

EASTERN COLLEGIATE CYCLING CONFERENCE

2008 Conference Rulebook

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This rulebook is written as a supplement to the 2008 Collegiate Cycling Competition Guide and Rules of Racing ("The Rules"). All Collegiate Cycling rules are used in the ECCC.

The Collegiate Cycling Rulebook may be obtained for **FREE** at <http://www.eccc-info.com> or <http://www.usacycling.org>

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. "Event" means total of all races under a single race permit (note: an event may or may not include more than one race per category, e.g. in 2007 Columbia is an event with one race, a criterium, but Princeton is an event with two races, a criterium and an ITT. Army is an event with four races (road race, criterium, ITT and TTT).
- 1.2. "Race" means one single race (one road race, one criterium, one circuit race, one ITT, or one TTT), including all categories.
- 1.3. "ITT" means "individual time trial," and includes hill-climb time trials ("HCTT").
- 1.4. "TTT" means "team time trial."
- 1.5. "No Aero Time Trial" means that the time trial will be a test of ability on standard road racing bicycles. Equipment must be USA Cycling legal for mass-start road races (see USA Cycling Rule 1J. Bicycles and UCI Cycling Regulations, Section 1.3.). Equipment used with the express purpose of improving aerodynamic performance (e.g. aero helmet, aero wheels) is not in the spirit of the rule.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry Fees. All race entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the first race of the event. For a race, the individual entry fee may be no more than the following (a \$5.00 late entry fee may be assessed per day):

Race	Entry Fee
Road Race	\$13.00
Criterium	\$13.00
Circuit Race	\$13.00
ITT	\$9.00
TTT (per team)	\$20.00

- 2.2. Preregistration. Preregistration using BikeReg.com or standard mail-in registration is encouraged. Email-based preregistration is strongly discouraged and may or may not be accepted by promoters at their discretion. Teams and individuals are responsible for payment for those riders pre-registered. No transfers of registration are allowed.
- 2.3. Race Numbers. Race numbers are provided by Velocity Results, and are to be used for the entire season. In the event of an upgrade or downgrade, new race numbers will be provided. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for damaged or lost race numbers. Homemade replacement body race numbers are not allowed. Homemade replacement frame race numbers are allowed after approval by Velocity Results.
- 2.4. Responsibility for Registration. It is the responsibility of each and every rider to ensure that they are properly registered and all entry fees are paid.

3. COMPETITION AND CATEGORIES

3.1. Riders must race in the same ECCC category in all mass-start races throughout a single weekend.

3.2. Required USA Cycling Categories.

For mass-start road races, riders are required to have the following USAC Road category:

ECCC Category	USAC Road Category
A	Pro, 1, 2, 3
B	3, 4
C	4, 5
D	5
Introduction to Bicycle Racing	5 (men) 4 (women)

For mass-start MTB races, riders are required to have the following USAC Mountain category:

ECCC Category	NORBA Category
A	Pro/Semi-Pro/Expert
B	Expert/Sport
C	Beginner

The penalty for riders who violate these minimum requirements shall be (1) if the race has not yet commenced, a prohibition on the rider starting the race, and (2) if the race has commenced, disqualification of the rider from the race.

3.3. Women Racers in Men's Fields.

1. Women's A racers may, at the conference director's discretion, participate in Men's A racers. No other women may race in men's races. This rule supersedes rule 1H2 in USA Cycling's *Racing Rules for Road, Track, and Cyclo-cross*.

2. Women's A racers will be listed in results, but no points will be awarded to the rider or team (collegiate club), nor will they displace points.

3.4. TTT Categories. Riders may be from different ECCC categories. The category of the TTT team is the highest category held by any individual rider.

3.5. Composite TTT Teams. All TTT races shall be open to composite TTT teams of riders from different teams (collegiate clubs) who do not have enough teammates to form their own TTT team, but want the experience of racing in a TTT. Composite TTT teams may be made up of three or

four riders of the same or different genders. The race will be for experience and fun. Composite TTT teams will be listed in the results, but no points will be awarded to any rider or team (collegiate club) from a composite TTT team, nor will they displace points.

- 3.6. Upgrades. Riders may upgrade to a higher ECCC category provided that they have the required USAC Road category. Riders in ECCC road races are eligible for USAC Road upgrade points in mass-start collegiate races as long as the race meets the field size and distance requirements specified by USA Cycling. It is the responsibility of each rider to request upgrades through their online USA Cycling account and provide proof of category at race registration.
- 3.7. Downgrades. Riders may downgrade to a lower ECCC category provided that they have the required USAC Road category, unless they have scored points in the higher category in an individual race (road race, criterium, or ITT), in which case they may not downgrade to a lower category, except with permission to downgrade obtained from the Conference Director. Riders may not downgrade after the weekend that falls two weeks before Conference Championships.
- 3.8. Recommended Field Limits. The field limit for mass-start races shall be set by the organizer with approval of the Chief Referee. If no field limit is specified, it shall be 100 riders.

ECCC Category	Road Race Suggested Field Limit	Criterium Suggested Field Limit
Men A	100	100
Women A	100	100
Men B	100	100
Women B	80	60
Men C	90	70
Men D	80	60
Men Intro	80	60
Women Intro	80	60

- 3.9. Split Fields. Men's category D and women's category B fields should be split into division 1 and division 2 fields once the number of entrants exceeds 60 for criteriums and 80 for road races. Men's category C fields should be split into division 1 and division 2 fields once the number of entrants exceeds 70 for criteriums and 90 for road races. Both fields will be awarded the standard points for that respective category.
- 3.10. Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category. All races shall include an "Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category" for both women and men. The format shall be 50% coaching and 50% racing in mass-start races, with the coaches coordinated by the individual race promoters and composed of experienced riders, team coaches and other knowledgeable cyclists.

The suggested minimum race distances for both the men's and women's Introduction to Bicycle Racing Category is the same as for the Men's D category.

- 3.11. TTT Requirements for Organizers. The order of events for a TTT is as follows: Men's D, WB, M-Intro, W-Intro, MA, MB, MC, WA

For a successful and on-time TTT (courtesy of John Frey/Velocity Results):

1. Look at "stats.xls" on the ECCC Race Calendar to estimate how many teams you may expect;
2. Do not assign start times to individual teams, start teams by category (i.e. "Rutgers Style");
- 3.
4. Try to locate the start and finish reasonably close to each other, if possible; and
5. Try to locate the start and finish in the same spot as the other day's race (e.g. the road race or criterium).

- 3.12. Mass-start Recommendations for Organizers.

The recommended order of events for a criterium is as follows:
Men's D, MC, WB, M-Intro, W-Intro, MB, WA, MA

For a 2-wave race: Wave 1: Men's C2, MD1, MD2, WB, M-Intro
Wave 2: Men's A, MB, MC1, WA, W-Intro

For 3- and 4-wave road and circuit races, please consult the conference director.

4. SCORING

- 4.1. ECCC Team Points - Race. ECCC team points for an event are calculated according to the following procedure:

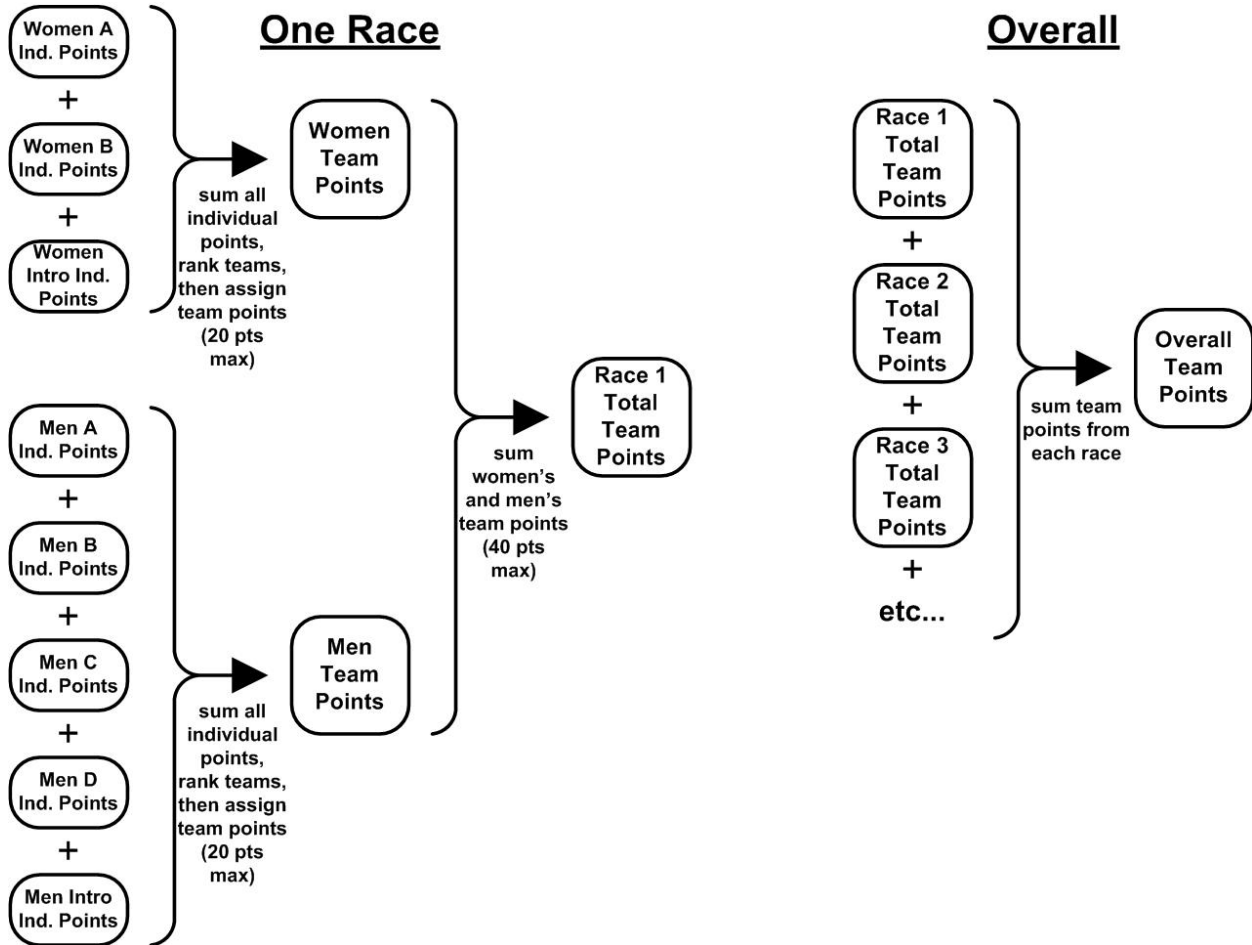
1. Sum the individual points for the highest four placing riders (or the single highest placing TTT team for TTT races) for each team for each women's category (WA + WB + W-Intro) from a single race;
2. Rank the aggregated individual women's points from every team separately by division (DI or DII);
3. Assign the corresponding point value to the ranked women's teams from the table below;
4. Repeat the above steps for the men's categories;
5. Sum the men's and women's team points for the team total for the race;

Note: if no individual rider earns individual points for a given race, that team is not ranked for the race, and thus does not earn any team points for that race.

- 4.2. ECCC Team Points – Event. The team point total and rank is determined

by the sum of all women's and men's team points awarded for each race of an event.

4.3. ECCC Overall Team Points and Rank. ECCC overall team points are the sum of all team points earned from the beginning of the current season to the present. The overall team rank is determined by ranking the ECCC overall team points by division (DI or DII).



4.4. ECCC Team Points

Division I			Division II		
Rank	Women's Team Points	Men's Team Points	Rank	Women's Team Points	Men's Team Points
1	20	20	1	20	20
2	16	16	2	16	16
3	13	13	3	13	13
4	10	10	4	10	10
5	7	7	5	7	7
6	5	5	6	5	5

7	3	3	7	3	3
8	2	2	8	2	2
9	1	1	9	1	1
10+	0	0	10+	0	0

4.5. Ivy League Team Points and Standing. The Ivy League teams are Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, UPenn, Princeton, and Yale. Ivy League teams are included in ECCC team rankings, but are also separately ranked according to Ivy League overall. Ivy League team points for a race are calculated according to the same procedure as above, but using the below table, ignoring division (DI or DII), and ranking only between Ivy League teams. Ivy League overall team points are the sum of all Ivy League team points earned from the beginning of the current season to the present. The Ivy League overall team standing is determined by ranking the Ivy League overall team points.

4.6. Ivy League Team Points

Rank	Women's Team Points	Men's Team Points
1	20	20
2	16	16
3	13	13
4	10	10
5	7	7
6	5	5
7	3	3
8	2	2

4.7. Nationals Team Qualifier Points and Rank. National's team qualifier points for a race are calculated according to the same procedure as above, but using only individual points earned in A category races. Nationals team qualifier overall points are the sum of all Nationals team qualifier points earned from the beginning of the current season to the present. The Nationals team qualifier overall standing is determined by ranking the Nationals overall team points.

4.8. Individual Points and Standing. Individual points do not “carry over” to another category if a rider upgrades or downgrades. Only points earned in individual races are included in the calculation of individual overall standings.

4.9. Primes. Prime sprint points count toward individual overall standings.

4.10. TTT Timing. The time of a TTT team is taken from the front wheel

of the 3rd rider for category A events and the front wheel of the 2nd rider for all other categories.

- 4.11. Overall Individual Leader's Jersey. The rider with the greatest number of ECCC individual points (road race, criterium, circuit race, or ITT), including sprint points, accumulated during the current season as of the beginning of a race weekend in the men's category A and the women's category A shall each be given the ECCC Overall Individual Leader's Jersey at the beginning of a weekend to be worn during that weekend. In case of a tie, the rider with the highest placing in the most recent race at which any one of the tied riders was present will be awarded the ECCC Overall Individual Leader's Jersey.
- 4.12. Sprint Leader's Jersey. The rider with the greatest number of ECCC sprint points accumulated during the current season as of the beginning of a race weekend in the men's category A and the women's category A shall each be given the ECCC Sprint Leader's Jersey at the beginning of a race weekend to be worn during that race weekend. In case of a tie, the rider with the highest placing in the most recent sprint in which any one of the tied riders received points will be awarded the ECCC Sprint Leader's Jersey.
- 4.13. Undergraduate Leader's Jersey. The undergraduate rider with the greatest number of ECCC individual points (road race, criterium, circuit race, or ITT), including sprint points, accumulated during the current season as of the beginning of a race weekend in the men's category A and the women's category A shall each be given the ECCC Undergraduate Leader's Jersey at the beginning of a race weekend to be worn during that race weekend. In case of a tie, the rider with the highest placing in the most recent race at which any one of the tied riders was present will be awarded the ECCC Undergraduate Leader's Jersey.
- 4.14. Conference Championships. Double points are awarded to all riders and teams at the ECCC Conference Championships.
- 4.15. ECCC Annual Rankings. Annual rankings will be calculated in the same fashion as nationals. Point rankings will be equal in all disciplines.

5. DISCIPLINE

- 5.1. Misconduct. For illegal, grossly unsportsmanlike, or other behavior unbecoming to the sport of cycling committed by an individual, the individual's team will be penalized 20 team points for the first infraction of a member of that team, 100 team points for the second infraction by a member of that team, and team disqualification for a third infraction by a member of that team. For actions that are not illegal or otherwise DQ-worthy offenses, a warning shall be issued. Penalty-worthy incidents include, but are not limited to, grossly unsportsmanlike conduct, vandalism, public nudity, public urination, reckless driving, or any illegal

behavior. Incidents should be reported directly to the presiding USA Cycling official or ECCC conference staff.

5.2. Race deposits. Upon selection at the ECCC Annual meeting, race promoters are required to submit a deposit to secure their date on the schedule, \$400 for Easterns, \$200 for all other races. The following is the schedule of deposit penalties for missed milestones:

Date	Milestone	Penalty
December 15	USAC permit filed	50%
January 15	Draft flyer submission	25%
30 days prior to event	Final flyer submitted	100%

Any deposit remaining will be returned after completion of the race weekend.