and finishes 3rd in a stage (with 12 racers), then he receives 6 points in the 45-49 category. He does NOT receive 10 points as the first 45+ rider across the line. He is awarded points in his age category based upon the paying field (in this case, the 35+ field). Races that include all encompassing age groups (35+, 45+, 30+, etc.) will have each placing rider's points split out and put into the appropriate 5 year age category.

Example: Race listed as 35+ men only

- 1st – 35 year old racer – 10 pts in 35-39 Copper Cup category
- 2nd – 40 year old racer – 8 pts in 40-44 Copper Cup category
- 3rd – 46 year old racer – 6 points in 45-49 Copper Cup category
- 4th – 57 year old racer – 4 points in the 55-59 Copper Cup category

A mixed category with several payouts available:

If there are 2 separate fields listed on the flyer (even if they race together) that are paid separately, then the points are awarded in the 2 separate categories. For example, in a Women's Cat 4/Women 35+ race where there are 2 separate prize lists, then the points would be awarded as follows:

Example: Race listed as Women Cat 4/Women 35+ with payouts \$200/\$100 (field size = 10)

- 1st – Cat 4 racer – 10 points in Senior Women Cat 4 Copper Cup Category
- 2nd – Cat 4 racer – 8 points in Senior Women Cat 4 Copper Cup Category
- 3rd – Cat 4 racer – 6 points in Senior Women Cat 4 Copper Cup Category
- 4th – 35+ racer – age 35 – 10 points in Women 35-39 Copper Cup Category
- 5th – Cat 4 racer – 4 points in Senior Women Cat 4 Copper Cup Category
- 6th – 35+ racer – age 41 – 8 points in Women 40-44 Copper Cup Category

EXCEPTION TO THIS FIELD SIZE RULE: For the Mt. Graham Hill Climb Championship, even though all racers start together, the field size for each category is the individual field size, not the total number of riders.

Example: 150 riders (in all categories) start the race.

Only two Cat 1-2 Women start and finish the race. Their CC points earned would be based on the field size of 2, not on the total field size of 150 riders.

Non-ABRA racers do not accrue points:

Racers who do not belong to an ABRA team in good standing (as defined by the Policies and Procedures referenced previously), do not accrue points, but they displace the points for members of ABRA teams. One-day licensees also can displace points.

Example: Men Cat 3, field size = 11

- 1st – Men Cat 3 - ABRA team – 10 points in Men Cat 3 Copper Cup category
- 2nd – Men Cat 3 – Nevada team – 0 points awarded
- 3rd – Men Cat 3 -ABRA team – 6 points in Men Cat 3 Copper Cup category

TRACK POINTS

All track points earned will be counted in the rider's track category, not their road category. So if a rider is a Cat 4 on the track, but a Cat 2 on the road, then any points earned in Cat 4 track races will appear in the Cat 4 Copper Cup category listing.

CYCLOCROSS

A separate Copper Cup competition exists for cyclocross races. Since the cyclocross season runs from (approximately) October through December, the awards will be announced in late January of 2011. For 2010, there will be only three categories: Men Open, Master Men (30+) and Women Open. If entries warrant, more categories may be added in future years. The state cyclocross championships will count for double points.

UPGRADING/DOWNGRADING

A rider upgrading to a higher USCF category within a season takes ½ of his/her points from the lower category, up to 30 points maximum, to the new category competition. Points are carried over only on the first upgrade. If, for example, a rider starts as a Cat 4, he takes 30 points to the Cat 3 category. If he then upgrades to a Cat 2 in the same season, he will not take any of his points to the Cat 2 category – he will start from scratch in the Cat 2 category.

If a rider is downgraded, he/she will retain his/her earned points in the upper category, but they will not be transferred to the lower category.

TEAM COMPETITION

A team competition was established in 2005 for the team whose riders earn the most points throughout the season. This is a "traveling trophy" which will be passed on to the next year's winner. The team competition will encompass all ABRA points earned by team members, regardless of category.

If a rider changes teams mid-season, the rider's points earned with his/her old team remain with the old team (for the team competition only). Any points earned with the new team will be counted toward the new team's points (for the team competition only).

Teams with riders that upgrade midseason neither gain nor lose points in the process. Team points are not subject to the carryover restrictions of the individual competition. All points earned by the rider prior to the upgrade are preserved. Points earned after the upgrade are accumulated in the normal fashion.

For 2010, this team award will be split into two categories:

- (A) Teams with 20 or more annually licensed riders as of February 28, 2010.
- (B) Teams with 19 or less annually licensed riders as of February 28, 2010.

TANDEM COMPETITION

Points will only be accumulated by the same two tandem riders (ie if rider A earns points with rider B in the tandem category in one race, then rider A earns points with rider C in a different race, each pair will earn points separately in the Tandem category). For the purpose of team points, each rider on a tandem will earn ½ of the points to be applied to their respective team points.

TEAM TIME TRIAL POINTS

Although there is not a team time trial category for Copper Cup awards, any points earned in TTT competition will be placed in the team (large or small team) category only, and will not count toward individual awards. In order for these points to be earned, the team must be a four person team, and all team members must belong to the same USCF team. (As per USCF rules, the finishing time is taken on the third rider, so all four riders do not need to finish in order for the team to earn team Copper Cup points if they place).

TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

If two or more individuals are tied for the Overall lead in their ABRA Copper Cup category at the end of the racing season, the tie will be broken by the last race on the calendar in which a rider competed. For example, if Sarah and Jill are tied, but both competed in the last race, and Jill beat Sarah, then Jill wins the title. If Sarah did not compete in the last race of the season, but Jill did, then Jill wins. The "last race" will be defined as the one in which either of the riders who are tied competed; in other words, the "last race" does not have to be a literal interpretation.

OTHER CLARIFICATIONS:

For GC and Omnium points – Stage #2 the # of starters is based on the # of finishers in Stage #1. Stage #3 is based on the # of finishers in Stage #2. GC/Omnium points are based on the # of starters for Stage #1. (exception to these starting numbers is IF the pointkeeper can get the actual # of starters on each stage, then those numbers will be used. The GC/Omnium points will still be based on the # of starters for Stage #1), and will use the regular Copper Cup point scale for the number of starters.

Any rider whose team name is recorded as “unattached” or is indicated as a member of an incorrect team must notify the pointkeeper of the correct team name.

YEAR END AWARDS:

In order to be eligible to receive a year-end Copper Cup award, a rider must compete in at least three ABRA races in that division during the year. The rider must compete in them, and does not necessarily have to place (or earn points).

For example, if rider X wants to be eligible for the Copper Cup award for Women 35-39, she must compete in at least 3 races throughout the year in that category. For example, she could compete in the State Criterium, a Picacho time trial, and the State Hill Climb, all in that category.

Or she could compete in the Women’s 35+ category and have it count as a start. In other words, the person normally riding a 35-39 category will be given credit for any start in a masters group that includes his/her age group.

Riders winning the season-long Copper Cup series for their category will receive a jersey, to be paid for by ABRA. The winners do not have to be present at the year-end planning meeting to receive their jersey.

PROMOTER’S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the Promoter’s responsibility, in order to ensure accurate recording of points, to provide the following on the results sent to ABRA for posting on the Web site:

For each race: Number of starters

For each place within a race: Name of racer
 Team of racer
 Age of racer

For races with more than one category:

 The above information
And The category of each racer

Promoters/officials must list if categories were combined due to lack of entries if it is different from the published flyer.

Example: In a women’s 1-2-3 field, list the category of each placing racer, since the Women’s Category 1,2 points are separate from the Category 3 women’s points in the Copper Cup system. This also applies to fields such as Category 4/5 men, alpha categories, etc.

POINTKEEPER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The ABRA/Copper Cup pointkeeper will try to ensure that point totals are up-to-date and accurate. However, the pointkeeper can only work with information that is provided by the promoters. If the promoter provides incorrect results or chooses not to provide the field size or team names, the racers are subject to receiving point totals based on the information provided. The ABRA/Copper Cup pointkeeper is not responsible for tracking down missing or incorrect results. If a racer wishes to have his/her points corrected (based upon information not provided by the promoter), then he/she must have the race promoter send the ABRA/Copper Cup point keeper the corrected results.

Racers can receive copies of any/all of the point calculation sheets used by the ABRA/Copper Cup pointkeeper at any time.

Racers should note, as per USCF rules, promoting clubs have three weeks to turn in results/paperwork/funds to the USCF after their event. Racers should be cognizant of this requirement before getting agitated that results and/or Copper Cup points are not posted within a few days after the event, and should be patient.

CHANGES IN COPPER CUP STRUCTURE

No substantive changes will be allowed in the Copper Cup point structure after the first race of the season, unless it is a change to correct a previously unknown and/or emergency situation. Such a change will require a majority vote of the ABRA club representatives to go into effect.