



Wisconsin Cyclocross Series Racers' Guide 2021

What is cyclocross?!

Cyclocross is a form of bicycle racing that consists of many laps of a short course over mixed terrain, with course features that may involve dismounting your bike, carrying it to navigate obstacles and remounting your bike. It mixes multiple athletic endeavors, namely riding and running, with a strong emphasis on skillful bike handling. Races usually take place in a park, on a short circuit with each lap being between 1 to 3 kilometers long over grass, mud, trails, gravel, concrete and with a few obstacles for competitors to negotiate - sand pits, logs, barriers, etc. Races typically last 30 minutes to an hour, with the number of laps varying based on course length, conditions and speed. Racers are broken by categories which vary largely by age and speed. As racers improve and score points throughout the season, they upgrade into faster categories to compete against people closer to their ability. Competitors start as a group and spread out - the faster riders will complete more laps and the officials keep track placement throughout the race.

The cyclocross season in Wisconsin runs from September through December.

CX bikes are a hybrid between a road bike and a mountain bike. Typically, the bikes have drop handlebars like a road bike and knobby tires like a mountain bike (although narrower). While a cyclocross specific bike is not required, racers will want tires with some traction and are able to use mountain bikes.

- Trek Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNnsNANpCZU>
- GCN: Difference between road/cyclocross bike: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_rVWiigSQ

Other Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a license to race?

A: Yes. Sanctioned racing is broken down into categories. All beginners start in Category 5. If you don't have an annual USA Cycling license, you will have to purchase a One Day Racing License. One Day Licenses may be purchased at registration with your race entry. If you are not a Category 5 you MUST purchase a USAC Annual License. Annual Licenses can be purchased at registration but purchasing or renewing online before race day is recommended. Licenses purchased on or after December 1 are also good for the next racing year.

Q: When should I come to race?

A: If you plan to register, warm up and familiarize yourself with the course, it's recommended that you arrive 1.5-2 hours before your race.

Q: Can I use a mountain bike?

A: Yes, but bar-ends are not allowed. (Note: Mountain bikes are allowed in all non-UCI races, which limit tire width to 33mm.)

Other Resources:

Find a USAC Registered Team/Club in WI: <http://legacy.usacycling.org/clubs/clubsearch.php?state=WI>

Training Rides: <https://www.wheelandsprocket.com/about/training-rides-pg79.htm>

RACE EVENT INFORMATION:

- A map showing parking, registration, start line, finish line, and pit for each event should be available online/Facebook 30 days prior to the event. Instructions on which side of jersey to pin number on will also be provided if available.
 - Link to each event's information can be found via links on the WI CX Schedule page: <https://www.wicxseries.com/schedule-1>
- If the race details must be changed (ex: venue change due to weather), we will attempt to communicate updates by Thursday evening before the race through the Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wisconsincxseries/>), Wisconsin CX Series Instagram Account (https://www.instagram.com/trek_wisconsin_cx_series/?hl=en), WCA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WICycling/>), and the WI CX website (<https://www.wicxseries.com/>)

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

- Registration can be done online; see www.wicycling.org/cx or the race flyer.
 - Link to the USA Cycling Race Page from www.wicycling.org/cx, then click "Online Registration"
- Online registration closes **Wednesday at 23:59 (11:59pm) the week of the race.**
- Riders under age 18, anyone who was registered online by someone else, and anyone who did not accept the electronic waiver must sign a waiver at the registration area.
- Registration can also be done day-of race at the registration area, up to 30 minutes before race time. Day-of registrations for will add \$10 late fee.
- Entry fees do not include any park admission fees, if applicable (rarely)
- **Online registration is required for anyone wanting a call-up in their race. The call-ups are based on Series Points and USA Cycling points.**
- Online registration is \$25 for all categories, with the exception of Juniors and Men 1/2/3 & Women 1/2. Junior online registration is \$10 and Men 1/2/3 & Women 1/2 is \$30. All USAC and WCA Rider surcharge fees are included in registration fee.
- Racers competing in 2 races pay \$10 for the second race (or **\$15 if the 2nd race is Cat 1/2/3**)

RACING AGE

- Your cyclocross racing age is your age as of December 31 of the year in which the CX World Championships take place. All Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series races take place in the calendar year before the calendar year in which CX World Championships take place (the end of January or early February). Therefore your racing age for all Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series events in 2021 is your age as of 12/31/2022.

RACE NUMBERS

- Placing is done by Race Officials reading and recording race numbers of finishers. Officials must be able to read your number.
- Pin your number on the correct side and with proper orientation. To find out which side to pin it on for each event; see the diagram at registration table.
- Do not rip, bend, fold, or otherwise alter your number.

PRE-RIDING

- Riders may want to preview the race course prior to their race to get an idea of the flow of the course and be prepared for any obstacles.
- Pre-ride and warm-up time on the course will be allowed between races, or during the allotted course inspection time at the officials discretion.
- Pre-riding is allowed between the finish line and the last active racer on their last lap. Check with finish-line officials to determine if the course is "open."
- Enter the course after - but a safe distance from - the finish line and always be certain to stay at least 50 feet behind the last active racer. **Passing an active racer can result in disqualification from all of your races that day.**

- **Pre-ride violations may result in disqualification**
- Be an advocate. If you see someone pre-riding during a race, please ask them to leave the course.

STAGING AND CALL-UPS

- Report to staging at least 10 minutes before your scheduled race time.
- Riders who have pre-registered are called up for pre-race staging by order of WICX Series points and USAC Cycling points.
- The Men Masters Category 4/5 35+ and the Men Masters Category 1/2/3 35+ racers will start first. The 50+ will start approximately 2 minutes behind the 35+ racers, but have their results scored separately.

STARTING

- Heed the instructions of the race official.
- Do not overlap wheels in the start grid.
- Start on the whistle.

RACING

- Do not go backwards on the course.
- Do not cut the course. If you have a mechanical, you must continue forward on the course until you reach the equipment pit.
- If being lapped, give lapping riders the fastest line and plenty of room to pass. Move over, slow down.
- The equipment pit will be staffed by a neutral support mechanic. You may put your own equipment - wheels, bike, etc - in the pit. You may also have a pit crew in the pit.

FINISHING

- The number of laps remaining will be displayed at the finish line.
- A bell will be rung to signify one lap remaining as each rider passes the finish line with one lap remaining, however if a rider has been lapped by the race leader, rider may not receive a bell. Heed the officials instructions.
- All riders will finish on the same lap as the leader.

DAILY RESULTS & PODIUMS/PRIZES

- Results will be posted in the registration area within 15 minutes after each race ends.
- Racers may petition USAC officials for results corrections up to 15 minutes after results are initially posted.
- Results are final for awarding prizes 15 minutes after they are posted. Riders who have failed to protest within the time limit waive any right to prizes.
- See individual race flyers for prize lists.
- Prizes can be claimed according to the posted podium schedule.
- Podiums will be for the TOP THREE racers in each category (unless a race promoter offers prizes 5-deep) once results are final
- Racers should report to the Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series Podium banner several minutes prior to the ceremony and in their Team Jersey (recommended) for photographs
- See schedule above for podium ceremony times

RACE START TIMES, ENTRY FEES, AND RACE DURATION

2021 Daily Race Schedule & Podium Schedule				
Start Time	Category	Duration	Podium	Online/Day of Entry
9:00	Masters 35+ 4/5	30 min	10:00	\$25/\$35
9:01	Masters 50+ 4/5	30 min	10:00	\$25/\$35
9:02	Junior Boys 15-18	30 min	10:00	\$10
9:45	Women Masters 35+ Open	30 min	10:45	\$25/\$35
9:46	Women 4/5	30 min	10:45	\$25/\$35
9:47	Junior Girls 15-18	30 min	10:45	\$10
9:47	Junior Boys 9-14	30 min	10:45	\$10
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10:30	Men Cat 4/5	30 min	11:30	\$25/\$35
11:00	Course Inspection	30 min		
11:30	Women Cat 1/2	45 min	12:45	\$30/\$40
11:31	Women Cat 3/4	45 min	12:45	\$25/\$35
12:30	Men Cat 3/4	45 min	1:45	\$25/\$35
1:30	Single Speed 1/2/3	45 min	2:45	\$25/\$35
1:31	Masters 50+ Cat 1/2/3	45 min	2:45	\$25/\$35
1:32	Single Speed 4/5	45 min	2:45	\$25/\$35
2:30	Men Cat 1/2/3	60 min	3:45	\$30/\$40
2:31	Master's 35+ 1/2/3	60 min	3:45	\$30/\$40

POINTS & SERIES OVERALL

- The Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series overall will be determined by NINE [9] of the total number of races, excluding the State Championships race.
- To be eligible for the overall competition, riders must participate in a MINIMUM of FIVE [5] series races.
- Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series Overall Standings will be linked from USA Cycling.
- All standings will be linked from www.wicycling.org/cx
- USAC upgrade points are awarded in all races (where field sizes are large enough, etc.)
- The Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series winners will be awarded a champion's jersey and overall prize money (Details distributed at the close of series scoring and to be ordered within specified order window).

UPGRADES

- Refer to USAC upgrade policies for most current upgrade information and to request upgrades/downgrades: <https://www.usacycling.org/about-us/governance/policy-viii#upgradegeneralinformation>

RACE SERIES OVERALL

All Rules and Regulations of the regular season Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series races listed above apply to the unless noted in this section.

SERIES OVERALL

- Overall Series Champions will be determined by the highest number of points scored in nine races of the Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series races. Series Standings will be linked from www.wicycling.org/cx.
- Riders must compete in a minimum of five races to be eligible for the overall series competition.

CATEGORIES

The Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series will score overall series points for the following categories:

- Men Pro 1/2/3
- Women Pro/1/2
- Men Category 3
- Women Category 3
- Masters 35+ Category 1/2/3
- Masters 50+ Category 1/2/3
- Women Masters Open
- Single Speed Men
- Single Speed Women
- Junior Boys 9 – 14
- Junior Girls 9 – 14
- Junior Boys 15 – 18
- Junior Girls 15 – 18
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 4
- Masters 35+ Category 4/5
- Masters 50+ Category 4/5

Note: No overall prizes will be awarded for Women Category 4, Men Category 4, Men Category 5, or Men Masters Category 4/5. These are beginner's races and meant for people new to the sport.

TREK BICYCLE PRESENTS WISCONSIN CX SERIES OVERALL POINTS SCORING

- Riders' individual race scores will be scored toward an overall series point total. Total includes nine races in the Trek Bicycle presents Wisconsin CX Series. The following scoring schedule will be used for all races:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	20	9th	7
2nd	17	10th	6
3rd	15	11th	5
4th	13	12th	4
5th	11	13th	3
6th	10	14th	2
7th	9	15th	1
8th	8		

Scoring Notes:

- CX Committee/officials decisions on placements and scoring are final.
- After upgrading from a lower category, series overall points are not transferred to the new category.
- Ties will be decided by head-to-head results, then the tie will be broken in favor of the rider who has the most first place finishes; or, if still tied, the most second place finishes, etc.
- If still tied, after the first tie breaking exercise, the victor will be determined by Feats of Strength at the State Championships.
- Series Standings will be linked from www.wicycling.org/cx following each event.

SERIES OVERALL AWARDS

- The following is the Series overall prize list for Men Category P/1/2/3 and Women Category P/1/2:
 - 1st \$150.00 + TBD Trek Dealer Gift Card
 - 2nd \$100.00
 - 3rd \$75.00
- The following is the Series overall prize list for Single Speed, Masters 35+ 1/2/3, Masters 50+ 1/2/3 and Women's Masters 1/2/3:
 - 1st \$100.00 + TBD Trek Dealer Gift Card
 - 2nd \$60.00

3rd \$40.00

- The following is the Series overall prize list for Open Cat 3:

1st	\$75.00 + TBD
2nd	\$50.00
3rd	\$25.00

- In addition, Series Overall Winners in the above categories will receive a custom designed Wisconsin CX Series Champion jersey.
- Junior category series winners will also receive the Series Overall Champion Jersey.
- No jerseys will be awarded to Category 4 or Category 5 racers
- Jerseys must be ordered within specified window at the close of the series; Please ensure the WCA CX committee has your correct contact information.

******Section may be amended prior to September 1, 2021 based upon Series Sponsorship******

TEAM SERIES POINTS AND AWARDS

- Team points per race day are determined by totaling the points of the top three individual placings from each team per day.
- Riders using one-day licenses are not considered licensed team members.
- The Team Series Overall will be awarded to the team with the highest sum of team points for the all of the race days.
- Ties will be broken by Feats of Strength at the State Championships. Cyclocross Committee decisions are final.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- The top three places in each category shall receive USA Cycling medals: gold, silver and bronze for their accomplishments.
- Medals are in addition to any payouts / merchandise advertised by the race promoter.
- No jerseys will be awarded for the one day race. See Series Overall Awards for Jersey information.

PARTICIPANT NOTES

The WCA CX Series is a Safe and inclusive space for all. Participants shall have an equal opportunity to participate in bicycle racing without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin. Men's fields are open to all racers: men, women and non-binary racers. Women's races are open to all cis women, transwomen and non-binary racers. Junior categories are considered open to all juniors; racers may select the race that they feel most comfortable racing.

Discrimination or harassment of any type on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender sexual orientation, gender identification or national origin will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification at our events.

Link to USA Cycling Transgender policy:

<https://www.usacycling.org/about-us/governance/transgender-athletes-policy>