



### **2024 Officials Program - February 1, 2024**

**Bicycle Colorado (BC), the Local Association for USA Cycling (USAC), is committed to growing the sport by supporting safe and accessible competitive cycling events. Race officials are needed to ensure that competitive cycling is fair, safe, and sportsmanlike. Bicycle Colorado's Officials Program supports USA Cycling officials with race assignments, continued education and training opportunities.**

**In order to take advantage of all of our Official Program benefits, officials need to be Advocacy Members in BC. This membership is only \$30 per year. [Join us here!](#)**

#### **BC Provides Benefits to all Race Officials - No Membership Required**

- BC officials' fees are better at local races than what USAC requires.
  - USAC 1/2 day fees for local events are \$90 for CR, \$75 for CJ, and \$60 for others.
  - BC 1/2 day fees for local events are \$120 for CR, \$100 for CJ, and \$70 for others.
  - USAC full day fees for local events are \$140 for CR, \$110 for CJ, and \$90 for others.
  - BC full day fees are \$200 for CR, \$140 for CJ and \$115 for others
  - This is the fee schedule that USAC uses for national level events!
- Bicycle Colorado overtime starts at 8 hours at a rate of \$20 per hour, paid in increments every 15 minutes; USAC overtime starts at 9 hours.
- Bicycle Colorado and USAC require event directors to pay IRS business mileage at the IRA business rate, which is \$0.67 starting in January 2024.
- Bicycle Colorado subsidizes motor referee insurance, paying \$85 for each motor ref, so race directors do not pay out-of-pocket.
- Bicycle Colorado has a corps of officials who have 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. All of these officials are eager to share their experience with other officials.
- Bicycle Colorado's Road and Cross Cup policies require events to provide a high-speed finish line camera, chip timing with video back-up, or a finish line camera.
- Bicycle Colorado Road and Cross Cup policies require race schedules to have 10-15 minutes between all races and an additional 15 minute lunch break for officials.
- All Bicycle Colorado Cup 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.

#### **Additional Benefits for Bicycle Colorado Member Officials**

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- 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 Certification.
- Reimbursement of Level C test after successful completion of exam.
- Bicycle Colorado pays for background checks and MVR for new and renewing officials
- The above fees will be reimbursed upon completion of exams, certifications and checks.

### **Additional Information - Three Steps to Becoming a USA Cycling official:**

1. Successfully complete the Category C Online Course with a 70+% score
2. Complete SafeSport Training
3. Complete a Background Check through USAC's vendor – NCSI

#### 1 - Complete the Category C Online Course

- Go to the course using this link – [Category C Online Course](#)
- Log into the course link using your USA Cycling credentials (email/password).  
If you don't have a USA Cycling account, create one [here](#).
- Now that you are logged in, use the link above. This will direct you to the enrollment page.
- Scroll to the bottom and click "Enroll Me"
- All training materials are available under the "Training Materials" section .
- Additional Information:
  - This course is self-taught, self-guided and automatically graded upon completion.
  - The exam is open book, open notes, and must be completed with a 70%+ score to pass.
  - Multiple attempts are allowed.
  - Cost of an official license is \$25.
  - The folder "Category C Online Materials" contains PowerPoint slide decks of the information
  - Upon successful completion of the course USA Cycling will be notified and USAC will reach out with additional information, including how to complete SafeSport training and your background check.

2 - SafeSport: The US Olympic Committee (USOC) mandates that officials take a SafeSport seminar, which also includes a short exam. The course offers front-line abuse and misconduct prevention measures in an attempt to identify, prevent, and respond to misconduct and abuse in sport. The course is free.

3 - Background Check: All officials are required to submit to a USOC mandated background check, which is valid for 2 years. Cost is around \$30.

### **Motorcycle Referees**

Those interested in becoming a motorcycle referee first need to complete the above tasks and then do the following:

- **Motorref Category C Class**

The Category C Motorref 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 Department at [officials@usacycling.org](mailto:officials@usacycling.org)

- **Motor Vehicle Record Check**

This is a process conducted via [National Center for Safety Initiatives](#) which checks your driving record. Cost is about \$10.