



# Upgrade Policies and Procedures

## **Section 1 – General Guidelines and Procedures**

- 1.1) Track upgrades and downgrades for USA Cycling (USAC) Categories 2 through 4 are handled by the New York Velodrome Association (NYVA) in coordination with the USA Cycling Local Associations in the area.
- 1.2) Track upgrades to USAC Category 1 are handled by the USAC Event Services Regional Managers, in coordinator with the NYVA.
- 1.3) All upgrade requests must be conducted through the rider's personal account on usacycling.org. The request must include a roster/resume of the races attended with the following information for each race: Name, Date, Category Entered, Final Result, # of starters (if known). Any requests missing this information will be declined without consideration.

## **Section 2 – Upgrades**

- 2.1) Upgrade points are available to fields of at least 10 riders for men, and 6 riders for women. Fields that are slightly smaller may be eligible for partial awarding of points at the sole discretion of the NYVA.
- 2.2) For upgrades up to USAC Category 3, upgrade points are 5,3,2,1 and are based on an omnium of the event's races. If the race ran individual events but did not award omnium prizes, the points are still allocated as though they had run an omnium. Omniums will be counted for upgrading if at least half of the events on the omnium were massed-start.
- 2.3) For upgrades to USAC Category 2 and higher, USAC events that are classified as a Category C or higher will earn 7 5,3,2,1 points for each event held.
- 2.4) A "race day" is defined as one full day of racing. A race day can include a number of events such as a kilometer, sprints or time trial, but it only counts as one race day.
- 2.5) The following outlines the minimum requirements needed as defined by the NYVA for eligibility for upgrade consideration:
  - 2.5.1) From Category 5 to Category 4: Complete 7 race days, of which up to 3 race days can be earned by completing a track clinic or certification program. The number of race day credits given for such a clinic/certification will be solely the decision of NYVA.
  - 2.5.2) From Category 4 to Category 3: Earn 20 points in at least 5 race days. The races where points are earned must contain riders of category 4 level and above: Racing containing category 5 riders cannot be considered for category 4 upgrade points.
  - 2.5.3) From Category 3 to Category 2: Earn 25 points in at least 5 race days. The races where points are earned must contain riders of category 3 level and above: Racing containing category 4 and 5 riders cannot be considered for category 3 upgrade points.
  - 2.5.4) From Category 2 to Category 1: As published in the USA Cycling rule book (Policy VIII, Section 3). Points earned need to be from more than one velodrome. A 20 person field minimum is required for an event to be considered for USAC Category 1 upgrade points.
- 2.6) Women and Juniors earn 1 point for every 5 race days towards upgrades from USAC Category 4 through USAC Category 2.



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- 2.7) Races exempt from upgrading are Youth races and races of more than two categories (i.e., "A" and "B" races).
- 2.8) With the approval of USA Cycling Staff, in coordination with NYVA, riders who are USAC Pro or Category 1 on the road may be considered for at most USAC Category 2 status on the track, and riders who are USAC Category 2 on the road may be considered for at most USAC Category 3 status on the track, without first having to begin at USAC Category 5 for men and women. Upgrades may be contingent on participation in clinics or a set number of beginner races, and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for merit.

### **Section 3 - Track Downgrades**

- 3.1) A rider who wishes to downgrade may request a downgrade online. Such requests will be evaluated individually. In no case will a rider be allowed to downgrade to USAC Category 5.
- 3.2) A rider will not be downgraded in the same year that he was upgraded.
- 3.3) A rider may be downgraded for the following reasons: unsafe riding, lack of ability to compete in current category, or lack of placing within current category.