



# **2011 Administrative Rules**

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Modification of these rules may be made by vote of the Board of Directors at any time or by vote of club representatives, generally at an annual meeting. Changes to the rules which are primarily of a housekeeping nature, such as printing format or changing numbering, may be made without board approval.

## **Mission statement**

The mission of OBRA is to promote and develop the sport of bicycle racing in Oregon by providing the tools and resources necessary for competition. OBRA values safety, participation, sportsmanship, teamwork, camaraderie and fun.

## **I. Membership**

A club or individual joining the Oregon Bicycle Racing Association agrees to abide by the rules, policies and procedures of the Association. The Association is an Oregon non-profit corporation and has Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation on file with the Secretary of State. Only member clubs and affiliated event organizers are entitled to use the race equipment owned by OBRA. See the section on policies that govern the equipment. Member contact information may be used for distribution of flyers, informational or advertising material. The Executive Director with the approval of the Board of Directors may refuse membership to any person or team. The following types of membership are available:

### **A. Rider**

This membership is required to ride in competitive events.

#### **(i) Annual:**

This membership is valid during the calendar year of purchase. Cyclocross only annual memberships are sold at the conclusion of the road and mountain bike racing season for a discount. Annual members receive durable race numbers that may be used at several events. This membership is required for tracking of BAR (Best All Round Rider) and Oregon Cup competition points. State Championship medals and jerseys will only be awarded to annual

members.

(ii) **Single Event:**

This membership is valid only for a single event or for an event running contiguous days. Generally these memberships are purchased at the event for which they are valid. Single event numbers are not valid for completion in other events.

(iii) **FIAC:**

OBRA is a member of Federation of Independent Associations of Cycling. If a rider presents a valid membership from one of the FIAC organizations no other membership is required.

(iv) **Lifetime:**

Lifetime memberships are offered for individual and families.

**B. Supporter**

Member contact information may be used for distribution of flyers, informational or advertising material. This membership is not valid for participating in competition.

**C. Official**

Must be a member to function as an official at a race.

**D. Coach**

Members may be listed on the Coach Webpage.

**E. Event Organizer**

Any person promoting a competitive event must be a member of OBRA.

**F. Club**

A group of individuals that pays an annual fee and appoints a

voting representative to OBRA meetings.

(i) Each OBRA Club in good standing may vote at the Annual meeting where officers and directors are elected and rule changes are voted upon.

(ii) OBRA Clubs in good standing will be tracked in the Best All Around Team competition.

(iii) Web Site: All clubs can submit information to be included on the OBRA web site.

(iv) Clubs with 5 or over members are required to send one member to officials training per year.

## **G. Juniors**

Juniors are defined as riders 10 years of age to 18 as of December 31 of the current race year. Youth is defined as riders under the age of 10. Youth riders may enter only youth races and may not be mixed with other categories. Youth races can only be held on closed courses.

## **H. Masters**

Masters are defined as riders 30 years or older as of December 31 of the current race year. Masters races maybe narrowed to any age group over 30.

# **II. Events: Competitive and Non-competitive**

## **A. Event Applications- timeline**

OBRA Event Applications must be returned to the Executive Director no fewer than forty-five days before the event. OBRA has the option not to process permits received fewer than 45 days prior to the event. Late processing will include an additional processing fee.

## **B. Event Application- requirements**

Event Application packets must include Insurance Application, Letter of Agreement, announcement, course maps and the required fees. After approval, the Insurance Application will be sent to the insurance office for processing. Additional insured certificates and event certificate will be sent by the insurance company to the event organizer and the Executive Director.

**C. Event applications- approval**

Event applications may not be processed and events not approved at the discretion of the Executive Director. Potential reasons for not processing or approving may include but are not limited to:

1. Failure to follow OBRA administrative rules
2. Failure to obtain venue approval.
3. Suspension of the event organizer or club.
4. Inability of OBRA to staff officials or provide equipment.

**D. Forms and announcements**

Entry forms/Race announcements must be approved by the OBRA Executive Director prior to publication. The Entry forms/Race announcements will, at a minimum, be published on the OBRA web page ([www.obra.org](http://www.obra.org)) or in a location that can be linked from that site and also distributed to the OBRA listserv. This should occur at least 30 days before the event. Any conflicts between different publications of the Entry forms/Race announcement will be resolved based on the information posted to the OBRA web site. Any changes to the information on the Entry forms/ Race announcements must be approved by the OBRA Executive Director and Chief Referee. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, information regarding categories, start times, entry fees, prizes or entry restrictions will not be changed except to add categories or increase prizes. All changes must be approved by the OBRA Executive Director and Chief Referee. Statements that allow for changes in categories, start times, entry fees, prizes, and/or entry restrictions will not be permitted.

## **E. Flyer requirements**

The event organizer must include the following information on the race Entry forms/Race announcement:

1. Name of Event
2. Date(s) of Event
3. Location of Event
4. Map or Directions to Race Course
5. Course description
6. Type of Race
7. Contact information for event organizer with a minimum of a telephone number and email address
8. Categories, start times, entry fees and prizes
9. Any entry restrictions

## **F. Sharing of resources**

Separate events held on the same day, and/or at the same venue may not share officials or first aid. Each event organizer shall be held responsible for a specific and separate list of race equipment. Cooperation between event organizers is encouraged.

## **G. Insurance**

A promoter may supply their own insurance but said insurance must match that of the OBRA policy and a certificate naming the Oregon Bicycle Racing Association as a third-party insured will be supplied to the Executive Director along with the Event Application. If an event organizer supplies their own insurance and said insurance is approved by OBRA then the event is not required to pay the insurance surcharges.

## **H. Venue approval**

Event venues must be approved by the Executive Director or designee. The approval process may include a safety inspection.

## **I. Officials**

All competitive events must have race officials in attendance. The Event Organizer may not be the Chief Referee.

## **J. Event organizer responsibilities**

1. The event organizer is responsible for ensuring to the best of his ability that the race is run in a safe and professional fashion.
2. The event organizer is responsible for obtaining permission for the conduct of the race from all appropriate entities including, but not limited to; road use authorities, property owners, police agencies, other governmental bodies.
3. Entry fees are established by the event organizer. [OBRA recommends charging fees that are fair and reasonable to the rider.]
4. The event organizer is not required to refund any entry fee as long as the promoter has fulfilled all of his obligations.
5. The event organizer shall complete all forms and make payments as designated by OBRA policies.
6. The event organizer makes arrangements for sales of annual and single event OBRA memberships at the event. The promoter may not impose a surcharge on OBRA annual and single event memberships sold at the event.

## **K. Promoter conflicts**

Current event organizers have first right of refusal in determining multiple claims.

## **III. Equipment:**

Only OBRA Members in good standing are entitled to use the race equipment. Event organizers agree to take at least ordinary care of equipment while under their control.

**A. Equipment manager**

The equipment must be checked in and out from the Equipment Manager. If there is more than one OBRA event scheduled, the race equipment will be divided as fairly as possible but will still be checked out on a first-come, first-served basis. It is advisable to contact the Equipment Manager early to arrange for the equipment

**B. Equipment return**

All equipment must be returned within 48 hours of the completion of the event unless other arrangements and permission has been granted by the Equipment Manager or Executive Director.

**C. Race charges**

Event organizers wishing to use the race equipment must pay all appropriate OBRA surcharges. Failure to agree to this policy will forfeit use of the race equipment in the future.

**D. Lost/damaged equipment**

The club/event organizer will sign and be responsible for all items taken. Any lost or unreturned items will be the financial responsibility of the event organizer. Replacement of said items must be done with 15 days. Items replacing lost or broken equipment must be the same or equal quality of the items not returned. There will be a restocking fee if OBRA personnel must purchase replacement equipment. There will be a charge if the items are not returned with 10 days.

**E. Equipment purchase**

Event organizers may request that specific equipment be purchased for their event. Approval shall be obtained from the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors. Equipment purchased by OBRA or with OBRA fund is the property of OBRA at the conclusion of the event.

## **F. OBRA Vehicle Use**

1. Operators must have a valid driver's license and insurance and present proof on request.
2. Gasoline tanks and containers must be returned full. A fee will be charged for failure to do so.
3. Vehicle must be returned packed in a similar condition to when it was checked out. Garbage and unclaimed items must be removed. A fee will be charged for failure to do so.

## **G. Additional fees**

There may be additional fees for specific equipment

## **IV. Governance:**

The Oregon Bicycle Racing Association is an Oregon Non Profit Corporation that has a Constitution and Bylaws on file with the State of Oregon. The business and affairs of OBRA shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The directors shall in all cases act as a board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of OBRA as they deem proper, provided such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and the laws of the state of Oregon.

### **A. Board of Directors**

There are six members of the Board of Directors. Each director is elected to a 3 year term by a majority of club representatives at an annual meeting. Two directors each year.

### **B. Paid Positions**

#### **1. *Executive Director***

The executive director is an employee of OBRA. The Board of Directors will assign a salary amount of the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for the day to day operation of the Association. The Executive Director may

delegate specific duties to a designee. Duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Open and process mail on a regular basis including deposits to the bank.
- (b) Process all membership applications.
- (c) Collect all bills owed to OBRA including surcharges.
- (d) Keep the Board of Directors apprised of all expenditures.
- (e) Provide a report of the Association's finances.
- (f) Coordinate the compilation of the BAR point standings and collect BAR information from designated races. All information will be turned over to the Webmasters for processing.
- (g) Monitor all voice and email
- (h) Order the numbers for the riders and distribute them to the members.
- (i) Coordinate the ordering and distribution of the State Championship Jerseys/Vests.
- (j) Oversee the Equipment manager.
- (k) Oversee the Mountain Bike Representative
- (l) Schedule Board of Director Meetings
- (m) Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting of the Clubs.
- (n) Organize the Annual Meeting.
- (o) Organize the Racing schedules
- (p) Review all request for upgrades/downgrades and process accordingly.

- (q) Offer event organization consultation to all OBRA promoters
- (r) Manage all permit processing and sending in to OBRA for final processing
- (s) Manage all officials' training and coordination
- (t) Appoint all Chief Officials to OBRA events in the area
- (u) Will have signature power and will pay all the operating bills in a timely manner.
- (v) Has the right to hire or terminate any other employees.
- (w) Must race, officiate or participate in bicycle racing in a meaningful way.
- (x) Must have a vehicle and valid driver's license to execute their duties.
- (w) Any other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

## 2. *Webmaster*

The webmaster is a paid position. Pay will be determined by the Executive Director. The webmaster is responsible for managing postings on the OBRA webpage at the direction of the Executive Director

## 3. *Membership Coordinator*

May be a compensated position, at the discretion of the Executive Director. The Membership Coordinator is responsible for membership related items as directed by the Executive Director.

## 4. *Equipment Manager*

May be a compensated position, at the discretion of the Executive Director. The Equipment Manager is responsible for all OBRA

equipment related items. This may include: Accountability and Inventory; Maintenance and Repair; and Coordination of equipment pick-up and return for events.

## **V. Club Voting**

### **A. Eligible voters**

Member clubs may be represented by one representative. Each member club shall have one vote. The Executive Director shall have one vote.

## **VI. Fees**

### **A. Membership fees**

1. Adult annual Membership \$25.00 if submitted by paper. \$20 if submitted online.
2. Junior annual Membership \$5.00
3. Lifetime Individual Membership \$500.00
4. Lifetime Family Membership \$1,000.00
5. Single Event Membership \$5.00
6. Club Annual Membership \$100.00. If the club promotes or volunteers in a meaningful way in 1 or more races this is reduced to \$35.00
7. Event Organizer Annual Membership \$20.00
8. Support Annual Membership \$20.00
9. Official Annual Membership - no charge
10. Coach Annual Membership \$20.00
11. Cyclocross only membership \$15

## **B. Event Fees**

1. Single Event Permit Fees
  - (i) \$30 if more than 30 days in advance of the event
  - (ii) \$50 if between 15-44 days in advance of the event
  - (iii) \$100 if less than 14 days in advance of the event
2. First Time Event Organizer deposit \$200.00, refunded upon payment of fees after the event
3. Equipment Surcharge \$.50 per rider per day
4. Administrative Surcharge \$.60 per rider per day
5. Insurance Surcharge \$1.25 per rider per day
6. Equipment check out charge \$50.00
7. Truck Rental \$50.00 per day
8. 20% restocking fee for lost or damaged equipment
9. \$50.00 fee for equipment not returned within 10 days, increasing \$5.00 each additional day after 10.
10. Wheel program \$100.00 per day

## **C. Other fees**

The Executive Director may add a nominal charge for fees paid by credit card.

## **VII. Other**

## **VIII. Reciprocity**

OBRA may maintain a reciprocity agreement with Federation of Independent Associations of Cycling (FIAC), United States Cycling

Association (USAC) and other organizations. These agreements may include honoring of memberships and/or suspensions, cooperation and production of programs.

## **IX. Programs - BAR**

### **A. Description**

The Oregon Best All-Around Rider (BAR) is a year-round, multi-discipline competition open to annual members. Points and ranking will be tracked in at least the following categories:

1. Senior Men and Women
2. Masters Men and Women
3. Junior Men and Women
4. Tandem
5. Master's 4/5 Men and Master's 4 Women

### **B. Disciplines**

There are seven separate rankings, one each for;

- (i) Road
- (ii) Track
- (iii) Criterium
- (iv) Time Trial
- (v) Cyclocross
- (vi) Mountain Bike Cross Country
- (vii) Mountain Bike Short Track Cross Country.

### **C. Points**

Points are awarded for finishes at all OBRA races for the top 15 in each class – 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Points for fields over 75 are multiplied by 1.5. State Championships are awarded double points. National caliber races are awarded triple points.

### **D. Ranking system**

Points are tallied and riders are ranked in order of points in each discipline. A ranking number is assigned from 300, 299, 298, 297, etc. Ranking numbers from a rider's top 5 disciplines will be included in a rider's total. These ranking numbers are then added to determine annual awards. Riders must compete in a minimum of 4 disciplines in order to qualify annual trophies.

### **E. Other provisions**

- (i) Points earned in team events are split evenly across the team members. Example: the winners of a three-person team time trial will each receive 10 points.
- (ii) If a rider has multiple finishes in a single event, only the best finish counts. If a rider has multiple discipline rankings that would count towards the same overall category, only the best ranking counts.
- (iii) Weeknight events will acquire one full set of points for each month of racing.
- (iv) The Team BAR awarded based on the sum of the accrued points before rankings.
- (v) Field sizes for purposes of being counted for the BAR must meet minimum size requirements. Fields that are run concurrently and do not meet size requirements may not be split for purposes of BAR points. State championships are exempted from this requirement.

## **X. Programs - Oregon Cup**

### **A. Description**

The Oregon Cup is a year-long points series for road races.

### **B. Rules**

1. Divisions: Senior 1/2 Men and Senior 1/2/3 Women.
2. Events selected by OBRA Oregon Cup Committee based on Race Selection Criteria (below).
3. No minimum number of races to qualify.
4. Prizes awarded at the annual OBRA Banquet
5. Leaders and champions jerseys will be awarded.
6. The OBRA Oregon Cup Committee will conduct ongoing outreach to potential sponsors and media.
7. Free entry to OR Cup events for OR Cup leaders.
8. Lower category riders competing in Senior Men or Women races will receive points unless their category is picked separately. Lower-category riders do still count in individual race placings -- if a lower category rider finishes ahead of a higher category rider, the higher category rider does not move up in their placing.
9. Only OBRA annual members are eligible for the Oregon Cup. Racers who only purchase one-day licenses will not be counted.

### **C. Points**

Points are awarded for race placing; 100, 75, 60, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10. Ties will be broken by highest placing in Oregon Cup race, then number of placings, then most recent placing.

## **D. Race Selection Criteria**

1. No more than eight events, primarily road races. Criteriums will be used as needed to fill schedule.
2. Road Race Difficulty Balance - Balance degree of difficulty based on hills vs. flat, distance, etc.
3. High Profile Event - Well advertised in advance both with membership and media, with a high likelihood of commercial sponsorship.
4. Geographically Balanced - Southern, central and northwest Oregon based on membership representation.
5. Historically Significant - History of success over many seasons.
6. Demonstrated Participation - Popular event and/or venue.
7. Seasonally Balanced - Monthly, if possible, March through September.
8. Quality Venue/Promotion - Highest standards for promoters and OBRA.

## **XI. Championship Jerseys and Vests**

OBRA may purchase jerseys, vests or other clothing or merchandise which will be available for purchase by any annual member who has won a State Championship.