



Colorado Cycling Individual Membership Benefits

Colorado Cycling has been serving Colorado riders, clubs, and race directors for over 40 years. Here are some of the things you, as a Colorado rider, can look forward to:

Season-long points competitions

- Colorado Cycling produces and manages a season long Road Cup and Cyclocross Cup competition for both individual Colorado Cycling members and Colorado Cycling clubs across all 26 of our CUP race groups.
- Colorado Cycling updates points after each weekend, and works with riders and teams to make sure the results are continually updated and correct.
- Each season has an end-of-year party, with awards, food, beverages, and a great slide show that all members are welcome to attend and enjoy.

State Championships

- Often the pinnacle of the season for a rider, Colorado Cycling awards the title of State Championship to deserving clubs/race directors who wish to organize it, and makes the decision in the case of two applications.
- Colorado Cycling awards a State Championship jersey as well as other awards to the winners in 26 categories for each of 4 road disciplines, Cyclocross, and several track disciplines.
- Medals are also awarded to the top three in each Colorado riders in each Championship.

Communications

The heart of Colorado cycling is the community fostered. Colorado Cycling works to keep us all together via the following:

- Publishing a bi-weekly email blast to all individual members and clubs to inform you of upcoming events, results from the past weekend, and other critical information.
- Staying active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to help you stay connected with our racing community.
- Maintaining an active website where you can find all the information you need regarding racing in Colorado.
- Working with race directors and results companies to make sure results are correct and posted in a timely fashion on both our website as well as that of USA Cycling.
- Acting as a liaison between Colorado Cycling riders and teams and the national federation, USA Cycling.
- Being your nearly 24/7 source of information regarding your experiences as a Colorado cyclist. Between the Executive Director and the Membership Manager, there is always someone ready to answer any question and help with any issue you have.



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Racing Calendar

The strength of your racing experience starts with having someplace to race.

- Colorado Cycling works with clubs and race directors to coordinate the calendars for road, cyclocross, and track.
- Colorado Cycling hosts annual meetings for race directors where important issues from the past year are discussed, new plans for upcoming seasons are detailed, and any remaining date conflicts are worked out.
- Colorado Cycling works with the clubs and race directors to assure that race flyers are correct and posted on our website.
- Colorado Cycling works with other cycling organizations, such as Bicycle Colorado, the Colorado High School MTB League, and the Colorado Velodrome Association to coordinate schedules as best as possible.

Camps, Clinics, and Travel Programs

- Colorado Cycling runs clinics, camps, and other programs for select groups. In 2019 we had three big programs:
 - Women's+ Development Program, which included five different clinics
 - Junior Track Camp, a three-day overnight program at the Olympic Training Center.
 - Junior Travel Grant Program, where riders selected to represent the USA internationally received travel stipends to help offset their costs.
- In 2020, we are beginning Team Colorado, a traveling junior team for riders aged 15-16
- Colorado Cycling hires top-level coaches to work with you at all camps and clinics.

General and Discipline-Specific Polies

Colorado Cycling works with members, clubs, race directors, and USA Cycling to maintain the highest quality events and programs for its members. You benefit in direct and indirect ways from all of the following:

- Specific race groups recognized that meet the need of the Colorado population. For example, Master Men 40+ 3, Master Men 40+ 4, and Master Men 50+ 4 categories are not found in most places in the country, yet offer opportunities to Colorado riders to enjoy the sport
- Often sensitive race groups, such as Women 4, Women 3, Junior 9-10, are always included in Colorado races, even though frequently these are small groups that don't "pay for themselves" via entry fees.
- All Cup races require true photofinish or at least a high-speed video camera so that you get your hard-earned results.
- All Cup races require an on-site medical provider be present.



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- All officials, race directors, Colorado Cycling staff, and the Colorado Cycling Board of Directors (BOD) are required to have basic instruction in recognizing and handling possible concussions.
- All Colorado Cycling staff, BOD, and authorized coaches at Colorado Cycling - sponsored junior events must take the US Olympic Committee's SafeSport program, as safety of our young athletes is a priority.
- Colorado Cycling assigns all of the officials for races and subsidizes or directly pays for the insurance for motorcycle referees so that you are protected out on the road.

Participation in Cycling Governance

As a Colorado Cycling member you are eligible to participate in the governance of the sport in several ways, both directly and indirectly:

- Via communication with Colorado Cycling staff and the BOD, you can influence policy and cycling programs in Colorado.
- Your concerns are carried to USA Cycling via Colorado Cycling staff through emails, phone calls, direct contact with USA Cycling, and annual officials and local associations meetings. Such interactions have and will at times even lead to changes in cycling rules at the national level.
- You are eligible to nominate someone or run for the Colorado Cycling BOD and directly shape the future of Colorado Cycling and Colorado cycling.