

## **Article 10 - Best All Round Rider Series (BAR)**

### **1. Intent and Interpretation:**

- 1.1. MOBAR Competition – Missouri Best All Around Rider Competition. The MOBRA BAR competition will provide individual rankings for one or more cycling disciplines. Current rider standings will be maintained and made available on the MoBRA.org website. BAR series point classifications will be set by the elected MoBRA Board of Directors in such a way that encourages participation in BAR endorsed events.
- 1.2. Any dispute on rule application or interpretation shall be brought to the attention of the MoBRA BAR coordinator, in writing. Disputes shall be resolved through a majority vote of the entire MoBRA board.

### **2. Definitions**

- 2.1. MoBRA – Missouri Bicycle Racing Association
- 2.2. MOBAR Coordinator. Person appointed by the MoBRA Board of Directors to update the standings and administer the MOBAR Competition.
- 2.3. Classification – MOBAR competition group in which standings are organized. See Article 10.1. Classifications
- 2.4. Event – A registered race officially defined by the USAC approved race flyer
- 2.5. Race – A subgroup within an *Event* as defined by the USAC approved race flyer.
- 2.6. Field – A potential subset of a *Race*. A group of participants within a *Race* that compete for a separate set of awards, prizes and/or placing which apply exclusively to that particular group. Example: A master's *Race* may combine the 40+ and 50+ *Fields*.
- 2.7. Category – An individual rider's USAC racing Category.
- 2.8. Promotion – The term used by the Race Manager software. Interchangeable herein with *Event*.

### **3. Criteria for a BAR event:**

- 3.1. Only race directors, promoters, and/or clubs who are in good standing with MOBAR and USAC are eligible to be considered for BAR endorsed races for the following year.
- 3.2. Race Directors/Promoters must make their request to be included in the BAR competition to the MoBRA Calendar Coordinator when applying for a calendar date at the annual scheduling meeting (typically October or November of the previous calendar year). The list of MOBAR races for the year will be announced at the January MoBRA meeting.

- 3.3.** Event categories and fields must match those established in the BAR competition to be considered for inclusion.
- 3.3.1. Local events that are part of a national race calendar, for example, may be granted exemption to the BAR criteria listed here, at the discretion of the MOBRA board
  - 3.3.2. Master's field ages must match those established in the BAR competition. Currently 40+ and 50+.
  - 3.3.3. Overlapping of BAR Classifications will not be permitted for BAR road races. This is to eliminate the confusion of which race counts towards the BAR competition.
- 3.4.** Use of MoBRA Race Manager software is required.
- 3.4.1. Promotions within Race Manager must be set up to separate combined fields when applicable (example: 40/50+ masters).
  - 3.4.2. Results will be submitted to MoBRA BAR coordinator using the export feature and a format as stipulated.
- 3.5.** All BAR races must include/provide:
- 3.5.1. Podium presentation for winners. Photographs of the podiums sent to MoBRA for posting to MoBRA.org
  - 3.5.2. Call-ups to recognize the current leaders in the BAR competition.
  - 3.5.3. An amplified public address system with an announcer that, at a minimum, is utilized for call-ups and the podium presentations.
- 3.6.** MoBRA Board of Directors will evaluate all events on a case-by-case basis and may elect (by a majority vote) to waive one or more of the criteria above during the event approval process.

**4. BAR competition rules and organization:**

- 4.1.** Classifications:
- 4.1.1. Men's Pro, Category I, Category II
  - 4.1.2. Women's Pro, Category I, Category II
  - 4.1.3. Men's Category III
  - 4.1.4. Women's Category III, IV
  - 4.1.5. Master's 40+
  - 4.1.6. Master's 50+
- 4.2.** Points will be awarded to the top 10 riders in each BAR field/classification at each BAR endorsed event.

- 4.2.1. Point sequence for the top ten riders at BAR events:  
15,12,10,8,6,5,4,3,2,1
- 4.2.2. Point sequence for the top ten riders at Missouri State Road Championship BAR events: 30,24,20,16,12,10,8,6,4,2

#### **4.3. Examples of Rule Applications:**

- 4.3.1. Case 1: The overlapping races do not occur concurrently (i.e. the same rider can start and finish both races):
  - 4.3.1.1. This case is most common at, but not specifically limited to, criteriums.
  - 4.3.1.2. Points are awarded to the top 10 in both races and a racer can score points in multiple races. Specific examples:
  - 4.3.1.3. An event where a Women's cat IV or cat III rider can race in the Cat III,IV race and in the Women's Open Race. If the rider scores a top ten in both races then the points are added/combined for that event in the Women's III,IV standings.
  - 4.3.1.4. An event where a Men's cat III rider can race in the Cat III race and in the Men's I,II,III combined Race. If the rider scores a top ten in both races then the points are added/combined for that event in the cat III standings.
  - 4.3.1.5. An event where Master's 50+ are eligible to race in the master's 40+ race and a separate Men's 50+ race. If the rider scores a top ten in both races then the points are added/combined for that event in the standings.
  - 4.3.1.6. This case is not applicable to Time Trials.
- 4.3.2. Case 2: When riders are not eligible to compete against all other riders in their BAR classification:
  - 4.3.2.1. No members of the classification are awarded BAR point at that event. Specific examples:
  - 4.3.2.2. An event with Men's P,I field and a Men's II,III field. Since the cat II riders are not eligible to race against the competitors in their BAR classification (P,I,II), no points are awarded towards the P,I,II classification in either race, however, cat III riders will be scored for the cat III classification from the II,III race.
- 4.3.3. Case 3: Time trials:
  - 4.3.3.1. Riders are not allowed to score multiple points in a single Time Trial event using the same trial. Example:

- 4.3.3.2. A single attempt: a rider must designate his classification intentions prior to that start. A single time trial result will not be applied to multiple bar classifications.
- 4.3.3.3. Multiple attempts: A rider can score points towards multiple BAR classifications by racing more than once. That rider must designate which start time will apply to which classification at registration prior to his/her first start time.
- 4.3.4. Master's 40+ and 50+
  - 4.3.4.1. Master's categories will always be scored separately for BAR points in events where Master's fields are mixed/combined.
    - 4.3.4.1.1. Example: The highest placed 50+ rider will always score 1st place BAR points regardless of their overall placing in the specific vent.
    - 4.3.4.1.2. Master's riders can only score points towards the Master's BAR classification in Master's races.
    - 4.3.4.1.3. Master's racers are also eligible for the BAR classification that corresponds to their rider category, however those points are scored separately and independently of the Master's points. Example:
    - 4.3.4.1.4. A Master's racer places top 10 in the Master's event and also a top 10 in the P, I, II event. Those results are tracked separately and only count towards their appropriate BAR classification.
- 4.4. Mid-season upgrades and points scored above a rider's license classification:
  - 4.4.1. Riders are eligible to score points in a BAR classification that is higher than their licensed rider category. Specific example:
    - 4.4.1.1. A men's cat III rider can score points in the P, I, II BAR classification in events where they are combined (i.e. P, I, II, III events). This encourages strong riders to upgrade once they are eligible.
    - 4.4.1.2. The rider is not eligible to win the higher classification unless they upgrade their USAC category to within the classification before the last BAR endorsed event of the year. (Because of the limited events where this instance occurs leading in the standings prior to upgrading is highly unlikely)
  - 4.4.2. Riders who upgrade out of a classification before the end of the year will no longer accrue points towards that BAR classification however they are still eligible to win the lower BAR classification. Specific example:

- 4.4.2.1. A women's cat III rider is winning the Womens III,IV BAR competition but upgrades to cat II mid-way through the season. That rider will no longer score points towards the cat III,IV classification once they upgrade, but they are still eligible to win the Cat III,IV classification at the end of the year if not overtaken in the standings by the next placed rider.
- 4.5. All Missouri licensed riders, as well as riders from out of state, within a BAR category will be eligible for BAR points.
  - 4.5.1. One-day license holders are NOT eligible to score BAR points.
- 4.6. Unattached racers are eligible for BAR points.
- 4.7. Standing updates, corrections, final results:
  - 4.7.1. MOBRA BAR Coordinator will make a concerted effort to update standings within 7 days after results for an individual event are posted to USA Cycling.
  - 4.7.2. Corrections in the standings can be submitted to the MoBRA BAR coordinator.
  - 4.7.3. Corrections to individual race results must be requested through the Race Director and approved by the Chief Judge or Referee for that event.
  - 4.7.4. Preliminary year-end BAR results will be posted within 14 days of the final BAR endorsed event. There will be a 5-day protest period before standings become final for the year.
- 4.8. Awards:
  - 4.8.1. BAR Champions are entitled to one free race entry at all BAR participating events in the season immediately following their victory.
    - 4.8.1.1. Their free entry can be used in any category.
    - 4.8.1.2. BAR champions electing to do multiple races at a single event must still pay the event's entry fee for the second race.
    - 4.8.1.3. The second race fee for the BAR champion will be the same as the second entry fee for any rider (typically reduced).