# 2018 Virginia Cyclocross Series Rules

# 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. Pre­register on BikeReg
2. Pay the BikeReg registration fee ONLY ($4).
3. **Purchase and Wear** the VACX/BAR jersey
4. AWARDS ­ Series awards are those given out at the series end in the form of winner’s trophies or medals and championship jerseys (championship jerseys will not be provided and must be purchased by the series winner to be eligible for free entry the following year). These are separate from an event’s individual events awards.
5. TIE­BREAKERS – 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 tie­breaker.

# 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 transferable between classes. Points are awarded to the top 15 finishers by the following table:

# Place Points

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| --- | --- |
| 1 | 45 |
| 2 | 35 |
| 3 | 28 |
| 4 | 23 |
| 5 | 20 |

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| --- | --- |
| 6 | 18 |
| 7 | 16 |
| 8 | 14 |
| 9 | 12 |
| 10 | 10 |
| 11 | 8 |
| 12 | 6 |
| 13 | 4 |
| 14 | 2 |
| 15 | 1 |

1. 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:

# No. of Series Races Races counted towards series

**Championship awards**

16 11

15 10

14 9

13 8

12 7

11 7

10 6

9 6

1. 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
2. The Virginia Cyclocross Series is open to all riders, regardless of residence or club affiliation.
3. 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 **12 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 be 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 3/4 (B) Men 4/5 (C)

Women Pro, 1,2,3 (A) Women 35+ Cat 1­4

Women 3/4 (B) Women 4/5 (C)

Masters 40+ Cat 1­4

Masters 50+ Cat 1­4 Singlespeed

Juniors 9­14

Juniors 15­18

* 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, pre­determined, prize lists and be scored separately.
	4. Race durations are listed below:

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| Men Pro,1,2,3 (A) | 50 minutes |
| Men 3/4 (B) | 50 minutes |
| Men 4/5 (C) | 30 minutes |
| Women Pro, 1,2,3 (A) | 45 minutes |
| Women 35+ Cat 1­4 | 30 minutes |
| Women 3/4 (B) | 45 minutes |
| Women Cat. 4/5 (C) | 30 minutes |
| Masters 40+ Cat 1­4 | 45 minutes |
| Masters 50+ Cat 1­4 | 45 minutes |
| Singlespeed | 45 minutes |
| Juniors 9­14 | 30 minutes |
| Juniors 15­18 | 30 minutes |

* 1. Races must be open to all licensed riders and non­licensed riders.
	2. Call­up 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 5 meters behind the start line. If there are fewer than 8 riders in the race, no call­up will take place. Current standings can be found at [www.vacyclocross.com](http://www.vacyclocross.com)
	3. Senior State Championship medals will be given by finish order in each race regardless of Category in the case of a combined race. Only one gold/silver/bronze medal will be given per race.
	4. Masters State Championship medals will be given by finish order of the race in each of the 5­year groupings.
	5. Juniors State Championships medals will be given by finish order of the race in each of the following groupings – 9­10, 11­12, 13­14, 15­16, and 17­18.

# Promoter Rules:

1. VACX events MUST be sanctioned by USA Cycling.
2. ALL VACX events must be available for registration on BikeReg ([www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com)), and VACX must be in the title to ensure series-based search results. ALL events must follow the same time slot/category format (Men’s 4/5 starting at 9:30am for 30 minutes, etc, etc). ANY deviations from this schedule must be approved in advance, and PRIOR to posting on BikeReg.
3. Events must follow as closely as possible the Cyclocross course guidelines listed in the UCI Cyclocross Technical Guide.
4. Course design and layout must be taken seriously for the sport of Cyclocross. It is the intention and goal of the VACX series to promote the best possible Cyclocross courses within the series.
5. The course should be a minimum of 10 feet wide at all points.
6. Cyclocross races should be races of transitions and therefore be interesting and challenging course design in the interest of a Cyclocross bike.
7. 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.
8. 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.

# RESULTS – Results MUST be distributed, electronically, for public viewing within 24 hours from the end of the event to Eric Crandell at: ecrandell@gmail.com and also submitted to USAC per their after event requirements for rider rankings.