



Colorado Cycling Officials' Program

Colorado Cycling, the local association for USA Cycling (USAC), is committed to helping develop cycling athletes. To do so, officials are needed to ensure the competition is played by the rules, while emphasizing fairness, safety, and sportsmanlike behavior.

- A.** Those interested in becoming an official must complete a series of tasks before being assigned to a USA Cycling permitted event.
- 1. USAC Category C Officials Seminar/Test**
The Category C seminar involves training in Road, Track, Cyclocross and Mountain Bike, as well as the basic organizational structure of cycling and officiating. The class is taught in either a live classroom environment, or through an online self-study program. At the end of both the in-person and online class, there is an open-book exam which will test your knowledge of basic rules. Cost of the test/license is \$25, however if you are a Colorado Cycling member, the fee will be reimbursed after successful completion of the exam. To view available clinics please use this [link](#).
 - 2. SafeSport**
The US Olympic Committee (USOC) mandates that officials take a free Safe Sport seminar, which also includes a short exam. The course offers training regarding misconduct in sport and the measures one can take to protect athletes. This qualification is valid for 1 year and a short, annual refresher course thereafter. To sign-up for the clinic use this [link](#).
 - 3. Concussion Awareness**
Colorado Cycling requires all officials assigned to events in our LA to complete the "Heads Up-Concussion" online training course. The course will help you understand a concussion and the potential consequences of this injury; recognize concussion signs and symptoms and how to respond; and focuses on prevention and preparedness to help keep athletes safe. Once completed you would need to send the copy of the certificate to the Colorado Cycling office. The course is free and can be found [here](#).
 - 4. Criminal Background Check**
All officials are required to submit to a USOC mandated background check, which is valid for 2 years. Cost is around \$30, but if you are a Colorado Cycling member, that fee will be reimbursed. The link to the background check policy and application policy can be found [here](#).
- B.** Those interested in becoming a motorcycle referee would first need to complete the above tasks, in addition to the following:
- 1. Motoref Category C Class**
The Category C Motoref class involves training specific to becoming a Motorcycle Referee. The class is taught online. For more information about the course and to sign up, contact USA Cycling Technical Dept. at officials@usacycling.org course. At the end of the class, there is an exam which will test your knowledge of basic rules and concepts. Passing score is 70%.
 - 2. Motor Vehicle Record Check**
Process conducted via [National Center for Safety Initiatives](#) which checks your driving record. Cost \$8.80, but if you are a Colorado Cycling member, that fee will be reimbursed.

- C. Colorado Cycling appreciates when officials join the local association to support local bicycle racing. In addition to benefits provided to all officials, certain benefits are available only to officials who are Colorado Cycling members (see below). Click [here](#) to purchase a Colorado Cycling membership.

Benefits for All Officials

- Colorado Cycling overtime starts at 8 hours; USAC overtime starts at 9 hours.
- Colorado Cycling subsidizes motor referee insurance, \$85/motor ref, for race directors so Directors do not pay out-of-pocket.
- All Colorado Cycling Road Cup policy races are required to provide an "enclosed, weather-proof, wind-proof, elevated, safe, and shaded space for race officials. The space must be positioned such that race officials can clearly see oncoming racers." Many race directors either hire a timing company that provides this space, or have purchased a trailer that meets these requirements to avoid the use of scaffolding.
- All Colorado Cycling Road and Cross Cup policy races are required to provide a high-speed finish line camera, chip timing with video back-up, or a finish line camera depending on the level of the event.
- Colorado Cycling has a corps of officials with national and international level experience -- national/world championships in all disciplines and UCI level races (stage races such as the Tour de France, California, Utah, Colorado; CX ; track World Cups), as well as national race calendar experience (NRC, NCC, NTC). All of these officials are eager to share their experience with you throughout your officiating career.
- Colorado Cycling Road and Cross Cup policy requires race schedule to have 10-15 minutes between all races and an additional 15 minute lunch break for officials.
- Annual Officials' meeting with a catered lunch

Additional Benefits for Colorado Cycling Member Officials

- Apprenticeship for Trainees:
 - Upon request, those new to officiating, can be assigned to one local event and follow an experienced official. Colorado Cycling will pay the trainee a maximum of \$90 for the day, no mileage
- Advanced Training/Education:
 - \$150 max to officials to cover registration fee for Level A or above training events
 - \$25+ to officials attending biannual summit in Colorado Springs
- Apprenticeship Fund: to help officials gain more experience at National level events, whether in-state or out-of-state, by providing stipends to help officials
 - USAC minimum of \$90 /day, no mileage
- Reimbursement of Level C test cost after successful completion of exam.
- Colorado Cycling pays for background checks and MVR, for new and renewing officials