



ROAD RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Thunder Bay Cycling Club (TBCC) conducts its races under the rules of the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA), the Canadian Cycling Association (CCA), and the Union of Cyclists International (UCI). In addition, the TBCC has several rules listed below that in the case of a dispute, will govern.

RULES:

1. ANSI or Snell approved helmets must be worn at all times.
2. All equipment must be in good working order. Any equipment that is in poor condition or deemed dangerous cannot be used.
3. Use of any Aero or TT bars is not allowed. This equipment must be removed prior to a road race
4. Listen to and obey the Starter's instructions.
5. Attend the MANDATORY pre-race "Safety Talk". Riders MUST follow all instructions.
6. No racing in the zones identified by the starter as neutral. In addition, riders shall ride neutral with caution on right and left hand turns. No one should use these intersections to accelerate past other riders, in doing so it endangers you and other riders.
7. Since we do not race on a closed course, observe and obey the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, as there will be other vehicles on the roadway.
8. Be aware of the dangers of intersections along the course, even if you do have the 'Right of Way'.
9. Do not cross the yellow line on any road at any time. Doing so could result in you being disqualified. (See Yellow Line Rules)
10. Maintain your line in the final sprint. Blocking (swerving to the left or right) is not allowed. Crossing the yellow line during this time will result in an automatic disqualification.
11. Any actions that compromise the safety of the other competitors will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification
12. DO NOT DISTURB the timekeeper while he or she is trying to get results. Riders shall not approach the timekeepers for any reason prior to the announcement of official results in the parking area, unless there is an emergency or there has been an accident. Doing so could result in you being disqualified.

RACING CATEGORIES:

In order to keep the level of competition fair and equal, each rider will be placed into a racing category for the year. The rider's previous results, as well as the rider's desire, will be used to determine which category will be placed into.

As a guide:

CATEGORY 1 –Riders capable of maintaining average speeds of 35kph and higher over long distances.

CATEGORY 2 –Riders capable of maintaining average speeds of 30kph or higher over long distances.

CATEGORY 3 –Riders capable of maintaining average speeds of 25kph over shorter distances.

CATEGORY 4 –New riders and Junior riders who are entered mainly for fun and fitness.

It will be the decision of the road race committee to determine if riders are to be moved between categories during the year. The decision to move a rider will be based on the following:

- Results from the previous season
- Results during the current season
- 1st place finish in 2 road races for that season
- Two finishes that are not within 120% of their category winner time, twice within that racing season

WOMEN’S CATEGORY:

Where we have sufficient number of women within a single category, consideration will be given to administering a women’s category event. Where this is not possible, women will be included within the appropriate open category event.

ACCIDENTS:

In case of an accident a standard OCA incident report must be completed by the organizer and forwarded to the OCA office.

ROAD RACE SERIES:

RACE SCORING:

For each of the six (6) races, points will be assigned for finishing positions as follows:

Finishing Place	Points	Finishing Place	Points	Finishing Place	Points
1	25	6	10	11	5
2	20	7	9	12	4
3	16	8	8	13	3
4	13	9	7	14	2
5	11	10	6	15	1

ROAD RACE SERIES SCORING

The series points will be scored by summing the best four (4) Road Race finishes (ie highest points) for each racer. The number of higher places will be used to break a tie.

CRITERIUM RACE SERIES:

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CRITERIUM SERIES SCORING

The series points will be scored by summing the best four (4) Criterium finishes (ie highest points) for each racer. The number of higher places will be used to break a tie.