



## **2015 Pennsylvania Cyclocross Series**

### **Technical Manual and Handbook**

## **Preface**

This Technical Guide contains the rules, regulations and guiding principles of the Pennsylvania Cyclocross Series (PACX). The document is intended to assist race promoters, officials and riders with respect to promoting, managing and participating in the race series. Information on the PACX Series contained in this manual is a compilation of criteria based on feedback, suggestions and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Cycling Association (PCA) Cross Committee and other contributors to this growing part of the sport.

The PACX Series is governed under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Cycling Association (PCA) and series events must comply with all USA Cycling cyclocross rules and regulations. The PCA may instill additional rules and regulations as noted in this document.

# **Pennsylvania Cycling Association**

## **PCA Mission Statement**

The Pennsylvania Cycling Association (PCA) mission statement is “The Pennsylvania Cycling Association is dedicated to the betterment of competitive cycling throughout the states of PA and WV.” The PCA through its volunteer executive board and committees supports all aspects of amateur bicycle racing by offering a variety of services and support and serves as USA Cycling’s local association for Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

## **PCA Board**

President: David Mitchell □

Vice President/Treasurer: Darco Lalevic □

Secretary: Pete Thallner □

Adjunct Board Member: Beth Fayant □

Adjunct Board Member: Jack Poplar

## **PCA Cross Committee Members**

Erik Mitchell (head)

□ Bob Reuther □

Dave Borden □

Mike Doupe

Craig Lehair

## **2015 PACX Series**

### **Race Schedule**

Cross of the Corn (8/30)  
Town Hall Cross (9/19)  
QCW Cross (9/20)  
Adventure Park Cross (10/3)□  
West Chester Cross Classic IV (10/18)□  
Crossasaurus (10/25)  
Swashbuckler Cross (10/31)  
□Stoudt's Cross (11/1)□  
Sly Fox Cross p/b BikeSport (11/8)  
□Kutztown (11/15)□  
Pro Bikes CX Fest (States) (11/22)□  
Rivertown Cross (12/5)  
WCCX #2 (12/6)  
Solstice Cross (12/12)

### **Race Categories**

Elite Men (1/2/3)  
Men 3/4  
Men 4/5  
Elite Women (1/2/3)  
Women 3/4  
Master Men 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+ (1/2/3/4/5)  
Master Men 40+ Cat 4/5  
Master Women 45+  
U19 Men  
U15 Men  
U19 Women  
U15 Women  
Single Speed

### **Category Eligibility**

Riders are eligible for any category they wish to race based on their valid USA Cycling license.

## **Race Agenda**

9:00 AM - Men 4/5 (40 minutes)□

10:00 AM - Master 35+, Master 55+, Master 65+\* (45 minutes)□

11:00 AM - Master 45+, U19 Men (45 minutes)□

12:00 PM - Elite Women, Women 3/4, Women 45+, U19 Women (40 minutes)□

1:00 PM - U15 Men, U15 Women (20 minutes)

1:30 PM - Cat 3/4 Men (45 minutes)

□2:30 PM – Elite Men (60 minutes)

□3:30 PM - Master 40+ 4/5, Single Speed (30 minutes)

\*Master 65+ will start with the 55+, but be scored separately.

## **Call-Ups, Scoring, and Prizes**

### **Call-Ups**

Call-ups will be based on the most current PACX overall standings. For the first race of the season, the call ups will be based on the previous years overall standings.

Call-ups will occur for the top-24 riders (first three rows) in each category. The remaining pre-registered riders will be called up in random order, followed by day-of riders.

Note: You must pre-register to receive a call-up.

### **Individual Scoring**

All categories will be scored using the same points structure. Points are awarded to the top 25 finishers in each category. The point structure is as follows (from 1st place to 25th place):

60,50,45,40,35,30,28,26,24,22,20,18,16,14,12,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

A riders best ten (10) races will be used to score their overall total. The rider with the most points overall will win the series.

### **Tiebreaker**

Should there be a tie, results from the PA State Championships will be used as the first tiebreaker. If additional tiebreakers are necessary the total number of first places will be used. This will be followed by the total number of second places, third places, etc until the tie is broken.

## Team Scoring

For each team, the top 10 scoring places of its members at each PACX race will be counted towards a team total for that race. The team that accumulates the most team points throughout the season shall be the winner of the PACX Team Category.

- Team affiliations will be based on registration lists/results.
- Riders must register under their full team name.
- Riders must race in the appropriate team jersey.
- A rider may only score points for one team during each PACX season. A rider changing teams during the PACX season will not receive any points towards the team scoring for the second team.
- A rider who scores points for two categories in the same race will only be counted once for team scoring purposes. The higher point value will be used for team scoring purposes.

## Race Prize Lists

The PACX has a two-tier prize list/payout structure based on the number of starters for each category:

Tier 1 Races - 250+ starters

Tier 2 Races - 249 or fewer starters

| Category             | Tier One       | Tier Two                             |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Elite Men            | \$300/5 places | 50% or less of the Tier 1 prize list |
| Elite Women          | \$200/5 places | 50% or less of the Tier 1 prize list |
| Men 3/4*             | \$200/5 places | 50% or less of the Tier 1 prize list |
| Master Men 35+, 45+* | \$200/5 places | 50% or less of the Tier 1 prize list |
| Other                | 5 places       | 50% or less of the Tier 1 prize list |

## **Overall Prizes**

The PACX provides prizes for the top-five overall in each PACX category. The first place rider will receive a jersey and plaque; the second through fifth place riders receive medals. Awards are handed out at the PCA Banquet. In addition to the individual overall awards, the PCA/PACX often hand out additional awards at the banquet.

## **Entry Fee Reimbursement**

The PCA Board and Cross Committee encourages promoters to reimburse entry fees for the previous seasons PACX Series champions. This gesture of generosity honors riders who achieved superior results throughout the PACX season. There are two methods that can be used for reimbursement:

1. Riders email the promoter requesting the waiving of the entry fee and that rider is added manually to the start list via BikeReg.
2. The rider registers online via BikeReg and is reimbursed by the promoter on race day.



## Promoters Addendum

### Race Standards

As an extension of the PCA and thus, an extension of USA Cycling, the PACX requires all promoters to follow the guidelines set forth in Chapter 4 of the USAC Rulebook. Promoters are encouraged to work with the PACX Board and USAC Officials in choosing their venue and planning out their course. Any event not meeting the standards set forth by USA Cycling and the PACX will be subject to removal from the series in the following year.

### Race Agenda

All PACX races are required to follow the Race Agenda as dictated in the PACX Technical Guide. Promoters may request an agenda change due to venue constrictions, weather conditions, etc. from the PACX Board at least 30 days prior to their event.

Should field sizes (big or small) be an issue for a PACX race, the promoter, the PACX Board and USAC Officials reserve the right to combine and/or separate fields as well as modify the agenda if need be. Riders will be given at least 48 hours notice of these changes.

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\* The Men 3/4 and Master Men prize lists shall not exceed the Elite Men and Elite Women prize lists.

## **Officials**

USAC officials are a critical component of every event as they ensure the safety of the riders and the integrity of the races. As stated in 1A18 of the USAC Rulebook: “The officials are appointed by USA Cycling to oversee the conduct of the race and to ensure compliance with USA Cycling regulations”.

This section of the handbook will list and detail officiating requirements and standards for PACX series races:

Standard officiating crew for a cyclocross race is 5:

- Chief Referee
- Chief Judge
- Judge/Referee
- Judge/Referee
- Judge/Referee

Note: If field size exceeds 75 riders or if 2 or more fields are on the course at the same time an additional judge may be assigned.