

2022 Indiana-Kentucky Cycling Association Criterium points series rules

1. Race Categories

a. The Criterium Point Series Competition is divided into the following categories:

Men	Women	Masters	Juniors
Category 1-2	Category 1-3	Men 40-49	Men 9-10; 11-12; 13-14
Category 3-4	Category 4-Novice	Men 50+	Men 15-16; 17-18
Category 4/Novice	n/a	Men 60+	Women 9-10; 11-12; 13-14
n/a	n/a	n/a	Women 15-16; 17-18

2. Participant Eligibility

a. Any Indiana or Kentucky resident rider with a valid USA Cycling racing license is eligible to compete in the criterium point series competition. Rider must compete in the category they qualify for based on age, gender, and racing category.

b. Eligible riders must declare the category (and/or age group) in which they are competing for mixed category race events. A rider who falls within the parameters of two categories for the same single-race event must choose the category in which they wish to attempt to accumulate points prior to the close of registration. (i.e. A Category 3 male racer either accumulates points racing a Category 3 event, racing a combined Category 1-2-3 event), but not both. The rider must declare their decision ahead of time).

c. Riders cannot accumulate points for more than one category in a single-race event. Riders may choose to race in two separate category races at a given event and attempt to accumulate points in both categories separately. (ie. A 45 year-old Category 1 Masters racer may choose to compete in both the Masters 40+ category and the Men's 1-2 category in the series competition. However, in order to accumulate points in each category, they need to compete in each respective category's race. They cannot earn points for both the masters and men's 1 category by only doing the masters race, or only doing the men's category 1-2-3 race).

Riders who change categories during the series cannot take points earned to a different category.

3. Requirements of Criterium Point Series Races

a. Event must be permitted by USA Cycling.

b. Event must be promoted by a Race Director in good standing with the INKY Cycling Association.

c. To be considered in good standing, a Race Director must meet all necessary USAC requirements, and must have successfully promoted a race within the previous two years (unless a new INKY club).

d. Event must start or finish in the states of Indiana or Kentucky, or be held in close proximity to their borders. Races held outside of Indiana or Kentucky will be evaluated by the INKY Cycling Association Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

e. Event must take place on a Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday, and/or National Holiday.

f. Races with arbitrary categories in which riders assign themselves (e.g. A, B, C) will not be assigned points.

g. Race Directors will make provisions to allow all members of an INKY category to compete in a single event (i.e. Women 1-2-3 as opposed to Women 1-2 and Women 3 as separate events). This does not mean, however, that all events must have races for each individual INKY category. In the case of mixed category events, riders will be scored separately based on their elected series category (Section 2.b).

h. Event must be announced and publicized as follows:

i. Race announcement must be available for posting on the USAC or promoting club website no less than 15 days before the event. All race announcements must be provided to the INKY Cycling Association Board for approval prior to this 15 day period.

j. Race announcements must display the INKY Cycling Association logo or clearly state the race is part of the INKY series.

k. All Race Directors shall provide a suitable wheel pit for all category races. It is strongly recommended that neutral wheel and mechanical support be provided whenever possible.

l. Race Directors must provide the INKY Cycling Association Jim Smock (email to: flyingshim@aol.com) with event results including, at a minimum, each scored rider's name as it appears on his/her license, license number, and team or club name within one week of the close of the event in order to keep the website current.

m. Race Directors who are unable to adhere to, or who on race day do not correctly apply, these requirements will be placed on probation. If the events are not run in accordance with these rules the following year, the Director will no longer be allowed to promote INKY sponsored events.

4. Awarding Points

a. Criterium series points are awarded to the top riders in each race at INKY sponsored events pursuant to the Points Schedule set out in Section 4.d of these Rules. Only points awarded to riders eligible under the rules count towards this competition; however, if ineligible riders earn points, this information will be shown on the website.

b. When a single-race event combines two or more INKY point series categories, a rider who earns points based upon their finish position will receive points for his/her applicable category. In the case of a rider who qualifies for two or more INKY categories, points will be applied to the riders elected category (see Section 2.b). In such races, points will be awarded based on finishing position within the rider's elected INKY category. For example, in a combined Men's 3/4 race, the top finisher in the Category 3 class will receive 1st place points in the Category 3 competition regardless of his overall finish in the race. Likewise, the top Category 4 finisher will receive 1st place points toward the Category 4 competition.

c. Overall INKY point series positions will be calculated based on the INKY point scale to determine a racers "earned-point performances" (i.e., the number of points awarded under the scale in accord with finish position and the event's Division). Best Area Rider (BAR) positions for each racer shall be the sum of their earned point performances in series designated events.

d. Points are scored from 1st through 15th place for each respective race category according to the following

Points Schedule:

1st place: 25 points	6th place: 10 points	11th place: 5 points
2nd place: 20 points	7th place: 9 points	12th place: 4 points
3rd place: 16 points	8th place: 8 points	13th place: 3 points
4th place: 14 points	9th place: 7 points	14th place: 2 points
5th place: 12 points	10th place: 6 points	15th place: 1 point

5. Scoring of the Competition and Interim Results

a. Current point standings will be posted and updated on the INKY Cycling Association website.

b. Riders with protests concerning events, scoring, and/or tabulation of scores should direct protests to the INKY Board of Directors or INKY Officials Coordinator Jim Smock no later than 10 days after the event in question, or in the case of a scoring question, 10 days before the final awards are made. This protest period does not alter or apply to the rules governing protests pertaining to individual race results as announced at the event venue by the officials; this paragraph applies only to race series information and points posted on the INKY website.

c. Each category of competition will be scored on total point accumulation in accordance with Section 4 for the 2022 racing year, with first place being the largest accumulator of INKY criterium series points down to last place being the rider with the least amount of scored points in his or her category.

d. A rider is eligible to accumulate points for every race in the series -1 in the category(ies) they race in. The riders lowest scoring race will be deducted from their total. If the series has 10 possible races, the top 9 will be totaled. However if a rider completed 9 races out of 10 possible in the series, then all 9 of their races shall be tallied for their series score.

e. In the event of a tie in points at the end of the series, the rider with the higher place finish in the state championship criterium race shall be awarded the series winner. If there is still a tie, the rider with the most 1st place finishes in the INKY criterium series point races will be awarded the higher placing. In the event the riders are still tied, the rider with the most 2nd place finishes will be awarded the higher placing. If still tied, the rider with the highest placing in the last race, or the race nearest the last race of the series, will be awarded the higher placing.

f. A rider will be scored based on their official finish order. If a rider does not start (DNS) an event, they will not receive points for that race. However if a rider does not finish (DNF), they will still earn points based on how they are scored in the official results.

6. Winners and Award

a. Winners of each race category listed in section 1a will be awarded a [prize TBD] at the end of the season. Second and third place riders in each category will receive awards of varying nature.

b. The INKY Champion's prize and other prizes can only be awarded to a rider who is eligible under the provisions of the competition.