

## **ECCC Annual Meeting Discussion Items, Nov. 17, 2007**

### **Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category**

Suggested by Columbia: Review of the intro categories. Did they accomplish their goals? Are they worth the time at the races? Is the point allocation fair? It has been suggested to mandate the scheduling of the Intro category to the first event of the race day schedule throughout the season.

### **Race Day Scheduling**

Suggested by Columbia: Can we ask all race organizers to run their events in the same order? For example, can they always go: M Intro, W Intro, Men D, Men C, Women B, etc?

### **Team Scoring Methodology**

Suggested by UVM: Revert back to the “old” simple-sum scoring system. If you recall from last year’s ECCC meeting, we adopted a points scoring system that is consistent with the system used at Nationals. There were a few options we selected based on what team leaders desired. Please familiarize yourself with the process outlined in [http://www.eccc-info.com/content/2007\\_eccc\\_rulebook.pdf](http://www.eccc-info.com/content/2007_eccc_rulebook.pdf) prior to the meeting. You may also wish to read last year’s legislative docket at: [http://www.eccc-info.com/2007/meeting/meeting\\_discussion\\_items.doc](http://www.eccc-info.com/2007/meeting/meeting_discussion_items.doc).

The benefits of the current system are as follows:

- a) The racing stays closer; no team can “run away with an event” based on an ultra-strong single-category or gender performance.
- b) Women and men are normalized across field size, number of fields or number of participants.
- c) Teams must have strong performances in both genders if they want to compete.
- d) Everyone in the ECCC will understand what’s going on with scoring at Nationals.
- e) Scoring in different conferences will be consistent.

The issues for discussion include:

- a) Identify if the current system provides disincentives for large teams.
- b) Revisit last year’s decision to apply team points after every race during a weekend (e.g. road race, TTT, criterium). Alternately, apply team points to the weekend as a whole.
- c) Identify other goals for the points system and adjust as necessary.

### **Promoter Incentives and/or Penalties**

There have been the occasional races or weekends cancelled due to poor event planning. These cancellations have dashed the hopes of many who wish to attend Nationals, bumped another qualified promoter from the calendar, and take a race out of our already short season. There are two proposals to add some more commitment to awarding of a date on the calendar:

- a) Collect a race bid fee (\$200 to \$500) prior to getting a spot on the race calendar that is returned upon successful completion of the event.

- b) Apply a point penalty to the following season's team to ensure that both the road and mountain teams keep an interest in team's annual promotions.

### **Women racing in Men's events**

This has occurred informally in past seasons in a variety of ways. There is desire to standardize these policies for both points awarding, placing and which category it should occur in. Things to consider include:

- a) Do we wish to allow our top women to ride in the larger men's fields for nationals preparation?
- b) Points awarding, points displacing.
- c) USAC Road rule 1H2 regarding women being able to race in a men's category that is one less than the woman's race category (e.g. cat 2 woman racing in a men 3 race).
- d) "You must race in the same category all weekend."

### **ECCC Annual Team Rankings**

There is a desire to recognize the overall, all-around best team in the ECCC each academic year. A similar system exists at the national level, with a team win at nationals equaling 20 nationals ranking points going down to 1 point for 20<sup>th</sup> place. The issues for discussion include:

- a) Do we want to do this?
- b) How should the team rankings be computed? Based on a season-overall ranking, or as a sum of each season's points totals?

### **TTT Scoring**

Last year, we discussed scoring the TTT on the front wheel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> rider for both women and men. Towards the end of the discussion, it was recommended that we score based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> wheel for categories B, C, D and Intro with all "A" category riders scored on the front wheel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> rider.

### **ECCC Volunteer Positions**

There are a lot of opportunities for people who want to get involved with the ECCC:

1. Collegiate Sports Marketing  
We are looking to ramp up the growth of existing teams and bring new teams into the fold. If you know of anyone interested in sports marketing and management, this is a real position with budgetary control! This position will work closely with USA Cycling and ECCC staff.
2. Young Rider Jersey  
Last season saw some custom-stitched, high-class "white jersey" awards handed out to the best undergrad. We need someone to do the legwork on this fantastic prize and line up some quality white jerseys and maybe break out the sewing machine.
3. Introduction to Bicycle Racing "Spirit Leader"  
The Intro category would benefit tremendously from someone willing to share the love among those who want to try out the fantastic sport of bicycle racing. We would be especially eager to

bring the Intro category to audiences that would not otherwise toe the line at one of our ECCC events.

4. Host Housing Coordinator

In 2006, host housing collectively saved ECCC teams over \$50,000. Obviously, this is a job that can really make the difference to get more teams out to the races.