

2014 Oregon Bicycle Racing Association



(OBRA) Time Trial Cup

RULES AND GUIDELINES

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Article I. OBRA Time Trial Cup Guidelines Overview

Purpose – The following Rules & Guidelines have been developed by the OBRA Time Trial Cup Committee for the benefit of our time trial series race promoters and our race participants. The purpose of the Guidelines is to remind both promoters and racers of the important components involved in hosting an OBRA TT Cup Event and of the overall Series. The Time Trial Cup Committee reserves the right to modify or change these Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines at any time, at the sole discretion of the Time Trial Cup Committee.

Conditions for Participation – By participating in the Time Trial Cup, promoters and racers are hereby agreeing to follow all rules and guidelines, and to pay heightened attention to all suggested items. Any promoter who fails to adhere to the mandatory items shall not be considered for future participation in the TT Cup Series, and may have his race removed from the Series with no advance notice required. Any rider who fails to adhere to these rules may be disqualified from the Series, and prohibited from racing future events in the Series in the current year, or in years subsequent.

TT Cup Committee Support – All promoters or racers should feel free to call upon members of the OBRA TT Cup Committee if you need any help or support. While the members themselves might not be able to provide the assistance, we have many resources upon which we can call to help resolve situations. This is not to suggest you should be looking at this support option as a first choice in some areas, but use it as necessary. We are all in this together to create top-flight events.

Changes For 2013 - Noted changes to the 2013 version of the TT cup are new TT Cup Committee Contact Info for this year's members, changes to Womens' categories from Womens 1/2/3 and Womens 4 to Womens 1/2, Womens 3, and Womens 4/5, and the addition of TT cup prizes.

Article II. TT Cup Committee Contact Info

As of December 2011, the TT Cup Committee is comprised of the following Members:

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Article III. Rider Qualifications to Participate in the TT Cup

While any rider may participate in the individual time trial events, only those riders who are members in good standing with an OBRA club which is also a member in good standing with OBRA may qualify for competition in the TT Cup Series. A rider's team designation must be imprinted on his or her OBRA license, or the rider must have a written letter from his or her Club president stating that the rider is a member of the Club. The rider's Club must be a paid-up member in good standing with OBRA.

In the event a rider or the rider's club is not in good standing with OBRA at the time of any race, no points from races where any deficiency existed shall be credited to the rider. It is entirely the responsibility of the rider or the rider's team to ensure good standing with OBRA. There will be no exceptions. Again, please note that no points will be later additionally computed, back credited, or provided for any time period where a deficiency existed or exists. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure personal and team compliance.

Article IV. Race Categories

TT Cup Categories for 2014 are: Junior Men 10-12, Junior Men 13-14, Junior Men 15-16, Junior Men 17-18, Junior Women 10-14, Junior Women 15-18, Senior Men (P/1/2), Cat 3 Men, Cat 4/5 Men, Masters 30+, Masters 40+, Masters 50+, Masters 60+, Senior Women (1/2), Cat 3, Cat 4/5 Women, Eddy Senior Men, Eddy Senior Women.

The Eddy category has specific rules. Riders in this class will compete without aero bars or extensions. Disc wheels are not allowed. Fairings are not allowed. Aero helmets are not allowed (any helmet specifically built as an aero helmet and any helmets that has been modified to approximate a helmet specifically built as a TT helmet is not allowed). Skinsuits are not allowed. Wheels with rims greater than 40mm in depth are not allowed. Bicycles which may have aerodynamic shapes but are designated to be sold as road bicycles (and are not user modified time trial bicycles) ARE allowed.

Other than at the OBRA TT championships, promoters must ensure that they have, at minimum, the above mentioned categories in all their OBRA TT Cup events. This is a condition to being a promoting event in our TT Cup Series. The above categories must be provided, with no exceptions or changes so participating athletes can properly score points for the TT Cup categories in which they are competing. Promoters may add additional categories if they desire as long as all the categories noted above are present.

Article V. Race Items

2014 Cup Calendar - Example only

2/23/2014	Jack Frost	Vancouver, WA
4/5/2014	As the Raven Flies 20k	Amity, OR
4/20/2014	Therapeutics Associates Racing TT @PIR	Portland, OR
4/26/2014	As the Raven Flies 40k	Corvallis, OR
6/7/2014	Revenge of the Disc: Race 1	Shedd, OR
6/14/2014	Marys Peak Hill Climb	Philomath, OR
7/13/2014	Wildcat Mtn Uphill Challenge	Estacada, OR
8/9/2014	OBRA TT Championship	Peoria, OR
8/10/2014	OBRA Hill Climb Championship	Government Camp, OR

Scoring – All Events in the 2014 TT Cup Series shall receive equal weighting with no event receiving any greater number of Cup points. In 2014, no event is weighted any differently than any other event.

If fewer than 20 riders participate in any event category, the points awarded shall remain unchanged and awarded as noted below for all participating riders who participate and score in the race.

In the event of a tie score/time as determined by OBRA officials, the TT Cup points awarded for such placings representing the tied riders shall be aggregated and shared evenly amongst the tied riders. To score, a rider must not only register and start a race, but must also finish and be given a scored time. Any rider who “does not start” (DNS) or “does not finish” (DNF) shall not be awarded any points irrespective if the promoter includes the riders or bib number on the scoring sheets. A rider must finish with a scored time to be awarded TT Cup points.

Scoring Point Breakdown - Scoring is broken down as follows:

Place Points for all Series Events

1. 20
2. 17
3. 15
4. 13
5. 11
6. 10
7. 9
8. 8
9. 7
10. 6

- 11. 5
- 12. 4
- 13. 3
- 14. 2
- 15. 1

Event Category Registration —At each race that is part of the TT Cup, all riders competing for the TT Cup Series must register in their respective TT Cup category at each race comprising the TT Cup with the possible exception of the OBRA Individual Time Trial Championships, as noted below.

For example, a rider competing in the Masters 30+ TT Cup grouping must register in the M30 field at each individual race in order to receive M30 TT Cup points. The sole exception is as follows: At the OBRA Individual Time Trial Championships, due to the age brackets, riders may earn TT Cup points though racing in an OBRA ITT age group one five-year increment greater than their TT Cup group. For example, at the OBRA ITT there are groupings in five-year increments, while the TT Cup has ten-year increments. Thus, for example, a rider who is 37 years old, who has been competing in the M30 groupings at all other events, may elect to race the 35+ OBRA ITT category. Despite racing the 35+ category, all results from the 30+ and 35+ categories, as it relates to TT Cup points, shall be aggregated. It should also be noted that the riders in the OBRA ITT 30+ and OBRA ITT 35+ fields shall be considered as one field as it relates to determining OBRA TT Cup Series scoring. For example, a rider in the 35+ may win that category and win the OBRA ITT Champion's Jersey for the 35+ field, but if two riders from the OBRA ITT 30+ category have faster times, then in aggregating the 30+ and 35+ OBRA ITT fields, that 35+ rider shall receive "third place" points. Despite having won his 35+ category, in aggregating the two categories, he had only the third fastest time.

As such, the following categories will be aggregated as noted below:

1. OBRA ITT 30+ and 35+ aggregated to calculate TT Cup category 30+
2. OBRA ITT 40+ and 45+ aggregated to calculate TT Cup category 40+
3. OBRA ITT 50+ and 55+ aggregated to calculate TT Cup category 50+
4. OBRA ITT 60+ and 65+ aggregated to calculate TT Cup category 60+

At season end, in the event there are riders in the same Cup classification with the same number of total points, then the Tie Breaker shall be the rider who has the highest score at the OBRA Individual Time Trial Championships. Should this prove insufficient, highest finishes overall will be the deciding factor.

Mandatory Dropped Races – For the 2014 season, the number of events will be eight (9), with the one (1) lowest score dropped. In determining the final computation of the TT Cup Series total points for each rider, the final computation as performed by the TT Cup Committee shall require that each rider mandatorily drop his or her lowest one (1) score as noted below. These

dropped scores shall be “dropped” at season end in the final computation by the TT Cup Committee.

The term Lowest Score shall be deemed to include any race where a rider in fact completes the race and receives a placing or score or Cup points, as well as any race in which a rider started but “Did Not Finish,” or any race in which a rider “Did not Start,” or any race in which a rider failed to register and compete. Hence, a rider need not race a race to drop that particular race. Thus, a DNS, DNF, or Failed to Register/Compete shall be considered “scores” for the sake of the mandatory dropping of scores as noted below.

Prizes – For the 2014 season, prizes will be presented at the OBRA Annual Banquet, tentatively scheduled for February, 2015. Category winners may be provided with the opportunity to obtain TT cup championship clothing for use for the entirety of the 2015 season as reigning champion.

Article VI. Additional Promoter Requirements

All Promoters of events in the OR TT Cup hereby agree to promote and put forth their time trials in line with the Rules and Guidelines contained here; in the event a Promoter or Race fails to adhere to these Rules and Guidelines, the Time Trial Cup Committee reserves its right to immediately withdraw any such even from the TT Cup Series, at any time.

TT Cup Race Application – All promoters, unless exempted by the TT Cup Committee in writing, must submit a TT Cup Race Application so that the TT Cup Committee may make such a determination as to whether the race shall be included in the TT Cup Series. The Application shall disclose many relevant items, including the promoter’s previous TT promoting experience, how the promoter intends to properly score and compute placings (must be done electronically; no hand computation of final times or results), as well as a description of the course and other material components of the race; the TT Cup Committee shall thereafter advise the promoter in writing, or email, as to its determination as to whether the race shall be part of the TT Cup Series.

Pre-registration – **Promoters may permit same-day registration yet can only do so if they can ensure that same-day registrants are sorted and given start times that are within, or adjacent to the riders correct racing category and in line with the Starting Order requirements noted below herein.** Promoters may “build in” a couple of “blank” slots between each category which will serve to create time cushions between differing racing categories, but then can also be used to slot in same-day registrants. (See more below.) If a promoter can not ensure that same-day registrants can be started within, or adjacent to their category competitors, then the promoter can not offer same-day registration. **We strongly recommend limiting registration to pre-registration in advance of the race, avoiding any same-day registrations.**

Unless an exception is permitted by the TT Cup Committee, online registration must remain

open at least until Wednesday preceding the event, until at least 9 pm. Promoters may leave registration open longer or later in the week as long as they can properly handle their back office and other administrative responsibilities so as to comply with other TT Cup requirements herein.

Fee Limits – No promoter may charge a rider a registration entry fee in excess of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) per event. This \$30.00 cap shall include any and all OBRA fees imposed on the promoter, but shall not include any BikeReg or other registration fees not collected by the promoter directly. If the promoter imposes a late or day-of additional fee, then the total amount collected may be greater than \$30.00

Refunds or Rain Dates – In the event a race is cancelled in whole, or in part, for no fault of the riders, then the promoter must reimburse all riders their entire entry fee, or provide notice in advance of rain date for the event. If no rain date is provided in advance, and the event is not rescheduled, then the promoters must refund entry fee monies to riders within a reasonable number of days subsequent to the cancelled event.

OBRA Regulations – Promoters may not impose any bike or equipment standards (such as prohibiting disc wheels or aero helmets), without getting advance permission from the TT Cup Committee. Promoters must advise and receive permission from the TT Cup Committee if their race is not OBRA conforming. For example, if a promoter is going to prohibit the use of aero bar extensions, this must be (a) disclosed to the TT Cup Committee in advance and receive TT Cup approval, and (b) be clearly presented on pre-registration and other marketing materials so all riders are aware of the condition. Otherwise, all OBRA regulations pertaining to bicycle equipment, clothing, and other regulations shall be controlling.

Start Order Numbering - Race promoters shall ensure that riders are grouped according to their Categories such that all riders of same categories are grouped together and have similar start times with no riders from other categories lying in between similarly categorized riders. (I.e. Senior Men, Masters 35, Masters 55). We recommend running the Men 4/5 subsequent to the Senior Men so the Senior Men have less of a chance of riding into and through the 4/5 fields.

Rider Sorting and Start Order – **Promoters must sort no fewer than the highest ranked five (5) riders within each OBRA TT Cup category such that the OBRA TT Cup points leaders within each category are starting last.** For example, the TT Cup Series leader should be the last rider in the category to start, with riders ranked lower than the leader starting before the leader in reverse order. For example, the rider in 6th place would start, and then the 5th place rider, then the 4th place rider, then the 3rd, then 2nd, and then the Series leader would start very last in the category grouping. The TT Cup requires a minimum sorting of the top 5 category leaders though we suggest going deeper to provide more synergy to the Series. If you need a copy of the latest Series totals and current standings, please email info@vertebratachiropractic.com

Time Gaps – Promoters should have time gaps no less than 30 seconds. Suggestion:

promoters will help themselves if, when creating start lists, they put a few (2 recommended) 30-second “blank” slots in between categories. This will help create a cushion and separate categories and avoid, for example, a junior being overrun by a faster rider behind. As well, those gaps will ensure that if you’ve missed anyone, or have to make a race-day addition or exception, you have some slots you can fill at the last minute.

We strongly recommend assigning these “blank” slots actual race bib numbers so there is no confusion or mistaken start times on the line. These blank slots should get start numbers, and the officials will “start” these vacant slots (basically, just letting the time go by with no rider up). Ensure your manual start sheets that you provide to the officials have these blanks listed clearly:

- | | | | |
|----|------|-----------|----------|
| a) | #229 | Tom Jones | 10:02:30 |
| b) | #230 | BLANK | 10:03:00 |
| c) | #231 | BLANK | 10:03:30 |

Time Keeping and Scoring – This is one of the most critical items. In all situations, Promoters must use some form of electronic timing or scoring, as best possible to ensure accurate and timely results. This would include use of a spreadsheet program into which rider start and finish times shall be inputted, and the program shall generate computed times and scoring. While manual scoring sheets may, and should, be maintained by race officials or timing persons as backup, as a failsafe in the event of a technical failure, the promoter must utilize an electronic, spreadsheet, database-type system. ** The OBRA TT Cup Committee can refer promoters to parties who can handle the electronic scoring for minimal monies. The TT Cup Committee reserves the right to require proof of such timing or scoring before including the event in the Series.

DNS and DNF – TT Cup points are only awarded to riders who start a race and finish a race. If a rider starts but “does not finish,” or registers but “does not start,” then that rider shall not be awarded TT Cup Series points. Race promoters must clearly notate any registered rider who either does not start, does not finish or does not get a scored time for any other reason. We ask that any riders who do not start or do not finish have their scores on the final scoring sheet properly notated as DNS or DNF.

Results and Protests – Promoters should strive to quickly present correct and timely results in initial draft form, then presenting “FINAL” results. Subsequent to the posting of final results, there shall be a 15-minute protest period during which riders or officials may modify and correct results. After the 15-minute protest period has elapsed, if no further disputes or issues have been presented, then the results become final and non-appealable. Promoters shall ensure they announce loudly that results are posted, and notate the beginning of the 15-minute appeal period.

No promoter shall, subsequent to the protest period, modify any results whatsoever without advising the OR TT Cup of the proposed change and receiving the TT Cup’s permission to modify such results. The rationale for this is that each race has a significant and material impact on the TT Cup Series points that a rider attains. Riders in the Cup chase have the

expectation of knowing that, once the 15 minutes have elapsed, they can leave the race without worrying that the results, and Cup points earned, might change without their being present to defend their points and position.

Residual Issues, Disputes, and Appeals - Promoters shall record any issues with scoring or disputes, and shall forward to the OR TT Cup an electronic copy of the final results and placings. The initial results must be sent to info@VertebrataChiropractic.com within 48 hours of the end of the event.

Submission of Results - Promoters must provide electronically formatted, final results to the TT Cup Committee no later than 2 days after the conclusion of the event. The results must be in electronic format, such as Microsoft Excel, with all the following fields in the results file:

- a. Rider first name
- b. Rider last name
- c. OBRA license number
- d. Team
- e. Category (if junior or masters, must break it out by age)
- f. Place/result within category
- g. Time

Start Line – The promoter must provide a holder to hold riders at the start line.

Marshalling – The promoter shall provide sufficient and ample marshals to ensure a safe and proper event. Marshalls should be provided with orange vests and cones, and instructed as to how to properly flag/point riders through turns, and where to stand to marshal properly. No material intersection or turn can be without a marshal protecting riders' safety. Promoters will ensure they spend time with the marshals explaining proper technique for waving riders through turns or around cones.

Turn around Signagend Cone – Promoters shall post a minimum of 1 (one) sign/advisory stating the distance to the turn around cone (if any), approximately 500 meters from the turn around, stating the distance to the turn around. A turn around cone shall be designated by a single orange "large" or other highly visible cone, with a "turn around marshal" adjacent to the cone advising riders to turn.

Finish Line – Promoters shall post a sign/advisory no less than 500 meters from the finish line, stating the distance to the finish. The finish shall be clearly marked by a line, or tape, across the road, as well as an orange cone positioned directly on the finishing line, on the side of the road.

Article VII. Mandatory Use of the TT Cup Logo

The promoter shall include the OBRA TT Cup Logo on the promoter's BikeReg or other registration website; on the website of the promoter's club if such a website is

maintained where the race is presented and discussed; on any and all other materials where the race is presented, marketed, promoted, or discussed. It shall be a small logo which shall designate the race as part of the Series. The logo shall be provided to promoters in the coming months. It will not be obtrusive.

Article VIII. AFFIRMATION OF RECEIPT, UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TIME TRIAL CUP RULES and GUIDELINES

I, _____, promoter of the following race, or races,

(list race or races) _____

hereby state that I have read these rules and guidelines and

shall comply with them as they relate to the race(s) noted above.

I understand that my race is being included in the OBRA TT Cup Series based on my agreeing to adhere to these Rules and Guidelines.

Agreed this date ____/____/____,

Signed _____

Print Name _____

***Please Fax a signed copy to 866.572.0412, and send a hard copy to:

William J. O'Donnell
107 SW 2nd St.
Corvallis, OR 97333

****BELOW IS FOR TT CUP COMMITTEE INTERNAL USE ONLY ***

Approved: ____yes ____no

Date of Race; _____

Other conditions or notes: _____

Signed by _____ Print Name _____