



# **SUPER 8**

**Series Technical Guide**

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### **Summary of major changes for 2016**

- Changed late fee price for junior registration
- Updated series payout to have equal pay for men and women
- Updates to daily schedule
- Masters clarified to be open to both Men and Women
- Updated race minimum Elite Race payout for Men and Women to have equal payouts
- Removed Technical Consultant role from series, and from course design responsibilities

### **Summary of major changes for 2015**

- Registration fee changed to \$10 from \$15 for juniors 9 - 14
- Expanded Masters 45+ to include Cat 4

### **Summary of major changes for 2014**

- Registration fee changed to \$29 for adults
- Registration fee changed to \$15 for juniors
- Series leader jersey for 3/4 race has been eliminated
- Series leader jersey for juniors will only be awarded at the end of the season, not after each race

### **Summary of major changes for 2013**

- Added Cat 5 races
- Adjusted Men's Single Speed U19 Boys Races in Daily Schedule
- Adjusted Masters 55+ Payout to 3 Deep (Series and Race)
- Added Masters Women's Class

### **Summary of major changes for 2012**

- Removed references to MABRAcross
- Removed Kill points from series scoring
- Removed Team points from series scoring
- Day now begins at 8:15AM
- Cat 4 Races have been lengthened from 30 to 35 minutes
- Masters 55+ has been expanded from a 1,2,3 race to a 1,2,3,4 race
- Masters 55+ race payout is now only required to go three places deep instead of five
- Masters 55+ series payout is now only three places deep
- Juniors prize language has been changed from "medals" to "prizes" with the understanding that medals do, in fact, count as a prize
- Junior boys 10 - 14 will now be the first juniors race to start, and will begin at 9:01
- All non-Junior and Lil Belgian races' entry fee was raised \$2 to account for professional scoring through the Big Guy Group for the entirety of the series through the 2012 season.

### **Summary of major changes for 2011**

- The 2011 MABRA cyclocross calendar will feature a series of eight races entitled the "MABRAcross Super 8." The guide has been redrafted to reflect this change, as such all

references to MABRAcross have been updated accordingly

- The series will recognize series leaders in the following race categories with exclusive leaders' jerseys:
  - Junior Open
  - Women 3,4
  - Women 1,2,3
  - Masters 35+/45+ 3,4
  - Masters 35+ 1,2,3
  - Masters 45+ 1,2,3,4
  - Masters 55+ 1,2,3,4,5
  - Men 3,4
  - Men 1,2,3
  - Single Speed
  
- A race amenities section has been added to establish venue-permitting requirements and provide suggestions to create a consistent culture around the events.
- The 2011 race schedule is new.
- MABRAcross Super 8 series points and prize lists have been added.
- Bikereg will continue as title sponsor.
- VERGE will continue to sponsor leader jerseys in several classes.

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## **PART I: OVERVIEW**

### **1) INTRODUCTION**

This Technical Guide provides information, rules and regulations for the Super 8 series. It establishes requirements for inclusion in the Super 8 series; for non-series promoters the guidance may be considered suggestions for producing a successful event.

### **2) CONTACTS AND STAFF**

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### **3) SERIES GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Series is organized under the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association (MABRA) umbrella as part of MABRA. It is the intention of Super 8 to promote, preserve and enrich cyclocross racing in the Mid Atlantic region by providing events that combine technically excellent courses with good quality amenities in a family and spectator friendly environment.

## **PART II: SERIES RULES**

### **1) COSTS**

- A. USAC requires all promoters who seek USAC permit for their event (with the associated benefits of USAC sanction) to obtain a USAC race permit.
- B. MABRA charges a \$1 fee per rider (there is no fee for juniors or championship events).
- C. The Super 8 series requires promoters to meet minimum prize and purse requirements for all required series classes. (Prizes in classes held at promoter's discretion, such as a 4:15 PM race, are optional). Promoters must also employ USAC Certified race officials, and provide race venues and amenities as specified below.

### **2) BENEFITS**

Series membership offers a range of benefits and services, including, but not limited to:

- A. Series staff provides press releases, advertising, race support and other assistance, as needed
- B. Increased rider turnout
- C. Improved marketability for promoters due to regional association and the demographics /numbers of racers participating
- D. Increased event coverage in local, regional, and national media
- E. Overall Series standings and awards
- F. Promotional support and assistance from Series promoters
- G. Access to Series sponsorships
- H. Access to cyclocross course kit rental from Potomac Velo Club (PVC)
- I. Free course marking tape

### **3) SERIES RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Promote, preserve and enrich cyclocross racing in the mid-Atlantic
- B. Maintain overall Series standings
- C. Maintain a Series website including schedule, standings, and content
- D. Provide technical coordination and assistance
- E. Provide race registration consultation
- F. Provide race results consultation
- G. Work to secure Series sponsorship

### **4) PROMOTER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Promoters (or a co-promoting club) must be members of USAC, and must remit MABRA the \$1 per rider surcharge for all cyclocross races they promote during the year. Races applying to become series members are required to have promoted at least one previous race, in substantial compliance with these rules.

- A. Obtain and complete a MABRA calendar request form by the appropriate deadline.
- B. Obtain and complete a USAC permit by the appropriate deadline.
- C. Secure a venue, including facilities for registration, bathrooms, a water source for bike wash, and snow removal if necessary.
- D. Provide the minimum prize list in accordance with the below specification.
- E. Promoters are required to utilize [www.BikeReg.com](http://www.BikeReg.com) for registration.
- F. Provide or contract with a service that provides quick, complete results so that they can post them online within 12 hrs of the event.
- G. Events must take place within the geographic area of MABRA, which is Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia. Exceptions for events occurring outside of these areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the MABRA Cyclocross coordinator and MABRA BOD.
- H. Promoters must submit race results to USAC, Bikereg.com, Neil Schirmer and Bill Schieken by 10 PM the day of the race.

### **5) RACE CATEGORIES AND DETAILS**

#### **A. Eligibility:**

1. All Events will be conducted in accordance with applicable USAC rules.
2. Event flyers must list the following: awards, and a separate prize list, as well as a noting that “all Super 8 classes will be scored separately.”
3. Races must be open to all licensed riders. Invitational events are not eligible for Super 8 series membership.
4. Race lengths should be predetermined by the leaders’ lap time averaged out to finish as close to the race’s stated length (e.g. 40 Minutes) without going over. All riders finish on the leader’s lap.

### B. Race Day Schedule:

It is **MANDATORY** that promoters use this template for Super 8 races and include it on all flyers for permit approval. Your race will not be permitted unless this table is included on your flyer.

1. Other categories may be added to race day, but they must be outside the Super 8 schedule (e.g. a “citizens’” class concluding before 8:15am, or a tandem event starting after 4:15).
2. Categories listed must have separate, pre-determined, prize lists and be scored separately.
3. The 4:15 slot is at the race promoter’s discretion.

**This table MUST be identical to the Bikereg.com event listing for every series event.**

Duration	Prize list	Duration	Prize List	Staging
8:15am	Cat 5 Men (Beginner)	35	3	Reg Order
8:16am	Cat 4 Women (Beginner)	35	3	Reg Order
9:00am	Masters Men Cat 3,4,5 Men 35+	40	5	Super 8, Crossresults
10:00am	U19 Girls	2	3	Super 8, Crossresults
10:01am	13-14 (cx racing age) Boys & Girls	2 laps	3	Super 8, Crossresults
10:02am	11-12 (cx racing age) Boys & Girls	2 laps	3	Super 8, Crossresults
10:03	9-10 (cx racing age) Boys & Girls	2 laps	3	Super , Crossresults
11:00am	Men Cat 3/4	45	7	Super 8, Crossresults
11:01am	U19 Boys	45	5	Super 8, Crossresults
12:00pm	Women Cat 1,2,3;	40	\$600/7*	Super 8, Crossresults
12:01pm	Masters women 45+	40	5	Super 8, Crossresults
12:02pm	Women 3/4	40	5	Super 8, Crossresults
1:00pm	Masters 45+ 1,2,3,4;	45	5	Super 8, Crossresults
1:01pm	Masters 55+ 1-5	45	3	Super 8, Crossresults



2:00pm	Masters 35+	45	5	Super 8, Crossresults
2:01pm	SS 1-5	45	5	Super 8, Crossresults
3:00pm	Cat 1/2/3	60	\$600/7*	Super 8, Crossresults

*\*NOTE: Classes designated "Masters" are open to Men and Women. Minimum Racing Age and categories quoted are for Men; minimum Racing Age and categories for Women will differ.*

### C. Series Overview

The following table expresses the points, leader jersey, comped entry and series purse for each race category within the series.

Category	Points	Leaders Jersey	Free Entry Next Year	Series Purse
55+ 1-5	X	X	X	\$400/5
Cat 5 Men (Beginner)				
Masters Men Cat 3,4,5 Men 35+/45+	X			
Masters Women 45+ 1,2,3,4	X	X	X	
Women 4 (Beginner)				
Junior Boys 10 - 14	X	X *		
Junior Girls 15 - 18	X	X*		
Junior Girls 10 - 14	X	X*		
Masters Men 45+ 1,2,3,4	X	X	X	\$400/5
Singlespeed 1-5	X	X	X	\$400/5
Women Cat 1,2,3	X	X	X	\$600/7
Women 3/4	X			
Masters Men 35+ Cat 1,2,3	X	X	X	\$400/5
U19 Boys	X	X*	X	
Men Cat 3/4	X			
Men Cat 1/2/3	X	X	X	\$600/7

\*Jersey will be awarded at the conclusion of the series, rather than after each race

### D. Race Registration

1. Organizers are required to utilize online registration through [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com) and provide pre-completed release forms for on-line registrants to sign on race day, or at a pre-race registration and number pick-up.
2. Registration must have sufficient competent personnel on hand to expedite racer registration. Lines for day-of and pre-registered riders shall be separate.
3. Racing age for all categories is based upon the rider's age on Dec. 31st of the following calendar year.
4. Race day registration shall close 30 minutes prior to each field start.

5. Any current National Cyclocross Champions shall be granted a free entry, but must wear their national jersey in the class which it was won.
6. All Super 8 series staff shall be granted free entry.
7. Pre-reg shall allow for races to register for additional races (i.e. additional categories for same race for the same racer) for \$20 for each additional race entered
8. Late Fee: A \$10 day-of fee will be charged for all entries purchased on race day, and additional races (second or third races) purchased on race day.
9. General guidance on opening race pre-reg:
  - a. Race pre-reg should open at 8PM on a Sunday
  - b. Race Pre-reg should open 4 - 8 weeks prior to the event date, depending on promoter preference (6 weeks being the Goldilocks ideal)
  - c. Race Pre-reg should avoid opening on the same day as another Super 8 race.

### E. Prize lists

Refer to the Race Day Schedule table (Section II.5.B) for the number of prizes for each field. The following table will be the minimum cash payout and prize list for the Elite Races.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Men Cat 1,2,3	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$100	\$85	\$70	\$55
Women Cat 1,2,3	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$100	\$85	\$70	\$55

### F. Series Overall Prize List

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Women Cat 1,2,3	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40
Masters 35+ Cat 1,2,3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	N/A	N/A
Masters 45+ Cat 1,2,3,4	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	N/A	N/A
Masters 55+ Cat 1,2,3,4	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	N/A	N/A
Men Cat 1,2,3	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40
Single Speed Open	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	N/A	N/A

### G. Series Points

Series points will be updated before the next race in the series. Overall Series Points will be awarded using the following schedule:

Place	Points	Place – Continued	Points - Continued
1	60	14	14
2	50	15	12
3	45	16	10
4	40	17	9
5	35	18	8
6	30	19	7
7	28	20	6
8	26	21	5
9	24	22	4
10	22	23	3
11	20	24	2
12	18	25	1
13	16		

### H. Leaders' Jerseys, Series Winners and Reduced Entry Fee Privilege

1. **Leader's Jersey Classes** -Leader's Jerseys are provided by the series and will be awarded at podium presentations for each class. Any rider issued a leader's jersey is REQUIRED to wear the jersey during competition. This is mandatory per USAC rules and Super 8 series regulations. Riders in violation will be denied series points and any "call up" for future series races. In the event of a tie, the Leader's Jersey will be given to the individual with the best result in the most recent Super 8 race.

2. **"B" Race Leaders** -The final leaders of the "B" races (Men 3/4, Women 3/4, Masters 3/4) are ineligible for points in any "B" race the following season. This is to encourage riders to upgrade to an elite field. Example; the Men's cat 3/4 series champion graduates up to the cat 1,2,3 class in either the senior class or masters class. If they choose to ride in the same class the points are won in they will forfeit the opportunity to collect series points. This is an effort to promote rider upgrades.

3. **Super 8 Reduced Entry Fee** - Each season, the cumulative points leader in the elite classes denoted in table I.B is awarded Free Entry Fees for the following year. This privilege is limited to Super 8 series events during the following season, in the same class that was won.

***a. Exceptions:***

i. Entry privilege for Junior series winner applies to any BikeReg Super 8 Junior races. If a Junior champion is no longer eligible, because of age, to race in the junior cyclocross race, they may have free entry in a senior cyclocross race. The intent is to promote junior talent, without penalizing juniors for aging.

ii. Entry privilege for an individual who wins multiple race classes within a single year will only be granted for a single class; wherein that registration will be for the highest category that the individual won the prior year. Ranking of race classes, from highest to lowest is as follows: Cat 1,2,3 ; Masters 35+ Cat 1,2,3; Masters 45+ 1,2,3,4; Single-Speed.

***b. Procedures for Privilege:*** All riders eligible for free entry are responsible for pre-registering by contacting the promoter during the pre-registration period on BikeReg.com.

## **I. Staging Procedure**

Riders shall be staged by the rider's assigned bib number. Walk-up riders will be assigned remaining bib numbers on a first come, first served basis. All riders will line up in the order of their numbers, filling gaps as allowed by the officials/callers. Staging will fill the start grid as specified in the USAC rulebook start grid.

## **J. Staging Order**

Staging Order will be based on the most recent Cross-Results ranking and Super 8 series standings, using the following criteria:

- a. The top 4 **pre-registered** riders with points will be staged on the grid, by bib number, in position corresponding to their ranking in the Super 8 series standings.
- b. Remaining pre-registered riders will be staged by CrossResults.com ranking.

- c. All categories will reserve four spots in the third row, which are to be used for promoters' discretion call-ups.
- d. The first race of each year shall stage racers by their CrossResults.com ranking.

Those classes consisting of only cat 5 men or cat 4 women are staged by order of registration, as indicated in the race flier.

## 6) COURSE DESIGN

The series races adheres to current USAC rules and regulations for course design. The Series Technical Staff will work with the individual race promoters to ensure that the races follow the rules and the intentions of those rules, paying particular attention to USAC rule section 5 and further; 5A5, 5A6 and 5A7. It is the responsibility of each promoter to be familiar with those rules. They can be found at [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org). Additionally, it is **strongly suggested** that promoters be familiar with the UCI cyclocross rules for further explanation of cyclocross racing rules, at: [www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch)

## 7) RACE AMENITIES

Each race within the series needs to provide all of the "Required" amenities, unless it is specifically barred by the venue. Promoters are strongly encouraged to provide as many "Suggested" amenities as possible.

Note: Adequate is defined as enough to accommodate the maximum number of racers possible, as well as the anticipated number of spectators.

### A. Required Amenities

- Adequate and organized parking
- Adequate and convenient restrooms, or porta-potties
- Adequate trash collection
- Registration under shelter (building, pavilion or tent) with power
- Food free or for sale, and available during all races (vegetarian options are encouraged)
- Sound system and announcer during all races (preferably 15-30 min before first race)
- Children's play area (playgrounds, moonbounces, open fields and the like all count)

### B. Suggested Amenities

- Free drinking water
- Music
- Finish banner/truss
- Public warm-up trainers
- Bike Wash area with free wash water
- Designated team areas:
  - Reserved, course-side space for pop-up tents
  - Preferred parking for at least one team car.

## **PART IV: DEFINITIONS**

- A. SERIES** - The series consists of cyclocross events voted on by the series member races.
- B. EVENT** - The entire slate of racing offered by a promoter on a given day. The event comprises the set of races for the given classes. All Events will be conducted in accordance with USAC and UCI rules, where applicable.
- C. RACE** - A specific competition, denoted by a separate prize list, but possibly sharing a starting time with another class, at a given event.
- D. CLASS** - The identifier of the field for a given race.
- E. SERIES WINNERS** - In each class, the rider having accumulated the greatest number of series points.
- F. DISPUTES** – USAC officials will declare the final finish order of classes on race day. There is no appeal to finish order or to official last word on race day. Protests will also follow USAC rules. Appeals should be directed to the Super 8 director and then to the Cyclocross Coordinator and will be heard by the MABRA Board at its discretion.
- G. TIE-BREAKERS** – for series standings tie-breakers it will be the placing of those riders at the final event to determine the tie-breaker. If there still remains a tie-breaker then it will be the second to last series event, and so on, until the tie is broken.
- H. RESULTS** – Results will be distributed for public viewing, electronically, within 12 hours from the end of the event. Results will be submitted to USAC within 24 hours.