

Utah State University Club Cycling Constitution

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The USU Cycling Club exists to provide bicycle racing and riding opportunities for students at USU. The team is run under the Club Sports program within the Campus Recreation Department. The club leaders and team work closely with the Competitive Sports Coordinator in all team matters.

Purpose

The purpose of the cycling club at Utah State is to provide an opportunity for students to ride bicycles. Events such as group rides and clinics help grow the cycling community in Logan and skills of members while racing events provide opportunities for members to compete with other Universities, while challenging members to grow their fitness through competition.

Membership

- Club members must maintain a 2.0 GPA and fulfill enrollment requirements as established by USA Cycling. They must be considered full time students meaning 12 undergraduate credits or 6 graduate credits, unless given approval by the USU Director of Competitive Sports.
- Club members must conduct themselves appropriately whilst representing USU, as per the Club Sports Manual. This includes no drugs/tobacco/alcohol consumption while representing the University. Trail etiquette must always be followed while on the trail, this includes yielding to uphill traffic and being friendly. Road etiquette must also always be followed, this includes adhering to local traffic laws.
- Racers must adhere to all rules of conduct as established by the IMCCC/RMCCC in accordance with USA Cycling, as well as the rules set forth by the USU Club Sports Code of Conduct.
- Members must have the requisite gear (at minimum, their own functioning bicycle and a standard helmet) to participate in group rides and activities. Other equipment may be necessary depending on the nature of the student's participation within the club.
 - This may include, but not limited to, head-lights and tail-lights for rides occurring near sunrise or sunset, full face helmets for downhill mountain bike races or practices
 - Suggested but not required equipment also includes; a repair kit carried on the person or bicycle to fix a number of issues that may occur during rides (Flat tires and mechanical issues), cycling clothing, gloves, cycling shoes.
- Cycling club membership is \$50/year with the ability to add on a racing membership.
 - The general membership (\$50/year) includes:
 - Access to club rides, team events, team merch discounts, volunteering opportunities, and other University provided benefits to club sports.
 - You can still race with the general membership, but will need to cover your own race entries and travel expenses.
 - The racing membership (\$100/racing semester) includes:

- Everything the general membership provides
 - A number of paid race registrations (usually 3-4, announced at the beginning of each semester) and
 - Some team-covered traveling costs. Travelling costs are often split among those on each trip. Depending on the funding situation of the club, gas and race housing may be covered by the club.
 - Racing announcements and travel coordination are shared in the Discord.
- The cycling team participates in all types of cycling (road, mountain, gravel, and more). The Fall semester is when mountain bike racing happens and the Spring is when road races are scheduled. Group rides will still cover all disciplines leaning more often towards the type of racing that semester (i.e. more MTB group rides in the fall) but racing is semester specific.
 - The fall semester is primarily mountain biking focused with mountain racing events during this semester (August through October)
 - The spring semester is primarily road biking focused with road racing events during the semester (March through May)

Responsibility of members

- Members must be active members and positive representatives of the cycling community and Utah State University during and outside of club events.
- Members must participate in at least one fundraising or service event if the event is held during the semester that they are a member.

Revocation of membership through due process

- Any actions deemed inappropriate by university standards, excessively unsafe or dangerous, or harming the perception of the University's Cycling Club will be reviewed by the officers of the club, with infractions deemed sufficient and appropriate to revoke club membership, being voted upon unanimously by the officers.
- Major infractions involving anything greater than the club's jurisdiction will be reported to the University and/or police, if necessary.

Social Media and Communication

- All communication within the club is run through the team Discord server. This is a server where members can plan rides, ask questions, and officers can plan events. All major announcements to the members of the club from the officers will be posted here.
- Social media posts are posted through the team instagram (@usucycling).

Officers

- Any officer may lead a number of events within the Club. The following positions shall be distributed among the officers.
 - Mountain Officer
 - Coordinates the mountain race schedule and season
 - Helps plan mountain race event travel
 - Coordinates with the club sports representative during the semester to approve travel to race events
 - Leads and organizes the mountain practice schedule during the semester
 - Road Officer
 - Coordinates the road race schedule and season
 - Helps plan road race event travel
 - Coordinates with the club sports representative during the semester to approve travel to race events
 - Leads and organizes the road practice schedule during the semester

Other Position

- Safety Officer
 - Safety officer roles can be held by multiple officers or as a separate officer.
 - The more officers with this role make travel more easily coordinated.
 - Safety officer must be CPR and First Aid certified

The following events can be run by any officer

- Practice
 - At minimum, one officer will lead the group rides and practices. If no officer is able to coordinate the ride, the event will be postponed.

President - The President shall

- Oversee all activities of the club
- Coordinating meetings of the club
- Lead all club meetings
- Call emergency meetings
- Act as the public voice of the club
- Review all financial decisions
- Coordinates with campus staff, other schools, and cycling organizations.

Vice President - The Vice President shall

- Assist the President with their duties
- Work with the Travel officer to establish budgets
- Assist in leading meetings
- Assist in social media
- Lead fundraising activities
- Searches for and applies for sponsorships and jersey brand representation

Travel Officer/Treasurer - The Treasurer shall

- Oversee the organization of travel to events
 - Watch budget to make sure the club stays in the positive
 - Coordinate with the club sports representative to organize and get travel events approved
 - Help plan and find fundraising opportunities
- Officer roles are year long appointments
 - Officers may pay dues as a race or general membership to be appointed, but must pay race if they plan to race during the semester
 - Officer replacement shall occur if an officer graduates, decides to step down, or otherwise cannot continue their responsibilities
 - General replacements shall be voted among the current officers at the end of the school year
 - New officers shall be trained during previous years if possible to make the transition as smooth as possible

Jerseys

Jersey design must be approved each year by appropriate USU Club Sports contact before any order is placed. Kit design and vendor choice are under the responsibility of Club Officers and must be approved by the University.

Practices

- Practices will be held, at minimum, once a week during the semester for the respective type of cycling
- Additional practices will be planned among the officers at the beginning of each semester.
- Practices may be shifted to fit officer and member schedules and are also weather permitting
- Practices will all meet at Aggie Blue Bikes unless otherwise specified during the weekly group ride announcement.

Racing

- Members wishing to participate in races must have a USU Cycling Club race membership
- Races held are organized under the Collegiate Club Sports division of USA Cycling (USAC), a national racing organization
- A Collegiate USAC membership must be purchased to participate in racing events (\$80/year as of 2024)
- Once the race schedule is released, all members must determine if they are traveling to each event at least three weeks out from the traveling date for the event. This is organized into a google sheets document for all members to access.
- A collegiate race season usually includes 3 to 5 races or race weekends.

- A race weekend will include races on both Saturday and Sunday
- Collegiate races are split into three categories, A, B, and C.
 - All new racers will begin in the C category
 - Racers can upgrade to higher categories following the USA Cycling guidelines for upgrading
 - If you have previous racing experience, you request an upgrade through USAC to the appropriate category.
 - Only category A racers can qualify for Nationals

Mountain Bike Races

- Mountain bike races are held under the IMCCC (Inter Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference). These races are mostly located in Utah and Colorado at Ski and Bike resorts.
- Overnight stays at mountain bike races are usually camped at the resort. Tents, sleeping bags, and other equipment will be required. These can be rented from the USU Outdoor Program. Coordination will happen between traveling members to determine traveling arrangements before the event.
- Mountain bike races will include a number of disciplines, depending on the hosting resort's capabilities, this includes, but is not limited to,
 - Cross country (Endurance)
 - Short track cross country (Endurance)
 - Downhill (DH)
 - Dual Slalom (DH)
 - Super D (DH)
 - Team Relay
- Mountain bike races are split into endurance and downhill (DH)
- Downhill racers under USA Cycling rules must have a full face helmet to participate
- Nationals Qualification
 - To qualify for USAC Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals, racers must have three category A starts in their respective disciplines.
 - Endurance rides can count starts of endurance races while downhill qualifications require DH races to count.

Road Bike Races

- Road bike races are held under USAC races. These races cover Utah, Colorado, and Idaho.
- Hotels or a rental location will be utilized for overnight road bike race events.
- Road bike races will include a number of disciplines, depending on the hosting locations abilities, this includes,
 - Criterium races
 - Road and Circuit races
 - Time Trials/Team Time Trials

- Nationals Qualification
 - To qualify for USAC Collegiate Road Bike Nationals, racers must have three category A starts in their respective discipline.
 - All of the above race event types count separately for nationals qualification.

Amendments

- Amendments may be made with a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of ALL officers. Voting to change the constitution will take place during a meeting scheduled outside of regular practice time.