



## Ontario Cycling Association

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### Road Communiqué #9 – Cyclocross - September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

This first communiqué for the 2011 cyclocross season is to remind the cyclocross racing community of some key rules and regulations for the 2011 season, and advise on some new rules implemented beginning this year. This is not just for new racers. Many rules and regulations are highlighted in this document. All cyclocross racing members must understand and abide by them.

#### Race Category

The upcoming cyclocross season is the 2011 season (due to the UCI World Championships being held in January 2011). This means that your racing age will be your age as of **December 31, 2011**, which will be one year older than the racing age you had during the road and MTB seasons. To determine your racing age subtract your birth year from 2011.

For some riders this means you will need to race in a different category than during the just completed road and MTB seasons. For example:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year Juniors (born 1992) need to race in the Senior category
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year Cadets (born 1994) need to race in the Junior category
- 34 year old males (born 1976) who raced Senior on the road will now race Master (unless they have an Elite licence)

Male MTB racers are reminded that the road ability categories are used for most cyclocross races. This requires you to race in the Senior category if your racing age is 19 to 34 years old, and in the Master category if your racing age is 35+.

Riders are reminded that UCI age-based categories will be used at the Provincial and National Championship races. The OCA ability-based categories will be used at the Southern Cup and Citizen races.

#### Race Jersey

The club (or team) listed on your licence is the club whose jersey you **must** wear in all OCA-sanctioned events. Riders who take out a 1-day licence or citizen permit are allowed to race in their club jersey if they have a valid Club Membership card to verify they are a member of that club. Riders who do not belong to a club, or are listed as “Independent” on their licence, must wear a plain colour jersey.

#### Bib Numbers

As in 2009 riders will be assigned one set of back and shoulder numbers at their first race for use throughout the season. These numbers are to be used at each Southern Cup and Citizen event. Riders are to keep, maintain, and bring these numbers to each race. Numbers are NOT to be returned at the end of each race.

Each category has a unique bib number range. If a rider upgrades to a different category during they season they will be assigned a new set of numbers.



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All riders are again reminded that they must place their bib race numbers as indicated by the race organizers or commissaires. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their numbers are properly affixed, not crumpled, and not folded. Incorrectly-placed and/or crumpled numbers often cannot be read, making scoring and results tabulation long and difficult.

Proper bib number placement is essential for the commissaires and results team to produce accurate results. Remember if the commissaires and results team are unable to read your bib number, you will not get a placing in the event.

### Feed Zone

In general, feeding is prohibited during cyclocross races. However, the UCI has amended rule 5.1.038 to give the commissaire discretion to allow feeding if the temperature is above 20°C. If the commissaire determines that feeding is allowed during a particular race this will be communicated prior to the start of the race. If feeding is permitted it can only take place in the wheel pit lane. Under no circumstances is feeding permitted during the first 2 or last 2 laps of a race.

### Dropped Riders

In general, dropped or lapped riders will be permitted to remain in the race, but will finish on the same lap as the leaders. This means lapped riders will ride fewer laps than the winner.

In the event of a particularly large field of riders, or for Provincial Championships, the commissaires may elect to pull dropped/lapped riders. Commissaires have the option to pull lapped riders at the start finish line, or to use the 80% rule (as in MTB). The 80% rule dictates that riders 80% slower than the first lap time are pulled. For example, if the first lap time was 10 minutes, then 80% of that is 8 minutes. Therefore any rider more than 8 minutes down every lap could be pulled. If riders are to be pulled it will be announced prior to the start of the race. (see rules 5.1.051 and 5.1.052)

### Race Radios

The use of radio links or other remote means of communication with riders is forbidden (5.1.059)

### Equipment Rules

The UCI rules for bicycles and equipment are outlined in UCI Part 1, Chapter 3 rule book.

There have been two important changes for this season. First, disc brakes are now allowed in all categories (rule 1.3.025). Second, the maximum allowable tire width has been reduced from 35mm to 33mm (measured between the widest parts of the tire). Please note that it is the actual width of the tire that counts NOT the tire size indicated on the sidewall.

Tire width regulations will not be enforced at Citizen and Southern Cup events.

Helmet mounted cameras are not permitted.



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### **Results and Race Incidents**

Any race result discrepancies must be reported to the finish commissaire within 15 minutes of results being posted at the event. Following this 15 minute period, results are considered final and are signed off as official.

If a rider has a race problem/protest at an event they should deal immediately with the Chief Commissaire at that event. The Chief Commissaire's decision shall be final. If a rider wishes to further appeal the decision, a written protest must be filed to the Provincial Chief Commissaire c/o the OCA within 10 business days.

**The UCI Rule Book is available here:** <http://www.uci.ch>

**The CCA Companion Guide is available here:**  
[http://canadian-cycling.com/cca/coaches\\_officials/companion\\_guide.shtml](http://canadian-cycling.com/cca/coaches_officials/companion_guide.shtml)

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