



Series is the 2017 USA Cycling Mountain Bike XC State Championships “series” for California. A USA Cycling MTB State Championship Series includes two or more events in which riders accumulate points in discipline/class/category/age toward an overall cumulative points total for the series. The highest ranking rider of each discipline/class/category determines the USA Cycling State Championship winner.

USAC Mountain Bike National Championships is July 19-23, 2017 in Snowshoe, W. Virginia, url address: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/USACWeb/forms/natchamps/2017/2017-MTB-Rules-And-Qualification-Final.pdf>

In the event of a points tie, it will be determined by the finish order at the most recent event (Race 3). The top three licensed riders in the point series will be awarded state champion medals and a CA state champion jersey. The top 15 racers in the point series will qualify for nationals. The racer’s age on December 31 of the current year is used to determine which age class the racer competes in. No age group changes should need to occur during the series. If a rider upgrades or downgrades their category during the series, they will not carry any points with them between categories.

REGISTRATION at BikeReg.com

<https://www.bikereg.com/nevada-city-dirt-classic-xc-series>

2017 USA Cycling annual racing license is required for CA state “racers” and “winners”.

Annual licenses applications are available at www.usacycling.org, or race day at check-in.

Nevada City Dirt XC Classic Series is a USAC sanctioned event, and requires the following:

\$10 – One Day License, Category 2 Intermediate, and Category 3 Beginners

\$25 – One Day License (Available on-line only, not on Race Day), Category 1 Expert, link:

<https://www.usacycling.org/events/?state=CA&race=Mountain&fyear=2017&rrfilter=all>

Pros must hold a current USAC annual license, have proof of USAC license out for check-in

\$35 - Annual Jr. License (USAC Triplicate License Applications available on Race Day)

\$70 – Annual Adult License (USAC Triplicate License Applications available on Race Day)

If your USAC license is in the mail, please print out an “Authorization to Ride” receipt from your USACycling account and bring to Event Check-In on Race Day.....or at least take a picture with your cell phone if you do not have a printer, and show to volunteer at check-in.

NOTE:.....> \$25 - One Day License, Cat 1 Expert

(One Day License for Cat 1 Expert will not qualify a rider for State or National, rider must hold an annual license, but is allowed for NCDirt Series racing)

XC CATEGORIES

These 29 categories (18 M and 11 W) will be used for the awarding of state championship series points:

Pro M, Cat 1 M 19-39, Cat 1 M 40-49, Cat 1 M 50+,
Cat. 2 M 19-29, Cat. 2 M 30-39, Cat. 2 M 40-49, Cat. 2 M 50-59, Cat 2 M 60+,
Cat 3 M 19-39, Cat 3 M 30-39, Cat 3 M 40-49, Cat 3 M 50-59, Cat 3 M 60+
Jr. Cat 1 M 15-18, Jr. Cat 2 M 15-18, Jr. Cat 3 M 15-18, Jr. 14 & Under
Pro W, Cat 1 W 19-39, Cat 1 W 40+
Cat 2 W 19-39, Cat 2 W 40+
Cat 3 W 19-39, Cat 3 W 40+
Jr. Cat 1 F 15-18, Jr. Cat 2 F 15-18, Jr. Cat 3 F 15-18, Jr. F 14 & Under

The above 29 categories and below categories will be used for awarding the NCDirt series points:
Open Singlespeed Men, Clydesdale (200+lbs)

Individual races may combine or separate categories further based on attendance. If so, a second set of results will be generated after the race to reflect the above categories for the purpose of awarding series points.

AWARDS

Each NCDirt race in the series will have medals for top 3 podium spots in each category. USA Cycling State Championship Medals awarded to the top 3 licensed/CA resident riders in each category by overall cumulative series points after Race 3, and receive (or comped to order if out of your jersey size) a state championship jersey.

\$5 PARKING per VEHICLE

Parking is different and limited for each race venue. We HIGHLY recommend carpooling if possible. Parking volunteer will inform you a location to park for maximizing parking area. Only Race 2 has overflow parking if private parking area is full. Please allow extra time for parking and pre-ride. More detailed parking info at event website by race no. (Parking fee covers port-a-potty and wash station rentals.)

Pre-Riding Course

When pre-riding (not racing) any course on public trails, please use trail etiquette to prevent multi-user trail conflicts. We need you to respect other trail users, wildlife habitat, posted signs, social media posts, event website posts, and event detail posts regarding trail use per FS recreational use permits and/or private land manager agreements who authorize us to host a race event. Any complaints of mis-use of trails may prevent future races at these locations.

INFORMATION

Please refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page to see if your question is answered before e-mailing.

For more information, visit www.ybonc.org or yboncfdn@gmail.com

We're also on facebook at [@NevadaCityDirtClassic](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/NevadaCityDirtClassic/>

Nevada City Dirt (XC) Classic Series / USA Cycling CA State Championship Series

Frequently Asked Questions

Please take a look to find answers to our most frequently asked questions. If you don't find the answer here, then go ahead and e-mail yboncfdn@gmail.com. If you email first and the answer is here, we may not reply.

Can I race if I'm not from California?

Yes, just as a registered racer in NCDirt Series, we still are awarding top 3 podium spots with our locally made NCDirt medals.

What are State Championship Winner requirements?

- Must be a California resident
- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident (amateur categories only)
- Must hold a current annual USAC license **BEFORE** racing in Race 3
- Must complete minimum 2 of 3 race of event series.

What is a USA Cycling CA State Championship Series?

A USA Cycling MTB State (or Regional) Championship Series includes two or more events in which riders accumulate points in discipline/class/category/age toward an overall total for the series. The highest ranking rider of each discipline/class/category determines the USA Cycling State (or Regional) Championship winner.

How do I qualify for Nationals?

The **top 15 riders in each category** overall at end of series qualify for MTB Nationals and must hold an annual racing license to register for nationals. If it is an "open" category (ex: Junior 10-14, Men 60+), they qualify to race at nationals in whatever category is listed on their license as of December 31 of the current year.

Will I qualify for nationals with a one-day license?

No, you can only qualify for nationals if you have a current USAC annual racing license/membership while racing the State Championship. This means you to hold an annual license BEFORE racing your first race of the series.

Do I need to buy **ON-LINE** a USA Cycling license to race Cat 1?

Not necessarily.

To race at an individual race in the NC Dirt Series, you may race Cat 1 on an experienced one-day (\$25), however you **will not qualify for Cat 1 Nationals or be eligible for the national championships.**

Experienced one-days must be purchased online only...here's link:

<https://www.usacycling.org/events/?state=CA&race=Mountain&fyear=2017&rfilter=all>

What are the requirements to upgrade categories?

Per USA Cycling, MTB XC riders can self-select up to Cat 1 (Annual license or experienced one-day license (\$25) are still required (**must be purchase on-line at USACycling**, not on Race Day at check-in).

Cat 3 or Cat 2 riders must upgrade after 5 top 5 finishes in minimum category sizes. Refer to the 2017 rulebook for minimum class sizes for upgrade purposes. Upgrade and downgrade requests can be done with the USAC Official at the race. (Note: This may not apply at other races outside of the Nevada City Dirt (XC) Classic Series)

Registration says it's open until 12Midnight Pacific Daylight Time, prior Wed (or prior Thurs) of race day, and it says it's closed? What gives?

The registration service we use may be doing maintenance.

New USAC members who completed an on-line membership may also print out an Authorization to Ride receipt while they wait for their new license to arrive in the mail. This can be done by visiting your [My USA Cycling page](#) and clicking on the link found under the Account Information header.

Why don't you have a category for (insert description here)?

Our categories are based on past attendance. 2017 we have added more to correspond with Nationals. Although they do occasionally change based on need, they are carefully analyzed to provide a fair distribution of distance and ability while keeping costs and time involvement reasonable for the promoter. Very few people want to race in a category by themselves. **We do retain the right to combine categories with less than 5 to match national practices, but rarely do so. USA Cycling official on site will make the decision.**

I couldn't make a race I signed up for, can I get a refund or credit or transfer to another race?

Please send email with valid excuse to yboncfdn@gmail.com, for information on transfers or refunds. The series is a fundraiser event to help YBONC Foundation programs that support our rural schools with bike clubs. We annually engage youth to over 20 miles of trail stewardship projects on managed public and/or private trails (Forest Service, BLM, Water District agency, State Parks and local land trusts). Proceeds from our events allow us to collaborate and organize approximately 300 teens on mountain bikes on trails in Nevada County.

I missed the awards ceremony, can you mail me my medal?

If you know you are going to miss podium on RACE Day, **complete an envelope at race day check-in** with your name, race plate no. and registered category.

Can we do more/less laps for the (insert category here)?

In many cases, yes. If the entire group wants a change from what was advertised, this can be requested and changed during the riders meeting. The promoter reserves the right to make a change or deny a request based on course and weather conditions and/or rider safety. Decision to be made after discussion with USA Cycling official on site. Decision announced at the racer pre-race meeting line up by category 10-15 minutes prior start times.

Is there a course map for (insert race here)?

Yes there is if race is on public trails. If course map is not posted, there usually is an agreement with land managers to reduce conflicts, or trespassing. In those cases, maps/routes will be posted a few days to a week before the event, and FINAL Course Map on Race Day near check-in booth area.

When are results/series points/USAC rankings going to be posted?

In almost all cases, results will be posted to the USA Cycling's race result website by midnight the day of the event. Every effort will be made to keep series point updated and results sent to USAC in a timely manner.

Are you stupid or something?

Highly likely. If we were smart, we'd spend money on traveling, or remodeling projects. But instead, we host MTB XC races to offer programs to support Nevada County school bike clubs on trails in our backyard.

Happy Shredding from the NC Dirt Planning and Operations Team!