



Race Category Upgrade/Downgrade Policies

Effective 2/1/2020

Section 1 – General Policies

- 1.1) Only races permitted by USA Cycling (USAC), another UCI affiliated National Federation, or another organization affiliated with the New York State Bicycle Racing Association (NYSBRA) will be recognized.
- 1.2) The New York Velodrome Association (NYVA) is the “track operator” as defined in the USAC guidelines.
- 1.3) Races to be considered for voluntary upgrades will have been held within a 36 month period from the date of the upgrade request. Only races participated in the rider’s current category will be considered.
- 1.4) Riders who have upgraded will start with a zero points balance in their new category.
- 1.5) Junior and Youth riders who earn points in junior and youth races will not have those points count towards mandatory upgrade consideration.
- 1.6) Juniors, Youth and Masters who earn points in category races will have those points count towards mandatory upgrade consideration only up to Category 3.
- 1.7) Series: Riders who are more than halfway through a series of ten races or less may request a one-time waiver of mandatory upgrade consideration with approval from the NYVA.
- 1.8) A rider who feels like they have advanced too quickly may request a downgrade through their USAC account, with the request subject to review. Riders may not downgrade to the Novice/Cat 5 category in any discipline.
- 1.9) A rider may be downgraded by NYVA for the following reasons: unsafe riding, lack of ability to compete in current category, or lack of placing within current category

Section 2 – Track Upgrade Policies

- 2.1) All upgrade points awarded are based on overall results of omniums and match sprint tournaments, with the exception of national championships and UCI omnium or sprint tournaments.
- 2.2) Upgrades from Novice/Cat 5 to Cat 4 – Rider must participate in at least 7 race days of racing. 3 of these 7 can be fulfilled by completing a NYVA Beginners Clinic, 2 of these 7 can be fulfilled by completing a clinic that is approved by NYVA, and 1 of these 7 can be fulfilled by completing a NYVA Advanced Clinic. Riders that finish 10 races or more will be considered for mandatory upgrade.
- 2.3) Upgrades from Cat 4 to Cat 3 – Rider must earn at least 20 points (based on the table below) in any 36 month period. Up to 5 points may be earned by riders completing approved USAC track clinics. Riders that earn at least 20 points in any 12 month period will be considered for mandatory upgrade.
- 2.4) Upgrades from Cat 3 to Cat 2 – Rider must earn at least 25 points as a Cat 3 in any 36 month period. Riders that earn at least 20 points as a Cat 3 in any 12 month period will be considered for mandatory upgrade.
- 2.5) Upgrades from Cat 2 to Cat 1 - Rider must earn at least 30 points as a Cat 2 in any 36 month period. Riders that earn at least 20 points as a Cat 2 in any 12 month period will be considered for mandatory upgrade. Upgrade points must be earned at least 2 different velodromes.



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2.6) Points will be earned for each event completed according to the following table:

Place	Championships and UCI Omnium or Sprint Tournament	Championships and UCI Mass Start Single Race/ Non-Championship Omniums or Sprint Tournament*	Non-Championship Mass Start Omniums or Sprint Tournament ^
1	7	5	3
2	5	3	2
3	3	2	1
4	2	1	
5	1		

* Omnium with at least 10 riders or Sprint Tournament with at least 6 riders
 ^ Omnium with less than 10 riders or Sprint Tournament with less than 6 riders

- 2.7) Riders who have a USAC Professional license or possess a USAC Cat 1 road license may be upgraded to Cat 2 for track with approval of USAC and may be required to successfully complete clinics or other skills training.
- 2.8) Riders who possess a USAC Cat 2 road license may be upgraded to Cat 4 for track with approval of NYVA and may be required to successfully complete clinics or other skills training.