



MASTERS & JUNIOR ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GREATER MILWAUKEE AREA, WI

with TOUR OF AMERICA'S DAIRYLAND

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The following is a brief overview of USA Cycling National Championship rules.
For complete championship regulations, please see [Chapter 7 National Championships](#).

Individuals attempting to pre-ride the course prior to the event, or any scheduled practice day, may encounter hazards including incomplete course construction or obstructions. The course may also cross private property and is also subject to change. Those individuals pre-riding the course do so entirely at their own risk.

LICENSING/CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

ALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT USA CYCLING ANNUAL LICENSE OR VALID UCI FOREIGN FEDERATION LICENSE AS DEFINED BELOW. Riders must also be licensed for the category in which they are attempting to register. You may purchase, renew and/or request a category upgrade online by logging into your USA Cycling account [HERE](#).

Must be a **United States citizen** and have a current:

- **USA Cycling International License** or
- **A foreign International License** or
- **USA Cycling Domestic Annual License**

OR

Must be a **Permanent Resident (verified)** and have a current:

- **USA Cycling International License** or
- **USA Cycling Domestic Annual License**

MASTERS

Riders with a racing age of 35 or over who hold Elite status per USA Cycling rules may NOT compete in the USA Cycling Masters Road National Championships. This includes riders who:

- Are, or have been, members of a UCI-registered team of any type (road, track, MTB, CX) in the calendar year of the championship.
- Have competed in the Elite category of a UCI World Championship, Continental Championships, Olympic Games or World Cup in the road discipline in the current year.
- Are further defined as an "Elite" rider per definition in USA Cycling's Glossary of terms.

Awards will be given to every five-year age group represented.

CATEGORY and ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

At the time of registration, all participants competing in the USA Cycling Masters and Junior Road National Championships MUST hold the minimum required category for their respective races as noted below. **Riders will compete in their respective age-group based on their official racing age determined on December 31, 2026.** "Racing up or down", is not allowed in this event (see 1H10(d)).

Each license allows for promotion to higher categories according to certain guidelines. Please see [Policy VIII Race Category Upgrading and Downgrading](#) for information.

If you would like to request an upgrade, please see [upgrade instructions here](#).

INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

No category restrictions.

ROAD RACE and CRITERIUM

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| Junior Men 11-14 | No category restrictions. |
| Junior Men 15-16 | Restricted to road categories 1-3. |
| Junior Women 11-14 | No category restrictions. |
| Junior Women 15-16 | No category restrictions. |
| Master Men 35-54 | Restricted to road categories 1-3. |
| Master Men 55+ | No category restrictions. |
| Master Women 35-44 | Restricted to road categories 1-3. |
| Master Women 45+ | No category restrictions. |

START and CALL-UP PROCEDURES

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| Time Trial | <p>The last riders to start will be in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Previous year's podium (5th – 2nd)2. Aged-up national champion3. Defending national champion (last rider) <p>Riders who register after Thursday, June 25, 2026, 11:59 PM Central Time (close of pre-registration) will not be included in call-ups.</p> |
| Road Race and Criterium | <p>Riders will be called to the start line in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Defending national champion2. Aged-up national champion3. Previous year's podium for the age group (2nd-5th) <p>Riders who register after Thursday, June 25, 2026, 11:59 PM Central Time (close of pre-registration) will not be included in call-ups.</p> |

GENERAL REGULATIONS

All races will be held under USA Cycling Regulations, including all National Championship rules in the [USA Cycling rulebook](#).

EQUIPMENT

In general, the regulations for bicycles are those of USA Cycling. Please refer to section **11 – Bicycles**.

All riders aged 14 and under are restricted to mass-start bicycles for all events as defined in 1I1(h). Wheels must have at least 16-spokes and no wheel covers may be used. (1I5)