

## UltraCycling Cup Series (UCCS)

### I PURPOSE

The WUCA's "Ultra Cycling Cup Series" (UCCS) provides an opportunity for ultra-racers to compete in a series of events to determine the best Ultra cyclists in the world. To accomplish this goal, WUCA will list events annually on the UCCS calendar from which ultra-racers may select events to race. At the conclusion of the season, winners will be determined in each division by category identified below and an overall male and female champion declared. Becoming a UCCS champion will be a true test of one's endurance, perseverance, and determination. In addition to the UCCS, a WUCA selected Continental Championship will be designated on the WUCA calendar for 6-hour, 12-hour, 24-hour and ultra-distance events.

At the pinnacle of competitive Ultra cycling, a World Cup Ranking may be entered by those wishing to compete at this level. Entry for this competition is by special registration, which must be filed with WUCA not later than February 28, 2021 and January 30 from 2022 onwards. This World Cup Ranking will be based on a point system, recognizing competitive success over a wide range of Ultra cycling event formats.

### II DIVISIONS

- There will be six divisions in the UCCS Series for 2021; three divisions reflecting different timed events, two different distance events, and one, the World Cup, that blends a racer's performance across a wide range of durations.
- TIMED EVENTS -
  - **6-HOUR CHALLENGE:** Racers accumulate mileage in any 6-hour race on the UCCS calendar with the combined total mileage of their best three events to determine placing. See a fuller description below in Section VIII.
  - **12-HOUR CHALLENGE:** Racers accumulate mileage in any 12-hour race on the UCCS calendar with the combined total mileage of their best three events to determine placing. See a fuller description below in Section VIII.
  - **24-HOUR CHALLENGE:** Racers accumulate mileage in any 24-hour race on the UCCS calendar with the combined total mileage of their best three events to determine placing. See a fuller description below in Section VIII.
- DISTANCE EVENTS -
  - **200 Mile CHALLENGE:** A racer must race in at least three complete 200 mile (300 – 350 km) events to qualify for this challenge. The racer whose average speed is highest for all three races will win this challenge. See a fuller description below in Section VII.

- **ULTRA-DISTANCE CHALLENGE:** A racer must race in at least three ultra-distance events (defined as not less than 750 km) to qualify for this challenge. The racer whose average speed is highest for all three races will win this challenge. See a fuller description below in Section VII.
- WORLD CUP -
  - **WORLD CUP OF ULTRACYCLING:** This elite-level competition combines competitive results across two timed events and two fixed-distance events.
  - A racer must race at least one event in each of two timed formats; 12-hour, 24-hour.
  - Additionally, two multi-day fixed-distance events must be completed.
    - One of 750km to 1,500 km.
    - One of 1,500 – 3,000 km OR one of 3,000+ km (See Section VI for points structure)
  - The racer accumulating the most points in these four events will be the winner of the World Cup and be considered the World Champion of Ultra - cycling. See a fuller description below in Section VI.

### III RANKING AND INCLUSION

- CATEGORIES – In each of the divisions identified above, racers will be ranked in categories based on GENDER (male; female) and AGE (<18; 18 – 49; 50 – 59; 60 – 69; 70 – 74, 75).
- BICYCLE TYPE (standard; recumbent; HPV) – The following distinctions apply to the various UCCS Division rankings;
  - Timed and Distance Events will distinguish between bike types
  - The World Cup will not distinguish between bike types, but excludes HPVs
- RIDER CONFIGURATION – All UCCS divisions will rank WUCA members as solo racers only. (No compilation of results for clubs, teams or tandems.)
- Age is determined by birth year, regardless of actual age on the day of a given event.

### IV REGISTRATION AND EVENT CREDIT

- All WUCA members are automatically entered in the UCCS. Separate registration is necessary for participation in the World Cup competition. All WUCA members that participate in the minimum required events for each Division will be included in the standings.

- To earn average speed or mileage credit for any given event, a racer must be a member of WUCA prior to that event. Under no circumstances will credit for any event be awarded retroactively.

## **V GENERAL RULES**

- The UCCS season begins January 1st, and ends on December 31st, except that no event will be added in December without a minimum of 90 days' notice to WUCA members.
- Results of UCCS events will be submitted by event organizers and/or compiled by WUCA officials and posted on the WUCA website, normally within two weeks of the conclusion of each event. Individual racers do not have to submit their results, but it is strongly recommended that each racer check the standings to verify that their results are posted correctly.
- If a racer finds an error with posted results and/or standings, the racer has two weeks from the date of posting of the results on the WUCA website to make a protest. Protests must be made in writing to the UCCS Chair. Emailed protests are acceptable. Once a protest is made, the UCCS Chair will investigate and render a decision within two weeks of receiving the protest. If a racer disagrees with the UCCS chair's decision, the racer may appeal the decision by adhering to the WUCA appeals policy.
- If a racer feels these rules have been misinterpreted, or if they feel they have been treated unfairly according to these rules, they may file a protest. Protests must be made in writing to the UCCS chair and copied to the WUCA President. Racers may email their protests. The deadline to file a protest is two weeks from the date of the alleged infraction, or two weeks after the final event on the UCCS calendar, whichever comes first. Once a protest is made, the UCCS Chair will investigate and render a decision within two weeks. If a racer disagrees with the UCCS Chair's decision, the racer may appeal the decision by adhering to the WUCA appeals policy.
- All racers must meet the minimum number of events to be included in the UCC standings for that specific challenge.
- All racers earning top average and/or mileage ratings will be eligible for divisional awards and/or prizes as determined by the WUCA Board.
- Most event organizers will have WUCA membership application forms available at their event and can accept your membership application on behalf of WUCA. If you join WUCA at a UCCS event, you will be considered a member immediately, and can earn points beginning with that event.
- Event organizers are not responsible to ensure that an individual racer is a member of WUCA prior to their event. That responsibility lies solely with the individual racer, and it is strongly recommended that racers confirm their membership status beforehand.
- Each event on the UCCS calendar will have a set of rules by which their event is governed. Racers must abide by the event's specific rules and regulations. Event organizers are solely responsible for enforcing their event's rules and regulations. They are required to sort out

any infractions, irregularities, disqualifications, adjustments of time and so forth, in their final standings before submitting official results to the WUCA.

- To have a specific event qualify toward World Cup, or any Challenge, racers must officially finish an event that is based on a time or distance. For timed events, racers are credited for their distance for that event. For distance events, racers must finish the entire distance for that event.
- Racers earn average speed and/or mileage credit, as well as World Cup points, in any and all divisions that an event participates in. For example, if a racer participated in Bike Sebring 24, they would earn mileage toward the WUCA 24-hour Challenge and points, as earned, for the World Cup.
- WUCA has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use of performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) or technological fraud such as the use of any mechanical device to aid pedaling. Any racer found to have violated this policy will forfeit any events participated in and be barred from competing for a period as determined by the WUCA Board of Directors. Any racer under suspension by another sporting sanctioning/governing body, the World Anti Doping Agency or a national anti-doping agency, is not eligible to have any events count toward any UCCS division during their period of suspension. WUCA reserves the right to conduct testing for any and all performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) and mechanical devices. Any athlete who refuses to be tested will be disqualified and subject to suspension as determined by the WUCA Board of Directors.
- WUCA is not responsible for cancellations or schedule changes for the events on the UCCS calendar. If an event is cancelled and a racer was counting on that event to help them meet the minimum requirement for any Challenge, it is up to them to make sure they race in a different event.

Racers may only earn credit for an event that is listed on the UCCS calendar. To view the complete UCCS calendar, go to: <https://ultracycling.com>

- WUCA reserves the right to modify the UCCS rules and the UCCS calendar at any time.

## **VI WORLD CUP OF ULTRACYCLING**

- Ranking will be established among those members who have registered for competition in this division. Registration is achieved by contacting the UCC Chair via the Contact Us portal on the WUCA website and must be filed not later than May 15, 2021 (30<sup>th</sup> January in 2022 onwards) of the relevant year.
- In order to be ranked in the final World Cup results at year end, at least one event must be completed in each of a minimum of two event types:
  - ◊ 12-hour and 24-hour.
  - ◊ 750 - 1500 km
  - ◊ 1,500km to 3,000km or 3000+km
- During the year, participants will be ranked based on their points earned, year to date, by gender, in both age group and overall categories.

- Points are accumulated by participants toward this World Cup ranking according to the following system. At each event, points are awarded based on overall placement among the registered WC participants at that event.
  - For 12-hr and 24-hr timed events, and fixed distance events between 750 and 1,500 km
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place        4 points
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place        3 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place        2 points
    - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place    1 point
  - For fixed distance events of length beyond 1,500km, participants may select between two sub-categories;
    - 1,500km to 3,000 km
    - 3,000km and greater.
  - Points from only one event from these two sub-categories will be included, but participants may race in either or both, applying their highest single-event points for the use in their ranking.
  - For events from 1,500 to 3,000 km -
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place        6 points
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place        5 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place        4 points
    - 4<sup>th</sup> place        3 points
    - 5<sup>th</sup> place        2 points
    - 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place 1 point
  - For events 3,000 km and beyond –
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place        8 points
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place        7 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place        6 points
    - 4<sup>th</sup> place        5 points
    - 5<sup>th</sup> place        5 points
    - 6<sup>th</sup> place        3 points
    - 7<sup>th</sup> place        2 points
    - 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place 1 point
  - For those events that have been designated by WUCA as a Continental championship event, one additional point will be added to the first-place finisher.
  - For 24hr timed events which are drafting-legal, all finishers who complete 560 miles / 902km or more, will receive one additional point, irrespective of the place earned.
  - For 24hr timed events which are non-drafting, all finishers who complete 500 miles / 805km or more, will receive one extra point, irrespective of the place earned.

- For 12-hr timed events which are drafting-legal, all finishers who complete 286 miles / 460km or more, will receive one additional point, irrespective of the place earned.
  - For 12hr timed events which are non-drafting, all finishers who complete 260miles / 418km or more, will receive one extra point, irrespective of the place earned.
  - In all events, points are awarded to participants in the World Cup competition based on the WC entrants only. For example, if a World Cup registered participant finishes in third place, and one of the two finishers ahead is also a World Cup registered participant, then the second place points will be awarded to that racer in third place in the event.
  - At year end, or during the year as rankings are determined, the age group standings will be recognized based on accumulated points, as ranked against others in the same age group. However, for final ranking at year-end, any participants who have failed to complete one event in each of the required distances/durations will be excluded from ranking.
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- A participant may substitute one or two personal record attempts for any of the four included events, potentially earning World Cup points according to the following performance levels:
    - The record attempt must align with the duration of the event for which the record is being substituted or greater – for example a 12-hr record or greater substituting for a 12-hr time trial event.
    - Point to point records may be substituted for any of the fixed distance events but again must align with or be greater than the distance substituted.
    - For the record substitution to yield points per below, the performance will be measured against the highest level for the relevant record of the participant's gender – not the record for the participant's age group.
      - Breaking an existing record or setting a new record where no previous record existed -- point value equals a first place finish in a competitive event of same duration (4 points for 12 or 24 hours, 6 points for a distance of 1,500 to 3,000 km, and 8 points for a distance of greater than 3,000 km)
      - Failing to break an existing record but completing the course -- 1 point for 12 or 24 hour attempts or for distances less than 1,500 km, 2 points for distance records of 1,500 km or greater)
  - Should a tie occur between two riders' points total on December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, then the rider who rode / raced the furthest distance (Miles / Kms) will be declared the overall winner.

All racers are encouraged to race in more than one of each of the events required, and the best results (most points earned) for that event will be used in calculation of rankings.

- Both drafting and non-drafting timed events will count.
- The World Cup series will award points only in supported distance events and timed events which when held on public roads in night time hours have adequate safety measures in place or support by a follow vehicle during night time hours as outlined by the organizers.
- Any solo racer using a standard or recumbent bicycle is eligible for the overall male and female World Cup championship. HPV's are, however, excluded from this competition.
- Substitution allowed: At most one (1) longer event may be substituted for a shorter event. For example, if a racer is unable to attend or finish a 12-hour event for whatever reason and has completed two or more 24-hour events; one of those 24-hour events may be used for the 12-hour event, and the other for the 24-hour event.
- Any rider who wants to substitute a record attempt must let the UCCS Chair know what record attempt should be substituted for what World Cup event. This must be done before the end of the calendar year (December 31<sup>st</sup>).

## VII DISTANCE SERIES CHALLENGES

- **200-Mile Challenge:** Any WUCA member who rides at least three qualifying races listed on the UCCS calendar will be ranked on average speed in the appropriate division/category. Racers may compete in more than three qualifying events, with their three fastest used and averaged together. To be a qualifying event for this competition, the distance must be nominally 200 miles, or between 300 and 350 km. Members will be included in the preliminary rankings throughout the current year, ranked on average speed in the appropriate division/category.
- In order to qualify for official and final ranking at year-end, a WUCA member must have completed three events of the distance defining this series.
- **Ultra-Distance Challenge:** Any WUCA member who rides at least three qualifying races listed on the UCCS calendar will be ranked on average speed in the appropriate division/category. Racers may compete in more than three qualifying events, with their three fastest used and averaged together. To be a qualifying event for this competition, the distance must be nominally 500 miles, or between 750 and 1,000km. Members will be included in the preliminary rankings throughout the current year, ranked on average speed in the appropriate division/category.
- In order to qualify for official and final ranking at year-end, a WUCA member must have completed three events of the distance defining this series.
- Substitution rule: One (1) valid and complete record attempt may be substituted for the same length event for these Distance Challenges. Also, even if the rider has completed more than the minimum required events for the Challenge, if their record attempt yields a faster time, then that record attempt may be substituted for a slower event. Any rider who wants to substitute a record attempt must let the UCCS Chair know what record

attempt should be substituted for what Challenge event. This must be done before the end of the calendar year.

## **VIII 6, 12, and 24-HOUR TIMED CHALLENGES**

- Any WUCA member that rides at least one 6, 12 or 24-hour race listed on the UCCS calendar will be included in the preliminary rankings throughout the current year, ranked on total mileage in the appropriate division/category.
- In order to qualify for official and final ranking at year-end, a WUCA member must have completed three events of the duration defining that series.
- Standings in each respective division are based on the combined mileage for a WUCA member's top three mileage earning 6, 12 or 24-hour events listed on the UCCS calendar.
- Racers may compete in more than three 6, 12 or 24-hour events, but only their top three mileage earning events will count toward the standings.
- Substitution rule: One (1) valid and complete record attempt may be substituted for the same duration event for these Timed Challenges. Also, even if the rider has completed more than the minimum required events for the Challenge, if their record attempt yields a greater distance, then that record attempt may be substituted for a comparable event of the same duration. Any rider who wants to substitute a record attempt must let the UCCS Chair know what record attempt should be substituted for what Challenge event. This must be done before the end of the calendar year.

## **IX EXCLUSION POLICY**

The WUCA has an interest in maintaining an atmosphere of fairness. And while WUCA does not determine the rules of the separate races, it is the expectation of WUCA that all such rules be applied fairly. Race directors shall give all applicants and racers equal treatment under the rules of their event. A race director shall not refuse entry to an applicant without a race-related cause, nor give prejudicial treatment to any applicant or racer. If a race director is found to be in violation of this policy, WUCA shall have the right to remove the event from the WUCA calendar, and to publicize such removal.

WUCA also requires that any WUCA member participating in any event that is on the WUCA Calendar adheres to the rules delineated in this document, the published race rules, and conducts himself or herself in a manner that does not bring himself or herself or WUCA into disrepute. This includes any behavior or communication before, during or after the event. Any member in violation of this policy may have any event earned deducted, be subject to disqualification from the UCCS for the season or expelled from the organization.



## **X CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

In addition to the annual challenge series and World Cup competitions, WUCA will select Continental Championship events in each calendar year for 6-hour, 12-hour, 24-hour and ultra-distance events. These events are selected by the WUCA Board of Directors, with the intent of choosing events that enjoy a history of being well run, safe and highly regarded by members who have completed them in prior years. To the greatest extent practical, Championships will be rotated year to year so as to afford the best opportunity for participation across a broad geographic range. Championship events will be clearly designated on the WUCA calendar.