## Wisconsin Off-Road Series

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# INTRODUCTION

The Wisconsin Off-Road Series is both America's Largest State Mountain Biking Racing Series and also the longest running as it enters its 32nd season. WORS offers riders of all backgrounds and abilities a competitive, fun, and family-friendly environment to test their skills on Wisconsin's finest trails.

2024 promises to be a big year as the series unveils a collection of exciting additions, changes, and campaigns. Multi-day, full weekend festivals will now often feature Short Track in addition to Cross-Country racing, with Enduro, Time Trial and Dual Slalom events also appearing on the calendar. Reduced entry fees for juniors, women's only fields, and free beginner racing all highlight the series' commitment to lowering barriers of entry and creating an inclusive environment for all.

Whether it's for the racing, the activities, the camping, the community, or simply just the vibes, we invite you to join us in 2024 and enjoy everything the series has to offer.

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# 1... Calendar

# WORS 2024 Calendar and Racing Breakdown:

May 3-5, 2024	TREK RED BARN	Waterloo, WI	XC   Short Track   Dual Slalom   Time Trial
May 17-19, 2024	ENGLEWOOD OPEN	Fall River, WI	XC
June 1-2, 2024	BATTLE OF CAMROCK	Cambridge, WI	XC
June 14-16, 2024	WAUSAU NINE MILE	Wausau, WI	XC   Short Track   Time Trial
June 22 - 23, 2024	COLECTIVO COFFEE	Waukesha, WI	XC
July 12-14, 2024	ORA TRAILS FEST	La Crosse, WI	XC   Short Track   Enduro   Time Trial
July 19-21, 2024	TREADFEST	Lake Geneva, WI	XC
August 3-4, 2024	REFO RAMBLE	Green Bay, WI	XC   Short Track
August 16-18, 2024	ALPINE VALLEY	Elkhorn, WI	XC   Short Track   Enduro

# 2024 XC Standardized Racing Schedule:

8:00AM	Newbies	
8:30AM	Kids Comp	
9:00AM	Citizen Men	
10:00AM	Citizen + Sport Women	
11:30AM	Sport Men	
1:00PM	Elite Women + Comp Women	
2:30PM	Elite Men + Comp Men	

# 2... Venue Layouts

**Coming Soon** 

# 3... Festival | Expo | Food & Drink

# EXPO

The Wisconsin Off-Road Series will often host expos at its events. These are great opportunities to interact with people and brands that support mountain biking in the state of Wisconsin. Centrally located will always be the Trek hospitality tent, home to a lounge, race results, and on especially hot days even cooling fans.

### Standard Expo Hours:

Saturday: 9am - 5pm Sunday: 8am - 3pm

While we try to maintain standardized hours between our events, races can have different schedules that will lead to adjusted expo hours. Be sure to visit the individual race pages or race guides for exact expo times.

# FOOD COURT

#### Regular Partners:

Bike racing is hard work! So is watching bike racing, for that matter. That's why we've got you covered with a variety of food options. We're doing our best to ensure a balanced selection of different food types, including options that are vegetarian or vegan friendly.

While each race has its own lineup of food, we do work with several partners on a series-basis, who are found at the majority of WORS events. Be sure to visit the individual race pages or race guides for exact food vendors.

- 1. Englewood Grass Fed Beef
  - a. Burgers
- 2. Wonderstate Coffee
  - a. Coffee
- 3. Sunshine Brewing
  - a. Beer
- 4. Sweet Memories
  - a. Ice Cream

### On-Site Complimentary Water:

- 1. Water Monsters
  - a. Free water is offered at all WORS events. You can locate the refill stations by viewing our venue maps, found earlier in this document, or by asking a WORS staff member at the event itself.

Interested in being a sponsor or vendor? Get in touch with us at wors@trekbikes.com or fill out this form.

# 4... Courses

Please refer to individual Race Guides for course updates.

# 5... Race Information (Registration, Categories & Classes, Pricing)

## Registration

Registration is quick, easy, and facilitated online through BikeReg. We will have on-site computers and tablets that you can do this on if you choose to register day-of at the venue.

All registration links can be accessed from the home page on our web site.

On-site packet pickup location and hours can be viewed on individual race pages.

# CATEGORIES & CLASSES:

### Cross-Country (XC)

1	Newbie	Men; Women;	
2	Kids Comp (Juniors)	GIRLS: 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; 13-14   BOYS: 7-8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13-14	
3	Citizen Men	U13; 13-14; 15-16; 17-18; 19-29; 30-39; 40-44; 45-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+, Clydesdale	
4	Citizen Women	U15; 15-18; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70+	
5	Sport Men	U15; 15; 16; 17-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59, 60-69, 70+, Clydesdale, Fatbike, SS	
6	Sport Women	J15; 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+	
7	Comp Men	19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60+, FatBike, Singlespeed	
8	Comp Women	9-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59, 60+	
9	Elite Junior Girls	15-16; 17-18	
10	Elite Junior Boys	15-16; 17-18	
11	Elite Men	29 & under, 30-39, 40-49, 50+	
12	Elite Women	29 & under, 30-39, 40-49, 50+	

### Short Track (XXC)

1	Kids Comp	7-10; 11-14	
2	Citizen Men	U19; 19-39; 40-59; 60+	
3	Citizen + Sport Women	U19; 19-39; 40-59; 60+	
4	Sport + Comp Men	U19; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60+	
5	Elite Women	U30; 30-39; 40+	
6	Elite Men	U30; 30-39; 40+	

Beginners					
1	Boys 14 & Under	16 slots			
2	Girls 14 & Under	8 slots			
3	Boys 15-18	16 slots			
4	Girls 15-18	8 slots			
5	Men 19-39	16 slots			
6	Women 19-39	8 slots			
7	Men 40+	16 slots			
8	Women 40+	8 slots			

#### Dual Slalom:

Sport (Intermediate)				
9	Boys 18 & Under	16 slots		
10	Girls 18 & Under	8 slots		
13	Men 19-39	16 slots		
14	Women 19-39	8 slots		
15	Men 40+	16 slots		
16	Women 40+	8 slots		

Expert				
17	Girls 18 & Under	8 slots		
18	Boys 18 & Under	16 slots		
19	Women 19-39	8 slots		
20	Men 19-39	16 slots		
21	Women 40+	8 slots		
22	Men 40+	16 slots		

### Time Trial:

1	Kids Comp	Boys: 7-10; 11-14   Girls: 7-10; 11-14			
2	Citizen	Men: 18 & Under; 19-39; 40-49; 50+   Women: 18 & Under, 19-39; 40+			
3	Sport	Men: 18 & Under; 19-39; 40-49; 50+   Women: 18 & Under, 19-39; 40+			
4	Comp	Men: 29 & Under ; 30 & Over   Women			
5	Elite	Men   Women			

Enduro					
1	Sport	70 Slots			
2	Advanced	70 Slots			

#### Category Descriptions:

### **Cross-Country Category Descriptions:**

**Newbie:** (All ages and genders) a non-series category for individuals looking for a casual initial experience of mountain bike racing. Race distance is approximately 3-5 miles on a beginner-friendly course. For beginners, racing in the Newbie category is ABSOLUTELY FREE. You will need to register and sign a waiver, but no entry fee is required to race. This is a fun, inclusive, and pressure-free category that will kick off our Sunday racing. <u>You may</u> enter three Newbie races before being asked to either pay a \$10 entry fee or advance to Citizen.

**Kids Comp:** (Boys and Girls, racing age 7-14) Racers in this category must be able to ride without direct parental supervision and should be able to complete a five-mile trail in less than 1 hour. Races for this category are typically 3-5 miles, with the winning time typically being approximately 25 minutes.

**Citizen Men:** (Boys and Men, all ages) A Citizen competitor shall be a new or recreational racer with limited riding time. It is designed to be a category for novice and beginner riders, with races typically being 8-12 miles in length. Winning times for most races are approximately 40 minutes.

**Citizen Women and Sport Women** (Girls and Women, all ages) A Citizen competitor shall be a new or recreational racer with limited riding time. It is designed to be a category for novice and beginner riders, with races typically being 8-12 miles in length. Winning times for most races are approximately 50 minutes. A Sport competitor is an experienced racer of average ability. Races will typically be 12-16 miles in length. The Citizen and Sport Women will each ride the "moderate" course. Girls or women wishing to ride the more challenging course will be able to do so in the Comp category - which will be the same number of laps and very similar distance, but on the more challenging course.

**Sport Men** (Boys and Men) A sport competitor is an experienced racer of average ability. Races will be 12-18 miles, and winning time in this category will generally be approximately 60 minutes.

**Comp & Elite Women** (Girls and Women) Participants in this category will race on the same course, with Elite riders doing one additional lap. A sport competitor is an experienced racer of average ability. An elite competitor is a seasoned racer with ample racing experience. Wining times for the sport and elite categories will be approximately 75 minutes and 90 minutes, respectively. An international pro or USA Cycling Mountain Category 1 Annual License is required to compete in the Elite category. Elite Jr Girls (15-18) will race one less lap than the Elite Women.

**Comp & Elite Men:** (Boys and Men, ages 15+) Participants in this category will race on the same course, with Elite riders doing one additional lap. A Comp competitor is a racer of above average ability. An elite competitor is a racer looking for the highest level of competition in WORS. Either an International Pro or USA Cycling Mountain Category 1 annual license is required to compete in the elite category. Winning times for comp and elite will typically be around 90 minutes and 100 minutes, respectively. Cat 1 Jr Boys (15-16 & 17-18) will race the WORS Comp distance.

# Short Track & Time Trial Category Descriptions:

**All racers** will participate on the same course for short track and time trial racing, regardless of category. The following categories are recommended based on cross-country categories.

IF YOU RACE	(XC CATEGORY)	YOU SHOULD RACE	(XCC CATEGORY)
	Newbie	$\rightarrow$	Beginner
	Kids Comp	$\rightarrow$	Kids Comp
	Citizen	$\rightarrow$	Beginner
	Sport	$\rightarrow$	Intermediate
	Comp	$\rightarrow$	Advanced
	Elite	$\rightarrow$	Advanced

**Dual Slalom Category Descriptions:** 

**All racers** will participate on the same course for dual slalom racing, regardless of category. The following categories are recommended based on cross-country categories.

IF YOU RACE	(XC CATEGORY)	YOU SHOULD RACE	(Dual Slalom Category)
	Newbie	$\rightarrow$	Beginners
	Kids Comp	$\rightarrow$	Beginners
	Citizen	$\rightarrow$	Beginners OR Sport

	Sport	$\rightarrow$	Sport
	Comp	$\rightarrow$	Elite
	Elite	$\rightarrow$	Elite
	n) An Enduro sport comp		iverage ability. Participants in this , and small drops. Typically, there
will be 3-4 different stag <b>Advanced</b> (Men and W along with a few addition racer of above-average	es per Enduro race for th omen) Participants in this nal, more challenging sta ability. Participants in this	e Sport category. Full-face helme s category will race on the same of ges. An Enduro Advanced compo s category will race on courses th cents. Full-face helmets are strong	ets are strongly recommended. courses as the Sport category, etitor is an experienced downhill at may feature major drops and
	Additional Ca	tegory & Class Information	:
Additional Category and	Class Information		
Clydesdale competitors		absolute minimum of 200 pounds gistration – failure to weigh in or r s within their category.	
<i>Fat Bike class</i> is for race tires at least 3.8 inches		ikes. Participants in this category	must be on bicycles that have
	or racers participating on s on their bicycle for the d	single-speed bicycles. Participant uration of the event.	s in this category must not have
In-season Category Tra	nsfers		
Your points accrued in t Sport category after the	he previous class will ren	ut the season, you may do so, bu nain. For example, if a Citizen rid art their fifth race with zero points r of the year.	er chooses to advance to the
		see the Trek team at the registra \$10 administration fee will apply	
Advancing Categories F	Policy		
		ecifies when a rider must advance lacing in the top 10 overall or top	
Category Size Policy			
averages 20+ riders thro	oughout the entire seasor	nanently moving forward, a class n. For example, Sport Men 40-49 it into two distinct classes - Sport	had an average of 27.4 riders

E-Bike Category

There is no e-bike category in WORS this year; e-bikes are prohibited in all of our events. That said, e-bike categories for cross-country, short track and time trial racing are under consideration for future years. If you are interested in seeing an e-bike category in the future, please send us a note at wors@trekbikes.com

# PRICING

Prices everywhere are going up, and it's no fun. For the third straight year, we'll be keeping our prices the same.

Our goal at WORS is to blend the most professionally organized racing in the country with the most affordable prices.

Early Registration applies until the Wednesday before the event at 11:59pm. Late Registration will apply from Thursday at 12:00am until a half hour before racing starts, when registration will close.

XC Racing				
	Early Registration	Late Registration	Series Registration	
Newbie	FREE	FREE	N/A	
Kids Comp + ALL U18	\$30	\$40	\$215	
Citizen	\$40	\$50	\$290	
Sport	\$40	\$50	\$290	
Comp	\$40	\$50	\$290	
Elite	\$40	\$50	\$290	

XCC Racing			
	Early Registration	Late Registration	Series Registration
Kids Comp	\$15	\$20	\$75
Citizen	\$20	\$25	\$100
Sport	\$20	\$25	\$100
Comp	\$20	\$25	\$100
Elite	\$20	\$25	\$100

Bonus Racing Series				
Enduro - Novice	\$50	\$60	N/A	
Enduro - Advanced	\$50	\$60	N/A	
Hill Climb   Time Trial   Sprint \$20 \$25 N/A				

Cross-Country Team Registration	
Small Division (<10 riders)	\$100
Medium Division (10-19 riders)	\$150
Large Division (20+ riders)	\$200

# 2024 WORS Women's Racing Changes

There were several changes introduced this year to women's racing in the Wisconsin Off-Road Series. The following page will break down those changes and help riders make sense of what it means for them.

2024 Women's XC Racing				
<u>Category</u>	Start Time	<u># Laps</u>	<u>Course</u>	Avg Distance
Citizen Women	10:00AM	2	Citizen-Level	~ 8 miles
Sport Women	10:00AM	3	Citizen-Level	~ 12 miles
Comp Women	1:00PM	3	Elite-Level	~15 miles
Elite Women	1:00PM	4	Elite-Level	~20 miles

## What Changed This Year?

- 1. We introduced a new category Comp for women.
- 2. We created a new race that combines citizen and sport women, meaning that citizen women now get to race on a course with just other women.
- 1. As a result of the above changes, the time slots for racing have changed slightly.

### What do these changes mean?

- 1. Comp + Elite Women now share a time slot together, racing at 1:00pm. This aligns their structure to that of the comp and elite men, ensuring that comp and elite women will always ride the same course (the most challenging version) as the comp and elite men.
- 2. Citizen + Sport Women now share a time slot together, racing at 10:00am. This provides citizen women with the same opportunity afforded to sport and comp last year: racing with just other women on a far less congested course.

If you raced citizen or elite last year, and don't wish to change categories, there is nothing major that is different about your racing experience this year. You will race on the same courses and do the same number of laps. The only big changes are what time you race and who you're racing with.

If you raced sport last year and don't wish to change categories (i.e., you want to continue racing roughly the same distance as sport) you have two options:

- 1. Continue racing in sport, which will be the same number of laps as last year but on an easier, more beginner-friendly course.
- Start racing in comp, which will be the same number of laps as last year but on either the same courses as last year, or slightly more challenging courses at the few events that have elite-only sections.

The following tables aim to provide further clarity, with perspectives from all available categories from '23.

### I'm a female citizen rider. What do these changes mean for me, specifically?

	2023	2024			
What time you race	9:30AM	10:00AM			
Who you race with	Citizen Men	Sport Women			
Advancing to the next category	Sport Women; more challenging course; additional lap	Sport Women; extra lap; same course			
What course you race on	NO CHANGES!	NO CHANGES!			

#### Citizen Women '23 $\rightarrow$ '24

## I'm a female sport rider. What do these changes mean for me, specifically?

	2023	2024		
What time you race	12:30PM	10:00AM		
Who you race with	Elite Women	Citizen Women		
Advancing to the next category	Elite women; same course; additional lap	Comp women; more challenging course; same number of laps		
What course you race on	Sport-Level	Citizen-Level		

### Sport Women '23 $\rightarrow$ '24

For sport women who don't want to ride on the citizen-level course, they can move to the new comp category, where they will do the same number of laps as sport women, but race on a more technically challenging elite-level course. This will add a small amount of distance at most races, but not more than a few miles over the course of the entire race.

### I'm a female elite rider. What do these changes mean for me, specifically?

	2023	2024
What time you race	12:30PM	1:00PM
Who you race with	Sport Women	Comp Women
Advancing to the next category	You're at the top!	You're at the top!
What course you race on	NO CHANGES!	NO CHANGES!

# Elite Women '23 $\rightarrow$ '24

### Why did you make these changes?

- 1. The first reason was to address a problem last year in which elite women were racing on the sport-level course so that sport women didn't have to race on the elite-level course.
  - 1. Of course, with the new changes, it means that the problem was just moved to a different category: sport women would then have to race the citizen-level course so that citizen women didn't have to race the sport course
  - 2. The women's comp category helps solve this problem: Sport women who don't want to race on the citizen-level course can choose to do the same number of laps, and roughly the same distance (plus an extra mile or two) but do a more challenging course in the comp category.
- 2. The second reason was to give women more options. Men get four chances to advance (citizen → sport → comp → elite) through the levels of WORS. Before, women only got three chances (citizen → sport → elite), making the progression between categories a steeper jump. This change allows women to advance through the competition levels at the same pace as men.

	Stagin	ig Times & V	Vaves
SUNDAY			
Category	Staging Time	<u>Race Start Time</u>	<u>Waves</u>
Newbies	7:45AM	8:00AM	Mass Start
Kids Comp	8:15AM	8:30AM	1: Boys & Girls 13-14 2: Boys & Girls 11-12 3: Boys & Girls 9-10 4: Boys & Girls 7-8
Citizen Men	8:45AM	9:00AM	1: Boys 14 & Under 2: Boys 15-18 3: Men 20-39 4: Men 40-49 5: Men 50+
Citizen + Sport Women	9:45AM	10:00AM	1: Sport Women - all classes 2: Citizen Women - all classes
Sport Men	11:15AM	11:30AM	1: Men 40-49 2: Men 19-39 3: Boys 14 & Under 4: Boys 15-18 5: Men 50+, Clydesdale, Fat Bike & SS
Comp + Elite Women	12:45PM	1:00PM	1: Elite Women - all classes 2: Elite Jr Girls - all classes 3: Comp Women - all classes
Comp + Elite Men	2:15PM	2:30PM	1: Elite Men - all classes 2: Jr Elite Boys - all classes 3: Comp Men - all classes

# 6... Race Information (Staging | Waves | Call-Ups)

#### STAGING

Staging for every category will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the first wave. Riders are highly encouraged to be at the start line no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of their race.

#### WAVES

We will introduce a grid setup in 2024 – eight spots wide, and five rows back. In general, we will aim to start 3-5 rows (24 - 40 riders) per wave, taking total category size, course layout, and lap distance into account when making this decision.

Both the classes that make up each wave and the order the waves start in will most often be determined by average finishing times for each class.

At the end of every WORS race in 2024, we will take each class and find the average finishing time of participants. For example, the average finishing time for Sport Men 19-29 at the last race, Treadfest, was 1 hr 4 min 43 sec. Meanwhile, the average finishing time for Sport Boys 14 & Under at that same race was 1 hr 4 min 40 sec. This will influence what wave each class gets placed in, and what order that wave starts.

Why "most often be determined" and not "always determined"? Since (as illustrated in the above example) this will often separate various classes by mere seconds, and itself influence how fast a racer could complete the course in, we will occasionally adjust the order manually to give different groups the opportunity to start with no (or less) traffic in front of them. Wave orders will be published on the Thursday before each race, both on social media, in our race updates, and on our website.

#### CALL-UPS & START ORDER

Call-Ups will simply bring the highest ranked riders to the front of the starting line. We will call up the top 5 in every class, as ranked in the series standings at that point. Under the circumstance of nationally ranked riders attending a single WORS event, they will then get call ups behind these riders, in the order of their USAC ranking.

Most waves feature multiple classes. When this is the case, the order of operations will be to rank the riders according to their overall ranking within the full category.

For example, the elite men all start together in one wave. But in the elite men field, there are four different age classes. So the top five riders in each of these four classes will get called up (twenty riders total), but instead of calling them up 1-5 in one class and then another and so on, the twenty riders will get called up in the order of their overall placement within the category.

# 7... Results | Scoring | Awards

## Results

**RESULTS** will once again get hosted on MyRaceResults.

**ON-SITE RESULTS** will be both digitally displayed and posted via paper copies in the Trek Tent. Results are live and can be viewed during the race or immediately thereafter via the links on the website. QR Codes will be available at the venue as well.

**Series Standings** will be available for viewing on our website. Please expect several days between races and standings being updated.

**To challenge the results, or to identify a mistake**, please report as soon as possible to the timing tent. Award ceremonies are held ~30 minutes after the end of the race, and awards will be final at that point.

### Scoring

New for 2024, WORS has adjusted the series points scale in an effort to increase competition and provide an easier format to follow the standings. These point scales will apply for both age group and overall standings.

Six (6) races will count towards a rider's overall score in the cross-country racing series. For every additional race, a riders worst performance will be dropped and replaced with a small amount of bonus points as follows:

7th race = 3 bonus points 8th race = 5 bonus points 9th race = 10 bonus points

1st place = 100 points	18th place = 66 points	35th place = 49 points	52nd place = 32 points	69th place = 15 points
2nd place = 96 points	19th place = 65 points	36th place = 48 points	53rd place = 31 points	70th place = 14 points
3rd place = 93 points	20th place = 64 points	37th place = 47 points	54th place = 30 points	71st place = 13 points
4th place = 90 points	21st place = 63 points	38th place = 46 points	55th place = 29 points	72nd place = 12 points
5th place = 88 points	22nd place = 62 points	39th place = 45 points	56th place= 28 points	73rd place = 11 points
6th place = 86 points	23rd place = 61 points	40th place = 44 points	57th place = 27 points	74th place = 10 points
7th place = 84 points	24th place = 60 points	41st place = 43 points	58th place = 26 points	75th place = 9 points
8th place = 82 points	25th place = 59 points	42nd place = 42 points	59th place = 25 points	76th place = 8 points
9th place = 80 points	26th place = 58 points	43rd place = 41 points	60th place = 24 points	77th place = 7 points
10th place = 78 points	27th place = 57 points	44th place = 40 points	61st place = 23 points	78th place = 6 points
11th place = 76 points	28th place = 56 points	45th place = 39 points	62nd place = 22 points	79th place = 5 points
12th place = 74 points	29th place = 55 points	46th place = 38 points	63th place = 21 points	80th place = 4 points
13th place = 72 points	30th place = 54 points	47th place = 37 points	64th place = 20 points	81st place = 3 points
14th place = 70 points	31st place - 53 points	48th place = 36 points	65th place = 19 points	82nd place = 2 points
15th place = 69 points	32nd place = 52 points	49th place = 35 points	66th place = 18 points	83rd - 100th place = 1 poin
16th place = 68 points	33rd place = 51 points	50th place = 34 points	67th place = 17 points	
17th place = 67 points	34th place = 50 points	51st place = 33 points	68th place = 16 points	

Four (4) races will count towards a rider's overall score in the short track racing series. For doing an additional race and completing all five, a rider's worst performance will be dropped and replaced with the following bonus points:

Short Track Series Points Sc	ale (Category)		
1st place = 50 points	13th place = 29 points	25th place = 17 points	37th place = 5 points
2nd place = 46 points	14th place = 28 points	26th place = 16 points	38th place = 4 points
3rd place = 43 points	15th place = 27 points	27th place = 15 points	39th place = 3 points
4th place = 41 points	16th place = 26 points	28th place = 14 points	40th place = 2 points
5th place = 39 points	17th place = 25 points	29th place = 13 points	41st - 50th place = 1 point
6th place = 37 points	18th place = 24 points	30th place = 12 points	
7th place = 36 points	19th place = 23 points	31st place = 11 points	
8th place = 35 points	20th place = 22 points	32nd place = 10 points	
9th place = 34 points	21st place = 21 points	33rd place = 9 points	
10th place = 33 points	22nd place = 20 points	34th place = 8 points	
11th place = 31 points	23rd place = 19 points	35th place = 7 points	
12th place = 30 points	24th place = 18 points	36th place = 6 points	

### Awards

Awards will be distributed to the top 3 riders in each category for ALL racing in WORS - XC, XCC, and Time Trial. Enduro and Dual Slalom Racing will have their own award structure. Please refer to individual Race Pages for information on these awards.

PER-RACE AWARDS		SERIES AWARDS		
ALL XC + XCC + Time Trial Age Categories	Medals - Top 3   Podium - Top 5	ALL XC + XCC + Time Trial Age Categories	Plaques & Podium - Top 5	
Elite Men + Elite Women	Pro Payout: Top 5 Overall Cat	Elite Men + Elite Women	Pro Payout - Top 5 Overall Cat	

To be eligible for a series award, racers must have competed in the minimum number of races required:

• XC: 4 races

• XXC: 3 races

Riders who don't meet the minimum number of races required will be removed from series award contention. For example, if the 5th place rider in the standings finishes with 300 points in 3 finishes, and the 6th place rider finishes

with 290 points in 5 finishes, the 6th place rider will win the 5th place series award, assuming the 1st - 4th place riders all completed at least four races themselves. The rider with 300 points will maintain their results and position; they will simply just not be eligible for the series award.

2024 WORS Pro Payout						
PER-RACE PRO PAYOUT		SERIES OVERALL PRO PAYOUT				
1st	\$150		1st	\$500		
2nd	\$125		2nd	\$400		
3rd	\$100		3rd	\$300		
4th	\$75		4th	\$200		
5th	\$50		5th	\$100		
TOTAL PRIZE PURSE	\$1,000		TOTAL PRIZE PURSE	\$3,000		
	<u>.</u>		<b>-</b>	-		

# 8... Camping | Lodging | Parking

Camping

Camping is an essential part of the WORS experience.

When possible, WORS will attempt to promote the separation of two different camping zones. The first zone is strictly for tent camping and/or generator-free camping. This is a quiet zone, intended to give folks the most quiet night of sleep possible. The second zone will be for RV camping and/or generator camping. This is a zone that will allow for generators. Regardless of zones, quiet hours will be in effect for general noise between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

Because information varies significantly from event-to-event, the best place to find accurate camping information is the individual Race Guides.

Lodging

When possible, WORS will attempt to partner with Host Hotels in close proximity to event venues.

As with camping, the best place to find accurate lodging information is to visit the individual Race Guides.

**Event Parking** 

Info on parking surface, distance to venue, handicap parking and cost of parking can be found on Race Guides.

# 9... Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

Our goal at WORS is to be the best organization to volunteer for in the world.

By volunteering with us at Trek-owned race on a 3-hr shift, this is what you receive:

- Free race entry
- Free hat
- Free meal
- Volunteer t-shirt
- Automatically have access during your shift to a dedicated "Volunteer Caretaker", so there is always
  somebody to help you out, relieve you for a bathroom break, or get you food. Please utilize this person!

Volunteer opportunities can be found at the following links:

- Trek Red Barn Classic: <u>SIGN UP HERE</u>
- Wausau Nine Mile: SIGN UP HERE
- Alpine Valley: SIGN UP HERE

Volunteers will receive two rounds of communication prior to their shift:

- 30 days out: General reminder, with a short list of what to bring, what to expect, what to know.
- 5 days out: Refresher on the 30 days out email, in addition to last-minute updates, weather reports, and information on who to meet and where.

Volunteers will receive one round of communication after their shift:

• 3 days after: A note of thanks, in addition to an optional survey to let us know how your volunteer experience went, including what could have been done better, what we did well, and what we could change in the future.

# 10... Media

#### Photography + Videography

• For '24, there will be no exclusive photography partner with WORS. This means that we will welcome anybody to take pictures at the events. At events where Trek has our own internal team on-site, we will prioritize the promotion of this content over other content that is shot.

#### **Promotion Policy**

 If you would like to promote your race recap or video project on our website, you may email us at wors@trekbikes.com.

#### Accreditations

WORS will not offer any accreditations in 2024. Full access to the venue is available to everyone. If you
are a member of the media or a publication and would like to get in touch with us, please send an email to
marcus warrington@trekbikes.com.

### Drone Policy

- Drones are not allowed at WORS events without the express written consent of the Series Director and/or individual Race Director. This is for safety purposes. If you would like to obtain permission, you may do so by emailing wors@trekbikes.com.
- If you are caught flying a drone without prior permission, we will ask you to stop flying, regardless of whether or not you are licensed. If you are caught a second time, you will be asked to leave the venue. Being caught a third time in a single event weekend will result in a 1-year ban from WORS races.

# 11... Weather Policy

The nature of outdoor events over the course of several days in the Midwest throughout summer means that weather will inevitably play an impactful role on our series. As such, we have developed a new weather policy that aims to better define and increase the transparency of our decision-making process. This policy has been developed with safety in mind above all else; to a lesser degree, we will also take into consideration potential damage to trail systems and venues. While decisions will often be borderline and very difficult, we will firmly stand by our decision to err on the side of caution.

The Wisconsin Off-Road Series reserves the right to cancel any event, at any time, due to what we deem to be inclement weather. The Series Director is responsible for the decision regarding the cancellation of a race, altering start times, and/or the abbreviation of laps. This person will work in direct collaboration with the Race Director and land manger(s) to determine the best course of action. Whenever possible, decisions will be made in a timely manner. However, the nature of summertime weather in the Midwest means some decisions will need to be made very quickly. With this in mind, new for this year, WORS will offer up-to-the-minute weather updates to participant's cell phones via text, available via an opt-in checkbox during registration.

### COMMUNICATION & UPDATES

- Rapidly changing weather conditions might mean decisions have to be made on a moment's notice. You can opt-in to weather related updates. We will only send you text messages from this account in the following events:
  - Race delay or cancellation.
  - Race is being abbreviated or shortened.
  - Race is on as scheduled but potential weather is imminent and delays are possible.
- In circumstances where the race is already ongoing and a decision is made to adjust, shorten or outright cancel, a race official will be standing at the lap/finish line communicating the latest news with a loudspeaker. Riders are obligated to slow enough to understand this messaging, even if it is an adjusted or shortened race that will continue.
- In extreme circumstances where riders need to be evacuated from the course quickly, a marshal at a course checkpoint may direct riders to exit the course and take a shortened path back to the start/finish area. Once again, if a marshal is in the course and providing direction, a rider is obligated to slow enough to understand this messaging and follow the directions.

### RAIN

- Unless torrential, rain itself will not postpone a WORS event. If in the days preceding an event, it has
  rained in excess of 2 inches (Thursday and/or Friday) WORS will consult with local venue officials and
  determine if a course adjustment is necessary. Participants will be notified of any course changes via the
  text system.
- If rain falls during a race and is not accompanied by thunder or lightning, the event will continue until completion.
- If rain is falling and the event is set to begin in a matter of minutes or hours, a decision on whether or not to adjust or shorten the course will be made as soon as possible and communicated with riders via the text system and via PA announcements.

### THUNDER & LIGHTNING

- Unlike rain, thunder and lightning will always delay or postpone a WORS event. If there is lightning within a 15 mile radius (or 25 mile radius and coming straight in our direction) all racing will be delayed for at least 30 minutes and all riders will be asked to seek shelter in their vehicles or indoors.
- If thunder is heard in the vicinity of the event area, but is not accompanied with lightning, all racing will be delayed for 15 minutes and all riders will be asked to seek shelter in their vehicles or indoors.
- For events that are ongoing, riders will get pulled off the course either at the finish/lap line or at a course marshal station. New for this year, we will record riders' times as they exit the course, so that if the race is able to resume in a reasonable amount of time we can still track the race results. As reiterated below, we will do our best to forecast these storms so that pulling riders off the course is of absolutely last resort.

### EXTREME HEAT

 If temperatures exceed 90 degrees and/or heat indexes exceed 95 degrees, WORS reserves the right to shorten racing.  If temperatures exceed 100 degrees and/or heat indexes exceed 105 degrees, WORS races will be canceled. This will include morning and afternoon events, even if the races in the morning do not take place during the threshold temperatures.

#### PROACTIVE DECISION-MAKING

• While some storms are sudden, many are not. We will constantly monitor the weather situation, especially on weekends with inclement weather forecasted, and do our best to be proactive in our decision making. The longest WORS races last approximately 90 minutes, which is often enough time to know when incoming storms will hit. When possible, we will delay the start of races rather than start them on time only for riders to be pulled off the course.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

- For events that are canceled due to weather, no refunds will be offered.
- Why?
  - This is standard across the bike racing event industry.
  - It is standard in the bike event industry because the majority of costs associated with putting on the races is incurred many months before the event actually happens. We understand the frustration this causes, and do not come to this decision lightly. We will do our best to communicate this policy upon registration to reduce confusion.

# 12... Rules & Regulations

As a USAC-sanctioned event, WORS has adopted the USAC rulebook, which can be found <u>HERE</u>.

For especially relevant rules & regulations, please review the following list:

- 1. Racers shall complete the event on the same bicycle.
- 2. All repairs during the event must be completed by the rider themself.
- 3. For safety, a rider that loses an essential part on their bicycle (seat, seat post, pedal) will not be allowed to continue the race beyond completing the lap on which their part broke. Riders may complete their lap and will receive a DNF.
- 4. Riders must work together when one rider is rapidly approaching another, whether the takeover is happening to riders on the same lap or if one rider is lapping another. Both racers are entitled to their positioning on technical single track, but the rider being overtaken must offer a pass within 30 seconds or at the earliest place on the course safe to do so.
- 5. Riders must stay on the marked race course at all times. Cutting the course by 10+ feet in areas with a clearly marked trail regardless of course marking will result in a 2 minute penalty.

All rules will be strictly enforced in the Elite and Jr Elite races, with no exceptions. Breaking any of these rules will result in a DSQ. In the Newbie, Kids Comp, Citizen, Sport and Comp classes these rules will be enforced, but only with a 2 minute penalty.

#### UNSPORTSMANLIKE POLICY:

If WORS had only one rule, it would be this: Please be respectful of people around you – both on and off the course. It's okay to be competitive - it's not okay to verbally abuse others. Please help us maintain a fun and inclusive atmosphere.

We understand that in the heat of racing words can get exchanged and emotions can flair. To a degree, this is part of racing. That said, the following behaviors are unacceptable at a WORS event and will not be tolerated.

- Swearing at other participants
- Physically pushing riders
- Verbally abusing other

Often, a challenging reality is that a complaint revolves around two individuals with two stories. In instances with no other witnesses, a rules committee will discuss the incident and come to a ruling. The ruling will then be explained to both parties, with follow-up offered after the event from the Series Director.

### RULES COMMITTEE:

New for '24, a rules committee has been put together to address claims of rule-breaking and unsportsmanlike conduct. Upon receiving a report or complaint, this committee will meet within 20 minutes and deliver a ruling, with an explanation, to all involved parties within another 25 minutes. If needed, the committee will follow up the following week via email.

- 1. Marcus Warrington (WORS Series Director)
- 2. Independent Race Director (Varies between races)
- 3. Mike Monger (Trek Brand Events Manager)

#### GENERAL RULES

Helmets - They are required at all times, even when not racing. This will be strictly enforced.

Headphones - They are not allowed to be worn while pre-riding or racing. Please respect other participants and do not carry a speaker while you are racing.

Littering - Leave no trace! WORS has the privilege of holding events at some of the most beautiful venues in the state. Please help us keep them clean.

Dogs - At WORS, we love dogs! Unfortunately, not every event is able to accommodate pets. Please refer to individual Race Guides before the event so you don't have to turn around with your pup upon arrival.

Feed Zone / Hand-Ups - Hand ups are not a crime! You are allowed to take hand ups throughout the course. Please be respectful of others and go out of your way to ensure you aren't receiving a hand-up somewhere that will interfere with someone else's race. Doing this – even accidently – will result in a strike for unsportsmanlike conduct.

HAVE FUN - We're hosting these events - and hope you're attending these events – because they're fun! This is our most important rule. Don't forget it!

# 13... New Rider Information

Are you new to mountain biking? Or perhaps just new to mountain bike racing? Either way, great! We're so glad you've found your way here, and we hope that you begin your racing journey with us.

The best thing to prepare for your first race will be to review the entire Series Guide and Race Guide of the race you will be participating in. Below you will find additional tips and tricks to get you ready for race day:

<u>Newbie Category</u> - Remember that we have a category designed just for you! The Newbie race takes place on the easiest course of the weekend and usually is only 3-5 miles in length. It starts right away in the morning, so you don't have to worry about the pressure of other riders coming up behind you. Oh, and did we mention this is free?

<u>New Rider Hangouts + Pre-Rides</u> - For select events, we'll have "New Rider Hangouts and/or Pre-Rides"; designated times to meet up with other new riders to either practice the course together or just hang out and get to know one another. These rides will be led by Ride Leaders, Coaches, and friendly folks here to help you have a great time. To find a New Rider Hangout, please refer to individual Race Guides or keep an eye on our social media page.

<u>The Right Bike -</u> There is no such thing! If you are on a mountain bike, you are on the right bike. You'll want to be sure your bike is in working order and safe to ride – if you aren't entirely comfortable with your setup, be sure to

stop at the Trek Tent where our certified mechanics will be able to give the bike a tune up and give you additional tips and tricks to ensure your ride is a good one!

<u>Clothing you should wear -</u> (the short answer) is whatever you are most comfortable in. Many cyclists wear Lycra while they ride or race. This is entirely optional. The advantage to Lycra is its comfort and compatibility to hard mountain bike racing. What we wouldn't recommend are jeans, baggy pants (your pant leg could get caught in your chain) or sweatshirts. Worried about what you're wearing? The Trek Tent is your place - we'll give you the thumbs up on what's probably already a great choice of comfort and style, and hook you up with some other gear if you're still not entirely comfortable.

<u>What you should eat</u> - There's a million nutrition tips and tricks you can surf your way through. Our recommendation? Eat something fairly light two hours before your race (Oatmeal and light cereal are common, but really anything that you're used to is good) and then a Banana or something similar 20 minutes before start time. Drink plenty the day before, but trail off an hour or so before your event.

<u>The last thing you should do: -</u> After you've read our Series Guide, Race Guides, and all the YouTube videos your heart desires, you should then email our Series Director - <u>marcus\_warrington@trekbikes.com</u>. Introducing new riders to the sport is what we're all about, we want you to be able to meet someone who can offer personalized tips, and maybe even hook you up with some cool swag. The Trek team will make sure you get connected with the right people to ensure your first day racing is as fun as possible!

# 14... FAQ

- What's the deal with number plates?
  - You get one number plate, and one number plate only! No matter what you're racing crosscountry, short track, enduro; you'll always keep the same number plate once you have it.
- If I already have my number plate, am I required to stop by the registration tent?
  - Nope, you are free to skip the lines at the registration tent once you have your number plate. All
    waivers will be signed online and required before completing your registration. Remember that
    you must be a registered rider to take the start line; you will not be timed if you have not
    registered for an event, and may be banned from future WORS racing.
- What if I get hurt or sick during the season? Can I still get a refund?
  - We have a No Refund policy, however, If you are hurt during the season or have family emergencies pop up please send us an email at <u>wors@trekbikes.com</u>.
- Why do you have a No Refunds policy?
  - In the mountain bike event landscape, no refund policies are mostly the industry standard. This
    is due to the fact that the vast majority of event expenses are incurred months before the events
    actually take place.

# 15... Team Information

After a long hiatus, Team Racing returns to WORS in 2024! The new program debuts with 2 divisions that will serve 2 different types of teams. We're reintroducing Team Racing for two reasons: The first is to usher in a new dynamic to the racing experience. The second is to provide existing teams with a fun way to compete against one another, and inspire additional teams to form.

The biggest challenge with Team Racing in a series like WORS is determining how to score competition across so many classes and categories. While we're working hard to make this a fantastic product immediately, we're also

	2024 Team Divisions at	a Glance:					
	WORS TEAM COMPETITION	ELITE TEAM COMPETITION					
Eligible Team Members	All Racers, All Categories	Elite Men; Elite Women; Jr Elite Boys; Jr Elite Girls					
Minimum # Riders to form a leam	7 racers	4 racers					
# Riders to score points per event	5 racers	3 racers					
Team Registration Fee	\$400/team	\$200/team					
<ul> <li>Access to the "Team Village" and a dedicated 15 x 15 space for your team tent.</li> <li>Team Scoring, for every race and in a season-long competition.</li> <li>Awards and Prizes for the top 3 teams in each division</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>No.</li> <li>The number of get scored in</li> <li>Teams are not on scoring ad the WORS Te Colectivo Cof out on two popoints possib</li> </ul>	each team competition. (5 for W ot required to meet roster minimu ditional points that are up for gra eam Competition and sporting a fee Classic, they still compete as tential scoring riders, hindering t e. <u>?</u> long individual results and can b livisions? le, if "Team Trek " wanted to partion, they may do so. However, f	etes to each WORS event? a team is independent of the number of riders that ORS Competition, 3 for Elite Competition). Ims for scoring purposes - they will only miss out abs. For example, if "Team Trek", participating in full roster of 12 riders, only brings 3 riders to the s normal without penalty. However, they will miss heir opportunity to score the maximum number of the accessed on our website, wors.org. ticipate in both the Elite Team Competition and the they will be required to pay the registration fee for the categories may be choose to be on the roster for					
WORS Team Competi both. Additionally, indiv		Competition, but may not be on both.					

- Next On the registration signup, the Team Captain will submit the names and emails of all team members. This is required, and anybody that isn't on this list will not be recognized in team scoring.
  - You can absolutely add members of the team throughout the year. A \$20 administrative fee will be charged and the addition will be facilitated through the Registration Page.
- *Finally* A team representative (it doesn't have to be the Team Captain) will submit a "Rider Lineup" card to the Registration Tent before racing kicks off each weekend. Additional information on this process will be available in the weekly email updates sent from the series to Team Captains.

Registration Link: <u>HERE</u>.

### I don't have a team, but would love to join one. Can you help?

- Absolutely! While we're working to build a "Team Hub" and have a dedicated place to connect people and teams, in the meantime we will work to facilitate this via email.
  - If you are interested in welcoming new people to your team, please send us an email at wors@trekbikes.com
  - If you are interested in joining an existing team, or looking to form a new team with others in your same position, send us an email at <u>wors@trekbikes.com</u>
    - We'll do our best to connect interested people until our Team Hub is up and running.

### Do Team Members have to all wear the same kit?

• Very strongly encouraged, not required.

### Scoring Tables & Scoring Information

WORS TEAM COMPETITION SCORING TABLE							
	FULL TEAM RACING						
- Best 5 Score	t 5 Score 6th place and beyond still collect points and "block" other teams top 5						
Overall Place Within Category	Elite   Jr Elite	Comp	Sport	Citizen	Kids Comp		
1	100	80	60	40	25		
2	98	78	58	38	24		
3	96	76	56	36	23		
4	94	74	54	34	22		
5	92	72	52	32	21		
6	90	70	50	30	20		
7	88	68	48	28	19		
8	86	66	46	26	18		
9	84	64	44	24	17		
10	82	62	42	22	16		
11	80	60	40	20	15		
12	75	55	37	18	14		
13	70	50	34	16	13		
14	65	45	31	14	12		
15	60	40	28	12	11		
16	55	35	25	10	10		
17	50	30	22	9	9		
18	45	25	19	8	8		
19 - 29th	40	20	15	7	6		
30th - 50th	30	15 fein and comm	10	5 vith record off th	4		

Our objective is to make this division fun, fair, and competitive for teams with racers all throughout the many categories and classes of WORS. We want to balance rewarding riders for racing tougher categories with ensuring that everyone plays a role in scoring for the team. It's designed to balance rewarding riders participating in tougher categories with rewarding riders who are just starting out. To achieve this, the WORS Team Competition will also include a maximum number of scorers from each category:

### Additional Scoring Information:

	Maximum # Scorers
Kids Comp	5
Citizen	4
Sport	3
Comp	2
Elite / Jr Elite	1
	•

- Scoring is based on overall placing within the entire category, but scoring ONLY applies to racers registered in Team Racing. For example, a rider finishing in 16th place overall in the Jr Elite category will not necessarily score 55 points, as the table might suggest. If there are only four other riders enrolled in Team Racing finishing in a better position, then as far as the Team Competition goes, the rider has finished in 5th place, and will thus score 92 points.
- Men and women score the same for both team divisions.
- If a team doesn't meet the number of riders required (for example, if "Team Trek" sports a roster of 12 racers, exceeding the minimum roster requirement, but is comprised of only Comp racers, thus putting a ceiling on their scoring ability at 2 riders) they are not penalized, but their total score will only get tallied with the number of eligible riders as displayed by the Scoring Matrix.

### Mandatory Category Advancement

- While WORS does not currently have Mandatory Category Advancement for individuals, we will be implementing a system for this division of Team Racing. This is to guard against sandbagging.
  - Why not also implement this for individuals? As of right now, while we strongly discourage sandbagging, we place trust in riders to do the right thing, and we believe it should be a personal decision on what category you feel most comfortable in. We are revisiting this policy on an annual basis.
- The following table describes the rules for mandatory category placement. These places reflect positions in the Team Racing standings, NOT the individual standings. For example, a sport racer placing 6th overall in the category, but 1st in the Team standings because none of the top 5 riders are in the team competition, will have their result counted as a 1st place as it is related to the Mandatory Advancement.

Mandatory Category Advancement (Team Competition Riders)							
	Kids	Citizen	Citizen Sport				
Top 5 Overall	5	4	3	2			
5th - 10th Overall	7	6	5	4			

• Note that in 2024, this only applies to the Team Competition. If a rider is forced to advance a category due to the Mandatory Category Advancement policy, they can choose to not advance, but will instead no longer be eligible for team scoring.

ELI	TE CATEGORY	
Top 3 Score	4th is a tiebreaker	
Overall Place Within Category	Elite	Jr Elite
1	20	15
2	19	14
3	18	13
4	17	12
5	16	11
6	15	10
7	14	9
в	13	8
9	12	7
10	11	6
11	10	5
12	9	4
13	8	З
14	7	2
15	6	1
16	5	1
17	4	1
18	3	1
19	2	1
20	1	1

### Additional Scoring Information:

- Scoring is based on overall placing within the entire category, but scoring ONLY applies to racers registered in Team Racing. For example, a rider finishing in 16th place overall in the Jr Elite category will not necessarily score 1 point, as the table might suggest. If there are only four other riders enrolled in Team Racing finishing in a better position, then as far as the Team Competition goes, the rider has finished in 5th place, and will thus score 11 points.
- Men and women score the same for both team divisions.

# 16. Administration Information

WORS is wholly-owned by Trek Bicycles. Administration and management of the series is the responsibility of the Series Director; this individual is a Trek employee and member of the Trek Events team.

The current Series Director is Marcus Warrington.

### Permitting

Our races are officially permitted under USAC. Each individual race is held under its own permit. The permits are as follows:

- 1. Red Barn Classic: 8587
- 2. Englewood Open: 8748
- 3. Battle of CamRock: 8737
- 4. Wausau Nine Mile: 8738
- 5. Colectivo Coffee Classic: 8739
- 6. ORA Trails Fest: 8740
- 7. Treadfest: 8741
- 8. Reforestation Ramble: 8742
- 9. Alpine Valley: 8743

#### <u>Insurance</u>

WORS events are insured through USA Cycling.

### Medical

WORS is extremely fortunate to work with the best in the business - the Wisconsin Bike Patrol. The volunteer organization, with over 50 medically certified members, attends each and every WORS event. With decades of experience and a plethora of medical tools on-site, including a rescue UTV, they offer WORS medical coverage and professionalism seen at very few other races.

WORS works with the Wisconsin Bike Patrol directly to ensure their presence at all pre-riding and racing throughout event weekends. WORS will work with Race Directors and/or property owners to coordinate venue maps, double track paths, and potential short cuts the Bike Patrol can utilize when needing to respond to an emergency.

The Bike Patrol is well staffed, often with over a dozen on-site volunteers, and handle all medical emergencies that require ambulance rides or off-site care. They are given by WORS the exclusive ability to ride on course, traverse the venue, and interrupt racing in a medical emergency as they see fit.

If you need medical attention at our events, please find the nearest staff member or WI Bike Patrol member and we'll get you help right away.

For additional questions on medical support, insurance, or permitting, please contact Series staff at wors@trekbikes.com

# 17... Sanctioning Information

There are new sanctioning rules in the Wisconsin Off-Road Series for 2024. This page will help break down what the changes mean, why we made them, and what it means for you.

	2024 WORS Sanctioning Information:			
	Category	Sanctioned?		
Newbie		NO		
	Kids Comp	NO		
	Citizen	NO		
	Sport	YES		
	Comp	YES		
	Junior Elite	YES		
	Elite	YES		

# What changes were made?

For 2024, Newbie, Kids Comp and Citizen races will no longer be sanctioned. That means that riders will no longer need to hold a USAC license to compete. Sport, Comp, Jr Elite and Elite riders will all maintain sanctioning and the same rules as 2023.

## What does it actually mean to be a sanctioned race?

Being a sanctioned race means partnering with USA Cycling; the event follows the rules and competition structure laid out by the national governing body. Traditionally, all categories and classes have been sanctioned, meaning that riders must hold annual USAC licenses or purchase 1-day options.

### What does it mean for me, the rider?

As a rider, participating in a USAC sanctioned event means that you must hold a license, either an annual license or a temporary 1-day license. The benefits, beyond the rulebook and professional structure, are that your results get reported to USAC and you are awarded with USAC points. Additionally, USAC offers exclusive discounts to 20+ brands and industry partners. More information <u>HERE</u>.

# Why did WORS make this change?

Our highest priority at WORS is safety. Our second highest priority is maximizing participation and fostering a welcoming, inclusive racing environment. A key element to this is keeping prices low - and we've worked hard to ensure there have been no increases to entry fees for three straight years. Requiring licenses means additional costs to riders.

USAC licenses cost the following:

- Adult Annual License: \$110
- Collegiate Annual License: \$80
- Junior Annual License: \$40

For many recreational riders, the benefits of having a license aren't worth the price. For riders who only race once or twice a year, a license rarely makes sense.

# Why not go entirely unsanctioned?

There are still a fair number of riders that rely on USAC points locally in order to gain call-up spots at National-caliber races. For these riders, it's important that we maintain sanctioned racing to provide them with those points.

# What does this mean for the Sport, Comp, Jr Elite and Elite races?

Nothing will change from previous years. USAC licenses are required to participate in a Sport, Comp, Jr Elite or Elite race in 2024.

## What does this mean for the Newbie, Kids Comp, and Citizen racers?

Only two things will change for these participants in 2024: You will not be required to purchase a license to race, and your results will not get uploaded to USAC. As a result of the latter, no USAC points will be awarded. There will be no rule changes or any other adjustments to your racing experience.

## I've got additional questions or concerns.

We would love to hear from you! Please reach out to us at <u>wors@trekbikes.com</u> and we'll get back to you.

Sanctioned?	License Required?	Results to USAC?	USAC Points?
NO	NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES	YES
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