



Road Commission

CATEGORY GUIDELINES FOR 2011 ROAD RACING SEASON

Following the feedback received from the members of Cycling Ireland the Cycling Ireland Road Commission has decided to remain with the current Ability Grading System for 2011 with the exception of some minor changes. See below for the procedure for managing the Ability Grading System for 2011.

A+

Consist of riders registered with UCI registered teams.

A1

Consisting of A1 riders from the 2010 season and those riders who apply for an A1 licence. A1 riders will start the 2011 season with 0 points.

Riders who finish the 2010 season with zero points will be eligible to downgrade to a minimum of A2. Riders who opt for the downgrade will be graded as an A2 with 7 points at the beginning of the 2011 season. Applications for downgrade will only be accepted during the month of November 2010 and June 2011 (halfway through the season) to the National Grading Officer via grading@cyclingireland.ie

Riders upgraded from A2 in the 2010 season must remain as an A1 for the entire 2011 season.

A2

Consisting of A2 riders from the 2010 season and those riders who apply for an A2 licence. A2 riders who scored points during the 2010 season will carry over 50% of their year end total into the 2011 season, rounded down.

Riders who finish the 2010 season with zero points will only be eligible for downgrade on application to the National Grading Officer via the e mail :

grading@cyclingireland.ie . Such applications will only be received during the months of November 2010 and June 2011. (halfway through the season).

Successful downgrades will see the rider categorized as an A3 with 7 points at the beginning of the 2011 season.

Riders upgraded from A3 in the 2010 season must remain as an A2 for the entire 2011 season unless upgraded further.

A3

Consisting of A3 riders from the 2010 season and those riders who apply for an A3 licence. A3 riders who scored points during the 2010 season will carry over 50% of their year end total into the 2011 season, rounded down.

A4

Consisting of current A4 riders and new members to competitive racing. Former International Riders are not eligible for A4. Organizers are encouraged to promote A4 only races. Such races will not be in excess of 80km. A4s may race with other categories in a handicap situation only subject to the 80km distance restriction. A4s will not be allowed to compete in ANY stage race with any of the other categories. A4s who scored points in 2010 will carry forward 100% of the points scored into 2011.

The maximum number of prizes to be presented will not exceed the first 6 places.

JUNIORS

First year Juniors can start the 2011 season as either an A2/A3/A4 .

Second year Juniors will remain in the category they finished in at the end of the 2010 season.

Juniors in the A2 group will also be eligible to be upgraded to A1 if they reach the required points total. Due to the small number of races over 120km in length the distance restriction for Junior riders will be lifted.

Junior riders must adhere to the Maximum Gear Roll Out of 7.93 Metres no matter what category they are in.

GRADING POINTS

The number of points required to move through the categories have changed for the 2011 Season. The new targets are :

A4 to A3 = 10 points

A3 to A2 = 15 points

A2 to A1 = 15 points

I.V.C.A

I.V.C.A members who don't have a current Cycling Ireland Licence competing in a Cycling Ireland event will automatically be graded as an A3. If in possession of a current Cycling Ireland Licence the category stated on this will take priority.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

Irrespective of the Ability Grading System, the Championship format has not changed from previous years.

Mens Elite RR Championships- A+/A1/A2

Womens Elite RR Championships- A+/A1/A2/A3

Vets RR Championships- A1/A2/A3 with “Veteran” in brackets after the licence number

Junior RR Championships-A1/A2/A3 with “Junior” in brackets after the licence number. This now includes Junior Women

Senior Mens/Womens TT Championships- A+/A1/A2/A3/A4 with “Senior” in brackets after licence number

Junior TT Championship- A1/A2/A3/A4 with “Junior” in brackets after licence number

Vets TT Championship-A1/A2/A3/A4 with “Veteran” in brackets after licence number

National A3 Senior Mens RR Champs (formerly B Champs) – A3 with “Senior” in brackets after their licence number only.

Appendix 1

CHAPTER T3 - UPGRADING

1. Points will be awarded on all open races in Ireland as follows: -
 - (a) In road races, up 50km, points to be awarded 3-2-1
 - (b) In road races over 50km and up to 100km, points to be awarded: 6-5-4-3-2-1
 - (c) In road races over 100km, points to be awarded, 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
 - (d) National League road events points will be awarded 12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
 - (e) In any race with 20 riders or less, points to be awarded 3-2-1
 - (f) National Senior Road Race Championship - Double points as detailed in (d) above.
 - (g) National Veterans & National 'B' Road Race Championship 12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3.
 - (h) National Time Trial Championship 6-5-4-3-2-1. For all disciplines.
 - (i) National Hill Climb Championship 6-5-4-3-2-1.
 - (j) National Criterium Championship 12-10-8-6-4-2.
 - (k) International Calendar single day events – Double points awarded as (d) above.
 - (l) Stage races – per stage as (a), (b), (c) above in respect of road stages and time trial stages 3-2-1, final general classification - points to be awarded: 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.
 - (m) International Calendar stage races – per stage as (f) and (h) above, final general classification points to be awarded 34-32-30-28-26-24-22-20-18-16-14-12-10-8-6.
 - (n) In Time Trial Leagues comprising six (6) or more events, points to be awarded 3-2-1 for the first 3 overall in the League.

Points Table																
Placing		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
RR up to 50Km	T3.1.(a)	3	2	1												
RR 50 - 100km	T3.1.(b)	6	5	4	3	2	1									
RR over 100km	T3.1.(c)	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
National League	T3.1.(d)	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
Race < 20 riders	T3.1.(e)	3	2	1												
National RR Champ	T3.1.(f)	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6					
National Vet & B RR Champs	T3.1.(g)	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3					
National TT Champ	T3.1.(h)	6	5	4	3	2	1									
National HC Champ	T3.1.(i)	6	5	4	3	2	1									
National Crit Champ	T3.1.(j)	12	10	8	6	4	2									
UCI Event Single Day	T3.1.(k)	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6					
Stage Race Final GC (1)	T3.1.(l)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
UCI Stage Race Final GC (2)	T3.1.(m)	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6
TT League (6 or more events)	T3.1.(n)	3	2	1												
Note 1 - Stage Points as (a), (b), (c) above in respect of road stages with 3-2-1 for TT Stage																
Note 2 - UCI Stage Points as (f) and (h) above																