

MBRA BAR/BAT Race Series

The Montana Bicycle Racing Association (MBRA) series awards points in the USA Cycling categories* for results in races that are part of the series. Individual and team awards (to be determined each year according to available resources) will be presented at the annual awards meeting. There will be a separate road and cyclocross series. The coordinator of the MORS (MTB) series will determine whether to follow this format or use a different one.

*In MBRA, Masters = over-40 and is broken down into A and B sub-categories. The junior category may be broken down by age and gender if entries warrant.

ELIGIBILITY

All races (of whatever discipline) put on by a team that is a member of MBRA are part of the series. Races must be permitted by USA Cycling and take place in Montana. Weekly training series races are not part of the series.

Races put on by a team that is not a member of MBRA are not part of the series.

All individuals who race in an MBRA race are eligible for the individual series (BAR – Best All-around Rider).

Teams who are members of MBRA are eligible for the team series (BAT – Best All-around Team).

For multi-day, multi-event races, points are awarded for each stage AND for the overall result. For single-day, multi-event races, points are awarded for each stage but not for the overall result.

INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Riders obtain points inversely proportional to the starting field size, plus bonuses for first, second and third place (6, 3, and 1 point respectively). For example, if the starting field were 8, points would be as follows:

1st: 8+6 = 14 points
2nd: 7+3 = 10 points
3rd: 6+1 = 7 points
4th: 5 points
5th: 4 points
6th: 3 points
7th: 2 points
8th: 1 point
DNF: ½ point

Points are accrued in the MBRA category that the rider raced, which means that riders who are eligible to choose between different categories (e.g. Masters A versus Men 1 / 2) can have individual standings in multiple categories (and there will no longer be an “RDC” (raced different category) indication in the standings).

The Montana State Championships (road race, time trial, criterium, and cyclocross) are awarded **double points** for individuals.

70% of the races (rounded to the nearest whole number) count in the individual series standings. Riders who compete in more than 70% of the races will throw out their weakest results.

Upgrading

Riders upgrading during the season will take ½ of their points (up to 30 points max) with them to the higher category. In addition, the upgrading rider’s accumulated points are allowed to stand at the lower category. If a rider ends up finishing in the top 3 in the individual standings in multiple categories, only the result in the highest category will count.

Masters

The men’s masters category is comprised of two groups, A and B. To be eligible, a rider must be 40 years or older. The two categories are self-seeding, but it is strongly encouraged that riders with a racing category of Cat 3 or higher compete in the A group.

TEAM COMPETITION

The team competition will be based on the **2** best-placed finishers on a team in each category. Points are awarded using the same criteria as for individuals except that there are no double points awarded for State Championships. 100% of the MBRA races count toward the BAT competition. A team gets credit for all points scored by riders in that team’s jersey. Riders and teams should take care that riders register for each race under the team’s name and that the team gets credit in the standings for all of its scoring riders.

Where a rider is eligible to race in more than one race (e.g. masters at criterium races), his results in all races count for his team.

If a rider changes clubs/teams mid-season, the rider’s points earned with his or her old club/team remain with the old club/team. Any points earned with the new club/team will be counted toward the new club/team’s points. Such a rider’s individual results will not be affected.

Team results will be listed in the standings according to the racing categories. Team awards will be determined on a year-by-year basis according to the resources available.

Team Eligibility

For a racer to accrue points for a team, he or she must wear that team's jersey during the race. The team must meet the following criteria:

- Belong to a USA Cycling Club/Team in Montana in good standing
- Promote at least one event during the year
 - If the event is not a race or a racing clinic, pre-approval of the MBRA Board must be obtained.
 - For a multi-event race, teams may co-promote. The number of teams co-promoting a race may not exceed the number of component races.
 - Training series races do not qualify.
- After hosting an event (whether competitive or not), pay MBRA \$2.00 per participant (except juniors);

Failure to accomplish all of the above will result in the club/team not being in good standing.

Until a club/team returns to good standing,

- (1) Future races put on by that club/team will not be treated as MBRA series races; and
- (2) No BAT points will be awarded for that club/team for its riders' results, and the team will not be eligible for BAT series awards.

Tiebreaker Procedure

If two or more individuals or teams finish tied, the tie will be broken according to the finish order of the tied riders or teams in the most recent race:

1. in which all finished; if none, then
2. in which all started; if none, then
3. in which at least one started.