



MCA MTB Race Category System

Statement of Intent

The aim of racing in Manitoba is provide a fun and competitive venue for athletes to test their bike riding ability. To provide this environment riders are placed in a category according to points earned in Manitoba mountain bike cup races and events. It should be noted that upgrading to a higher category is viewed as a form of accomplishment and not as a form of punishment - all riders should have the opportunity to compete with their peers.

MCA MTB 2010 Categories

Male	Female
Elite	Elite
Expert	Expert
Comp	Comp
Sport	Sport
U17	U17
U15	U15
U13	U13
U11	U11
U9	U9

Policy

1. A rider begins a new season in the highest category they finished in any previous MCA season.
2. A rider who has been out of racing for a few years, or athletes who don't feel that they can train to be competitive at their current category, can request that the committee grant them a downgrade.
3. The MTB committee grants permission for an upgrade or downgrade.
4. The points system for moving up to the next category is based on both points accumulated and lap times.
5. Points are calculated on results from all competitive MCA mountain bike races: Cup races, and Wednesday Night Series, events excluding team and 24 hour events
6. Results will be tracked & carried over from season to season for racers who do not participate on a regular basis
7. A rider that earns an upgrade will be issued a new license from the MCA at no charge. A

change in license can happen at any time during the season or at the start of the next season

8. Manitoba Cup Points gained within the current season will be worth 70% in the next higher category if moved up during the same season.
9. Riders in the Citizen category stay in that category for the entire season unless they upgrade to a full race license at which time they will be placed in the appropriate category
10. An exception is made for youth riders that are members of the provincial program. Riders that are members of the provincial program require racing experiences to prepare them for major events such as nationals, Canada games, etc. Youth riders will still get points like everyone else, but would be upgraded at the discretion of the provincial program.

Points system for moving up to the next category:

1. Any rider who earns 80 Cup Points in 3 consecutive races entered, excluding a DNF, will be considered for moving up to the next category – races carry over from season to season, you do not re-set after each season.
2. In the 3 races where a racer has earned the points required to move up a category their average lap times must be competitive in the next higher category; this is defined as lap times that match or exceed the times of top 70% of the riders in the next higher category.
 - Example A: Racer X (Sport) has accumulated enough points to be considered for moving up to the next category. Over the three races, racer A's average lap time was 37.5 minutes. The average lap time of racer Y from the Comp category is 38 minutes (racer Y is the slowest rider based on average lap times that falls within the top 50% of riders in the Comp category); racer X will be moved up to the next category.
 - Example B: Racer M (Comp) has accumulated enough points to be considered for moving up to the next category. Over the three races racer A's average lap time was 35.5 minutes. The average lap time of racer B from the Expert category is 34.5 minutes (racer B is the slowest rider based on average lap times that falls within the top 70% of riders in the Expert category); racer M will **not** be moved up to the next category.
3. If there are less than 3 participants in the next higher category, your average lap times must be within 2 minutes of the winner
4. Any rider who has lap times in two races that is the same or better than the lap times of the top 70% of the next higher category will be moved up the next higher category

MTB Point Breakdown

1 st – 30	6 th – 18	11 th – 13	16 th – 8	21 st - 3
2 nd – 25	7 th – 17	12 th – 12	17 th – 7	22 nd - 2
3 rd – 22	8 th – 16	13 th – 11	18 th – 6	23 rd - 1
4 th – 20	9 th – 15	14 th – 10	19 th – 5	All others – 1
5 th – 19	10 th – 14	15 th – 9	20 th – 4	DNF/DNS - 0