

Membership and License FAQ

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Answers

1. What is a license?

A license is the identity document used to verify that you are a member of a Cycling Federation affiliated with the UCI (the International Cycling Union). Assuming that you are a member in good standing and are not suspended, it gives you the right to participate in bicycle races in the categories and disciplines listed on the license. Possession of a license also proves that you carry liability insurance in case you cause property damage or injuries to others while racing.

2. Why do I need a license?

You need a license for the following reasons:

- To prove your identity and racing categories
- To prove that you are covered by our insurance policy
- To prove that you have agreed to the participant declaration, where you acknowledge that you will follow the regulations of the sport, and will accept both disciplinary and anti-doping procedures, if necessary

3. What should I do with my license when I receive it?

After you receive your license card, do the following:

- Review the information on the card to make sure it is correct; if there is an error, contact the Manitoba Cycling office as soon as possible (e-mail: cycling.ed@sportmanitoba.ca / 204-925-5686)
- Sign the back of the card in the space provided
- Make a photocopy of both sides of the card, and keep the copy with your racing clothing in case you forget to bring the original
- Bring the original to sign-in at every race

4. What happens if I don't bring my license with me to a race?

You must present your license at sign-in at every race, whether you have pre-registered on-line or not. This is important to verify your identity and your presence at the race. If you do not have your license card with you, for races in Manitoba it may be possible to identify you with your driver's license compared against a membership list. submitted to the commissaire, however, not all races may have a Cycling Manitoba membership list present. It is possible that if you don't have your license with you, you may be denied entry to the race, especially if the race is outside of Manitoba.

5. I've lost my license. What do I do?

Contact the Manitoba Cycling office as soon as possible (cycling.mb@gmail.com) or 204-925-5686). A replacement card can be issued; the lost license replacement fee is \$25.00.

6. What kinds of license are available?

The Manitoba Cycling Association sells several different kinds of license, as follows:

UCI/CCA International License: This license allows you to compete anywhere in the World, in the race category for each cycling discipline listed on your license. The "17+" license applies to athletes age 17 and over. The U17 license applies to athletes age 16 and younger. Photo identification is required on this license type.

For races held within MB, the UCI license allows you to advance through the different ability categories for the disciplines in which you race, once you demonstrate the skill and fitness necessary to do so. Also, for races that use age categories instead of ability categories, the UCI license is the only license that allows you to race in your age category.

MCA Citizen License: This is a Manitoba only license that allows you to race in the entry level category. You are allowed to compete at Provincial Championships, however you will not be eligible to podium.

With a citizen license, you can't enter your age category in races that are run with age categories. Also, you do not have the possibility to advance to more difficult ability categories as your skill level and fitness level rises. In order to do this, you must instead have an UCI International License. You may upgrade to a UCI license at any point in the season.

General License: This is a non-racing license for those wanting to ride or train with a MCA affiliated club. If you want to volunteer or ride along with a kids of mud program (subject to KOM club rules) you would purchase this license type providing you do not plan to race.

Technical/Specialty License: If you are a race organizer, commissaries, team manager, team coach, team driver, MCA board member, or soigneur you may apply for a technical license. You must hold a general membership or UCI/CCA 17+ license to add the above technical designations to your license.

7. What is a club membership and what does it allow?

You can participate in MCA sanctioned club rides held by the club that you have joined. For insurance purchases you must also purchase a General membership or race license through the MCA. Club memberships are purchased directly thru the club. Please visit the club's website or contact the club directly for further information.

8. Can I belong to more than one club or team?

Yes. However, only one club or team with which you are primarily affiliated will be listed on your license card.

9. What requirements are there for Residence and Nationality when applying for a license?

Any rider may apply for a license from the federation where he has his main residence, irrespective of his/her nationality.

A rider must take out a license in the province/territory of residence. A rider may only hold one international license.

Individuals with dual citizenship status must, when applying for their license for the first time or

within two years of gaining a different citizenship, choose the country they wish to represent at the time of application for a license. This decision is final for all athletes over the age of 18. The UCI will no longer allow individuals with multiple citizenship to change the nation they represent.

10. How can I get a license?

You can apply for a license on-line, via the Manitoba Cycling Association web site (www.mbcycling.ca) or in person at the MCA office. All UCI racing licenses require photo identification. Additional fees apply for licenses purchased manually thru the MCA office or on race day. Visit the "Membership tab" of the MCA website for a link to online registration.

11. What are the Photo requirements for racing licenses?

The new plastic UCI license card will have the photo of the holder printed on the card. This means that you will need to collect a jpg photograph of each UCI license holder when the registration process is being completed.

The photo should be head and shoulders only with no hat or sunglasses and a light single colored background.

The cards will be black on white this year as prescribed by the UCI. The photo will be a monochrome (black and white) print but color photos can be provided for use.

Photo Requirement Summary:

File Type: .jpg

File Size: less than 600 kilobytes

Background: Light single colored / white preferred

Photo Style: May be black & white or color

Prohibited: No dark glasses or hats

12. I'm having a technical problem with MCA's on-line registration system. What should I do?

Cycle Component Network is MCA's on-line registration service provider. They have designed and programmed the registration system that we now use. If you need technical assistance when registering online please contact the CNN help-line at 1-888-988-2453. If you have a question

concerning licenses or membership that this FAQ does not answer, please contact the Manitoba Cycling Association directly.

13. How long does it take to process a license application or change to my license (e.g. category upgrade)?

Most of the year, license applications and change requests can be processed within 2-3 weeks however, some times of year are busier than others. In the period between January and early May, processing times are at there highest and additional time may be required. If you purchase your license online, please print a copy of your email receipt received from CCN as proof of purchase. The email print-out can be used until your hard-card license arrives in the mail. If you require rush processing please contact the MCA office at 204-925-5686.

Also, the processing times stated above assume that you have provided all required information, including:

- Signed waiver and declaration (including the parent / guardian signature for applicants under 18).
- Provided all personal and address information
- For UCI license applications, have submitted a photograph for your license card.

14. Waiver Requirements for members Under the age of 19.

For all riders under the age of 18, a parent/guardian **MUST** submit a signed paper copy of the waiver to the MCA before your membership will become valid. No membership will be processed for riders under 18 without this signed waiver. Note: the waiver is a legal document and cannot be agreed to by any other person for an individual over the age of 18.