



Bicycle Colorado Officials' Program

Bicycle Colorado the local association for USA Cycling (USAC), is committed to helping develop and support race officials. Race officials are needed to ensure the competition is played by the rules, while emphasizing fairness, safety, and sportsmanlike behavior.

- A. Bicycle Colorado provides benefits to all officials, and additional benefits to those that hold an officials' membership , \$30.

Benefits for All Officials who work Bicycle Colorado events.

- Bicycle Colorado pay scale is at the USAC National Event Level for all races.
- Bicycle Colorado overtime starts at 8 hours; USAC overtime starts at 9 hours.
- Bicycle Colorado subsidizes motor referee insurance, \$85/motor ref, for race directors so Directors do not pay out-of-pocket.
- All Bicycle Colorado Road Cup policy races are required to provide an "enclosed, weather-proof, wind-proof, elevated, safe, and shaded space for race officials. The space must be positioned such that race officials can clearly see oncoming racers." Many race directors either hire a timing company that provides this space or have purchased a trailer that meets these requirements to avoid the use of scaffolding.
- All Bicycle Colorado Road and Cross Cup policy races are required to provide a high-speed finish line camera, chip timing with video back-up, or a finish line camera depending on the level of the event.
- Bicycle Colorado has a corps of officials with national and international level experience -- national/world championships in all disciplines and UCI level races (stage races such as the Tour de France, California, Utah, Colorado; CX ; track World Cups), as well as national race calendar experience (NRC, NCC, NTC). All of these officials are eager to share their experience with you throughout your officiating career.
- Bicycle Colorado Road and Cross Cup policy requires race schedule to have 10-15 minutes between all races and an additional 15-minute lunch break for officials.

Additional Benefits for Bicycle Colorado Member Officials

- Apprenticeship for Trainees:
 - Upon request, those new to officiating, can be assigned to one local event and follow an experienced official. Bicycle Colorado will pay the trainee a maximum of \$90 for the day, no mileage.
- Advanced Training/Education:
 - \$150 max to officials to cover registration fee for Level A or above training events
 - \$25+ to officials attending biannual summit in Colorado Springs
- Apprenticeship Fund: to help officials gain more experience at National level events, whether in-state or out-of-state, by providing stipends to help officials
 - USAC minimum of \$90 /day, no mileage
- Reimbursement of Level C test cost after successful completion of exam.
- Bicycle Colorado pays for background checks and MVR, for new and renewing officials.

B. Those interested in becoming an official must complete a series of tasks before being assigned to a USA Cycling permitted event.

1. USAC Category C Officials Seminar/Test

The Category C seminar involves training in Road, Track, Cyclocross and Mountain Bike, as well as the basic organizational structure of cycling and officiating. The class is taught in through an online self-study program. At the end of the online class, there is an open-book exam which will test your knowledge of basic rules. To register for the online course, follow the instruction included on this [How-To Document](#). Cost of the test/license is \$25, however if you are a Bicycle Colorado member, the fee will be reimbursed after successful completion of the exam.

2. SafeSport

The US Olympic Committee (USOC) mandates that officials take a free Safe Sport seminar, which also includes a short exam. The course offers training regarding misconduct in sport and the measures one can take to protect athletes. This qualification is valid for 1 year and a short, annual refresher course thereafter. To sign-up for the clinic use this [link](#).

3. Criminal Background Check

All officials are required to submit to a USOC mandated background check, which is valid for 2 years. Cost is around \$30, but if you are a Bicycle Colorado member, that fee will be reimbursed. The link to the background check policy and application policy can be found [here](#).

C. Those interested in becoming a motorcycle referee would first need to complete the above tasks, in addition to the following:

1. Motoref Category C Class

The Category C Motoref class involves training specific to becoming a Motorcycle Referee. The class is taught online. For more information about the course and to sign up, contact USA Cycling Technical Dept. at officials@usacycling.org

2. Motor Vehicle Record Check

Process conducted via [National Center for Safety Initiatives](#) which checks your driving record. Cost \$8.80, but if you are a Bicycle Colorado member, that fee will be reimbursed.