

2011 Virginia Cyclocross Series Rules

Changes for 2011 in red.

Definitions:

1. ELIGIBLE PROMOTERS – VACX promoters must have promoted a Cyclocross race prior to being a VACX series promoter.
2. EVENT - The entire slate of racing offered by a promoter on a given day. The event comprises the set of races for the given classes.
3. RACE - A specific competition, denoted by a separate prize list, but possibly sharing a starting time with another class, at a given event.
4. CLASS - The identifier of the field for a given race.
5. SERIES WINNERS - In each VACX class, the rider having accumulated the greatest number of series points from **a rider's best finishes in a select number of VACX races in which they accrued points.**

Series winners:

1. Free entry in the following year's VACX races is guaranteed to a previous year's series winner, **even if the rider has changed age groups or upgraded categories.**

In order to be eligible these winners MUST:

1. Pre-register
2. Pay USCF insurance and VCA Fees (\$3).
3. Wear the VACX/BAR jersey
6. AWARDS - Series awards are those given out at the series end in the form of winner's trophies or medals and championship jerseys. These are separate from an event's individual events awards. **One jersey will be provided by VCA to each series winner. Any other championship items, provided minimum numbers are met, are available at additional cost to the rider.**
7. TIE-BREAKERS – in the situation that series class winners end in a tie for points, it will be the placing of those riders at the **State Championship** event to determine the tie-breaker.

Allocating Points - SCORING

1. Riders will earn points in the **category of the race that they have entered**, rather than in the class of the rider. For example, if a woman Cat. 2 rides the Men's Cat. 3 race, she earns points in the Men's Cat. 3 category, not the Women's Cat. 1,2,3 category. Points are not transferrable between classes. Points are awarded to the top 15 finishers by the following table:

Place Points

1	45
2	35
3	28
4	23
5	20
6	18

7	16
8	14
9	12
10	10
11	8
12	6
13	4
14	2
15	1

2. Series points will be comprised of a select number of a rider's best finishes. There is no minimum number of races to qualify for the series. See table below:

Series Races	Races counted towards series Championship awards
15	10
14	9
13	8
12	7
11	7
10	6
9	6

3. Team Points will be tabulated based on individual point totals. **Only the top 3 riders in each class are counted for team points.** Riders racing for team points must remain with the same team throughout a single cyclocross season
4. The Virginia Cyclocross Series is open to all riders, regardless of residence or club affiliation.
5. Racer upgrade – Series class winners **MUST** upgrade from classes that support a higher class. Example: the series winner of the B classes shall upgrade to the A classes. This is an effort to **upgrade racers to appropriate classes.**

Event Descriptions:

Each event in the series must offer races for each of the **10 VACX classes**. This rule does not prohibit multiple classes racing concurrently. This rule does not prohibit offering other classes or categories. However **VACX Championship awards will based on riders' points scored in the following classes.** The event announcement must also list a set of awards, or a prize list for these classes:

- Men Pro, 1,2,3 (A)
- Men 3 (B)
- Men 4 (C)
- Women Pro, 1,2,3 (A)
- Women 40+ Cat 1-4**
- Women Cat. 4 (B)
- Masters 35+ Cat 1-4
- Masters 45+ Cat 1-4
- Juniors 10-14
- Juniors 15-18

1. Other Classes may be added by individual promoters and **MUST** be stated on the individual event's flyer, but **only the events listed above will be scored as series races.**
2. Due to the varied attendances within the series, VACX classes may be combined to run concurrently or separately.
3. Classes listed must have separate, pre-determined, prize lists and be scored separately.
4. Race durations are listed below:

Men Pro,1,2,3 (A)	60 minutes
Men 3 (B)	45 minutes
Men 4 (C)	30 minutes
Women Pro, 1,2,3 (A)	45 minutes
Women 40+ Cat 1-4	45 minutes
Women Cat. 4 (B)	30 minutes
Masters 35+ Cat 1-4	45 minutes
Masters 45+ Cat 1-4	45 minutes
Juniors 10-14	30 minutes
Juniors 15-18	30 minutes

5. Races must be open to all licensed riders and non-licensed riders for any event that has no affiliation with USAC.
6. **Call-up procedure: The top 8 riders in the series standings at the start of the current race should be called up to the start line from a staging area approximately 3 meters behind the start line. If there are fewer than 8 riders in the race, no call-up will take place. Current standings can be found at <http://www.vacycling.org/cyclocross.html>**

Promoter Rules:

1. VACX events can be sanctioned by USA Cycling or run privately. It is strongly suggested that events be sanctioned by USAC as to promote a tiered system for racers and be recognized by our national federation within the sport of Cyclocross.
2. Events must follow the Cyclocross course guidelines listed on the UCI cyclocross website and the New England Cyclocross Series Technical guide.
3. Courses design and layout must be taken seriously for the sport of Cyclocross. Quote from NECCS technical guide line: *"There are common aspects of mountain and road racing but it would be a mistake to view it as a variation of either. Cyclocross racing is a race of transitions and courses need to take this into consideration when planning."* It is the intention and goal of the VACX series to promote the best possible Cyclocross courses within the series.
4. Singletrack is NOT acceptable in cyclocross! The course must be a minimum of 10 feet wide at all points
5. Cyclocross races should be races of transitions and therefore, be interesting and challenging course design in the interest of a Cyclocross bike.
6. Promoters: **all series promoters will be responsible for splitting the costs of any series items. Per the 2010 VCA Annual Meeting, medals and trophies will be paid for by the VCA.**
7. All VACX promoters need to collect a **VA Cycling BAR fee** for each rider (\$1 per rider) and write a check to VA Cycling and given to the race official. This money is used to purchase VACX Championship Jerseys.
8. **RESULTS – Results MUST be distributed, electronically, for public viewing within 24 hours from the end of the event to Bill Henderson at: billhend@gmail.com and also submitted to USAC and Bikereg.com for rider rankings.**