

2009 USA CYCLING MASTER ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY, RULES & REGISTRATION & WAITLIST GUIDELINES

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT & VALID USA CYCLING LICENSE WITH THE PROPER CATEGORY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Riders who attempt to register, but do not hold a current and valid USA Cycling license, will **NOT** be allowed to complete the registration process until they can provide a valid USA Cycling license number. In order to avoid this situation, please make sure that your Sports Base Online profile is current and includes your USA Cycling license number.

ELIGIBILITY

At the time of registration, all participants of the USA Cycling Master Road National Championships **MUST** meet the minimum required category for the respective event according to the 2009 USA Cycling Rulebook. Riders attempting to register for an event without having the required category will be removed from the registration list with no refund provided.

All participants in the USA Cycling Master Road National Championships **MUST** be either a U.S. citizen or resident alien.

All participants in the USA Cycling Master Road National Championships **MUST** have a racing age of 30 or over. Riders with a racing age of 30 or over who hold Elite status per USA Cycling rules may **NOT** compete in the USA Cycling Master Road National Championships. This includes riders who:

- Are, or have been, members of a UCI-sanctioned team of any type in the calendar year of the championship.
- Have competed in the Elite category of an Olympic Games, UCI World Championship, Pan American Games, Continental Championships or World Cup in the discipline of the championship during the same calendar year.
- For more information on eligibility, [click here](#).

- All participants **MUST** race in the current age class as shown on their 2009 USA Cycling license. Riders **MAY NOT** race up or down in racing age class.

RULES

For all National Championships for riders ages 17 and up (i.e., junior 17-18, U23, elite, and masters), all bikes must be UCI legal. For any questions regarding bike measurements please refer to the USA Cycling website: <http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=3565> or the UCI rulebook at www.uci.ch.

- **Individual Time Trials** are open to ALL categories – men's road categories 1-5 and women's road categories 1-4.
- **ROAD RACE RULES:** For master men's age groups 30-54, riders **MUST** be road category-3 or higher. For age groups 55 and above, there are no category requirements.

For master women's age groups 30-44, riders **MUST** be road category-3 or higher. For age groups 45 and above, there are no category requirements.

CRITERIUM RULES: For master men's age groups 30-54, riders **MUST** be road category-3 or higher. For age groups 55 and above, there are no category requirements.

For master women's age groups 30-44, riders **MUST** be road category-3 or higher. For age groups 45 and above, there are no category requirements.

TANDEM ROAD RACES: Tandem Road National Championships shall be conducted over a distance of 60-90 kilometers for men's, women's and mixed teams whose ages' sum falls into the following categories: 70+, 90+ and 110+. **The one who steers MUST be a road category 1, 2 or 3 rider at the time of registration.**

TANDEM TIME TRIALS: Tandem Time Trial National Championships will be conducted over a distance of 30-50 kilometers for men's and mixed teams, whose ages' sum falls into the following categories: 70+, 90+ and 110+ and for women's teams whose ages' sum falls into the following categories: 70+ and 90+.

REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY REGISTER ONE START SPOT PER ATHLETE.

Riders are allowed to register one start spot per athlete, per event. Start spots are not allowed to be held, sold or otherwise transferred to other riders at a later time.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009 USA CYCLING MASTER ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL OPEN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE EVENT. Online registration for the 2009 edition will open at 12:00 a.m. EDT on Friday May 1st at <http://new.sportsbaseonline.com>. Please note: In 2009, the field limit for the criterium will be 80 and the road race 125. We encourage all riders to pick up their packet as early as possible.

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Online registration will close at 12:00 p.m. EDT on Sunday June 21.

In an attempt to encourage members to register for the event early, USA Cycling has implemented a **LATE ONLINE REGISTRATION** period. The late online registration period will begin two weeks prior to the close of online registration at **12:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 7**. Members who register online after this time will incur an additional \$25.00 late registration fee **PER EVENT** in addition to the original registration fee.

- Also, in an attempt to allow as many competitors as possible to register for the event, USA Cycling will also allow **late on-site registration**. Participants may register for the 2009 USA Cycling Master Road National Championships up until one day prior to their respective race. All on-site registration must be completed by the close of registration the day **BEFORE** your event. Please note: **All on-site registrants will incur a 100% increase in the original registration fee.**
- USA Cycling will accommodate refund requests up until two weeks prior to the opening of on-site registration. **Refunds will no longer be considered after 12:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, June 13.** All refunds are subject to a 20% processing fee.

Packet Pick-up/On-site Registration will be available every day throughout the event at the host hotel. There will be specific times designated each day. USA Cycling encourages participants to pick up their race packets during these times. In order to pick up your packet, you **MUST** present your valid USA Cycling license at packet pick-up/registration. Additional on-site packet pick-up will be available at the start line each day, subject to a \$20.00 late fee.

WAITLIST GUIDELINES

NEW WAITLIST PROCEDURE - USA Cycling would like to allow as many interested riders as possible the opportunity to compete at our National Championships. We developed a new waitlist procedure in the event a category reaches the field limit.

In the event of a waitlist, the following procedure will be implemented:

For the road races:

The men's 50-54 and 30-34 Road races will take place Monday at 2 and 4 pm, respectively. Riders who choose to pick up their packets on race day will have till noon to do so with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included. At noon any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist in order of registration. This procedure will end at 1pm for both events allowing for sufficient time to reprint start lists.

For men 35-39, ONLY, riders who choose to pick up their packets on site may do so from 6:30-7:00am Tuesday with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included. From 7:00-7:30am any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist in order of registration.

For men 35-39, 40-44, and 45-49, onsite packet pick-up will be from 8:00-9:30am with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included. At 9:30, any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist in order of registration, until 10:15am.

For the criteriums:

The men's 50-54 is scheduled for Friday at 4:30 pm, the late onsite packet pick up will end at 2:30pm, with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included, any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist by order of registration from 2:30-3:30pm.

For Saturday, late packet pickup will be from 7:30-8:30am for all races, with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included. Any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist in order of registration from 8:30-9:15am for all races.

To avoid any confusion regarding pre-registered packet pick-up USA Cycling encourages all participants to pick up their packets at least one day prior to their event.