



USA Cycling Upgrade Procedures

USA Cycling established racing categories to classify riders based on skill-level and experience. These categories help ensure fair competition by grouping riders of similar abilities together, and the process for upgrading recognizes athletes that progress through the ranks.

Upgrades are earned by accumulating points in your current category.

To calculate how many upgrades points you have earned towards your next category upgrade, you will want to open a couple of tabs in your browser.

1. One tab will be the upgrade points chart found [here](#).
2. The other tab will be your overall results, found [here](#).

Once both tabs are open, you'll want to look up recent top 5 - 10 finishes and use the same discipline chart to look up how many upgrades points you've earned based on your finishing place and the number of starters in your field.

Once you have accumulated the required points for your next category upgrade, you will need to submit your request through your online USA Cycling account.

- Log in to your USA Cycling **My Account**
- At the top right-hand side, click on **Licenses**.
- Scroll down to the Discipline Category section.
- Click on **Upgrade**

Your request needs to include the following information:

- Name of event
- Race/Event date
- Type of event (Road/Track/Mountain Bike)
- Category (or Categories of your field)
- Number of participants
- Placing (if applicable)
- Points for the placings you've achieved per Policy VIII

USA Cycling staff reviews all upgrade requests internally.

The process takes 3-5 business days, so approach the timing of your upgrade request in a manner that reflects the importance of your upgrade being processed on time. If the administrator approves the upgrade, your account will be changed to reflect your new category, and a confirmation email will be sent.