



PROMOTERS

The FRCA supports and oversees the promotion of cycling events in Florida on behalf of USA Cycling by providing organized and balanced **Competitions, Points Ranking System, and Racing Calendar** known as the [FPS - Florida Points Series](#). The FPS offers event categories at different levels to make it possible for all promoters across the state to participate.

Event Application: Promoters (Individuals, Teams, Clubs, and Others) wishing to promote (plan, organize, produce) a cycling racing event with the endorsement of the FRCA and with Florida Points Series (FPS) designation must complete and submit the [FRCA Event Application](#), 30 days before the date of the event.

The Florida Points Series designation provides Promoters with the following benefits and values:

- Endorsement from the FRCA as a quality event
- Free listing of the event online
- Free posting and tabulating of results
- Free use of the FRCA's owned AMB timing and scoring system
- Points earned at the event are accumulated for end of season Prizes & Awards (For 2010, the FRCA spent over \$13,000 in cash, trophies, medals, jerseys, and more for the various seasons and competitions organized)
- Event as part of the FPS which increases rider attendance

You may also apply to receive Florida Crown, Florida Cup, or State Championship designation by submitting a request / bid proposal explaining why your event should receive this designation.

FPS Fees: The FRCA schedule of fees and rider points available for events to be included in the FPS Series and approximate number of events are as follows:

Event	Number	Points	Fee
State Road & Criterium Championships	2	50	\$350
State Time Trial Championship	1	50	\$250
Florida Crown	4	45	\$300
Florida Cup	8	40	\$250
Florida Medal	40	35	\$200
Florida Medal Time Trial			\$125
Third event of weekend			\$125
Regional	30	15	\$40
Training	20	10	\$20

These fees fund approximately 40% of the [FRCA Budget](#). These fees must be paid within 30 days of completion of your event. Failure to submit payment within 30 days after your event will result in a late fee assessed at 50% of the standard fee and future FPS event approvals will be suspended until such payment is received.



Rules: All FPS events will be run according to the rules as established by USA Cycling. Promoters may access the current USA Cycling rulebook at http://www.usacycling.org/forms/RdTrkCx_rulebook.pdf

Officials Requirements: All FPS Medal, Cup, Crown, and State Championship races must have a minimum of 2 officials for criterium events, 2 stand officials and 1 official per field for road race events, and 2 officials for time trial events (1 starter and 1 scorer if timing chips are used, 2 scorers if scoring by hand). FPS Regional and Training events must have 1 official. These are the minimum number of officials. The race promoter shall submit a list of officials to the state official for approval at least 1 week prior to the event. The chief referee shall not also be the race promoter. It is the duty of the chief referee to ensure the course and safety of the race. The promoter is responsible for the promotion of the race only. It is the official's duty to score the race, assist with post race event forms, and resolve conflicts associated with entrants. The promoter shall promptly at the finish of the day's events supply the chief official the count of entrants in each category and to assist with post event forms.

Race Course: Promoters shall have their course approved by the FRCA before the event can be permitted. It is the promoter's responsibility to provide the necessary support staff to include registration, police, road closure, announcing, timing, and all other aspects of running the event. The chief referee will have the duty to give final approval to the course for safety concerns before the event begins. All events will be run under guidelines as established by USA Cycling. Scoring will be done by either a chip system, high speed camera, or officials based on the event level.

Scoring / Timing: Events must be scored with either timing chips, high speed cameras, or officials according to USA Cycling rules and those rules set forth for the different levels of FPS events. The FRCA owns the AMB scoring and timing system. All FRCA members have access to borrow this system for their event with the approval of the Board as long as they have a designated trained individual to run the system that has been approved by the FRCA. If chip timing is used, all entrants must have their own chips or use a rental chip available for rental at the event. All promoters shall post their results and make prize payout at the event in a timely manner. All race results shall also be submitted to the FRCA in a proper Excel format for inclusion in the FPS standings and to USA Cycling for ranking in the national ranking system. For Regional and Training Events that use A, B, and C scoring, it is the responsibility of the promoter to verify race categories for entrants in A, B, and C races and submit accordingly.

Field Limits: A promoter may specify a minimum field size for payout. Maximum field limit for any road event that includes cat 5 men or cat 4 women shall be 75. If no maximum field limit is stated on the official race announcement, a field limit of 100 shall be used.

FPS Points Series: The FPS utilizes a system of Points to encourage participation and to reward performance with as much balance as possible. Each FPS permitted event is required to award a certain number of points based on its designation (see Points Award Chart on the next page). Riders accumulate points from a maximum of 30 events. Once a rider has earned points in 30 events, that rider's lowest points earned will be replaced with the next highest points earned, and continue this way for the remainder of the season.



FPS Points System – Award Chart

Place	States	Crown	Cup	Medal	Regional	Training
1	50	45	40	35	15	10
2	47	42	37	32	13	7
3	45	40	35	30	11	5
4	43	38	33	28	9	3
5	41	36	31	26	7	1
6	39	34	29	24	5	
7	37	32	27	22	4	
8	35	30	25	20	3	
9	33	28	23	18	2	
10	31	26	21	16	1	
11	29	25	20	15		
12	27	24	19	14		
13	25	23	18	13		
14	23	22	17	12		
15	21	21	16	11		
16	20	20	15	10		
17	19	19	14	9		
18	18	18	13	8		
19	17	17	12	7		
20	16	16	11	6		
21	15	15	10	5		
22	14	14	9	4		
23	13	13	8	3		
24	12	12	7	2		
25	11	11	6	1		
26	10	10	5			
27	9	9	4			
28	8	8	3			
29	7	7	2			
30	6	6	1			
31	5	5				
32	4	4				
33	3	3				
34	2	2				
35	1	1				

FPS Team points will accumulate only from the top 3 rider placings for each team in a race. The team's season points will also only apply from the team's top 30 events for the season. This will reward teams more for their finishes rather than number of riders in a race, and hopefully keep more teams involved in the team series.



Payout Limits: There are no payout limits for events other than FPS Crown events. The following are suggested **minimum** payouts for all FPS Medals and FPS Cup events:

Category	Road, Criterium, or Circuit	Time Trial
Juniors	Medals (3 deep)	Medals (3 deep)
Men Pro, 1,2	\$ 500	\$ 250
Men Cat 3	\$ 200	\$ 100
Men Cat 4	\$ 100	\$ 50
Men Cat 5	Medals (5 deep)	Medals (5 deep)
Men Masters 35+,	\$ 100	\$ 50
Men Masters 45+	\$ 100	\$ 50
Men Masters 55+	\$ 100	\$ 50
Women Pro,1,2,3	\$ 200	\$ 100
Women Cat 3-4	\$ 100	\$ 50
Total	\$ 1,400	\$ 700

Promoters may set minimum field limits per their discretion. It is recommended that payouts on fields that don't meet the promoter's minimum be made at the rate of 50% of total entry fees for that race less the \$3 per rider insurance fee. The FRCA will maintain sample payout sheets showing depth of payouts for different payout levels to assist promoters with their payout amounts. It is recommended to not top load purses. USA Cycling rule 1F3 lists that the number of places that receive prizes in each event must be at least one for every \$100 in total prize value for the event up to \$2000 for the event. Paying a slightly deeper level and not top loading the payout may encourage more racers to attend your event in the hope of "being in the money".

Entry Fees: "Free market system." Each promoter may set their own entry fees with a general guideline of the following. All categories \$15-\$35 / race, pro 1-2 \$25-\$40 / race, \$10-\$20 second race same day, \$5 - \$10 late entry fee. Junior entry fees are not to exceed \$10 for a junior race.

FPS Calendar: The preliminary race calendar will be decided by the Board with attendance and input from clubs and promoters at the fall race promoter's meeting. Preference for race dates will be given to events that have a history of quality, amenities, and duration. Promoters should contact the Board in advance of this meeting with their intentions and proposed race dates.

FPS Event Minimum Requirements:

- Must be permitted and run as a USA Cycling event under USA Cycling rules
- Must be permitted and run as a FRCA Cycling event under FRCA rules
- Must provide adequate registration, road closure, medical and technical support, officials, announcing, awards



Florida Training Event Requirements:

- Must meet the FPS Event Minimum Requirements
- Use of camera or timing system not required, official's scoring adequate
- Need only score riders 5 deep
- No payout guidelines
- Category guidelines A, B, C. See below for category A, B, C restrictions.
- Promoter is responsible for the reporting in proper Excel format of results and rider categories for points

Florida Regional Event Requirements:

- Must meet the FPS Event Minimum Requirements
- Must score riders in event using either a camera or timing chip system
- No payout guidelines
- Category guidelines standard categories or A, B, C. See below for category A, B, C restrictions.
- Riders will earn FPS points per their standard declared racing category
- Must score races minimum of 10 deep
- Promoter is responsible for the reporting in proper Excel format of results and rider categories for points

Category A, B, C restrictions for points

FPS Regional and Training races can be run using the Medal standard categories or using an A, B, C category placing. In these cases, the rider will score points that apply to their declared normal racing category.

Example: riders Bob (cat 2), John (cat 3), and Tom Master's 35+) all do an A training race with Bob getting first, John second, and Tom third. Bob would get 10 points applied to his cat 2, John 7 points to his cat 3, and Tom 5 points to his 35+ category.

FPS CATEGORY	REGIONAL OR TRAINING RACE CATEGORY OFFERED											
	A	B	C	M PRO,1,2,3	M 4, 5	30+	40+	50+	W 1,2,3	W 3,4	J 10-16	J 17-18
M PRO 1,2	X			X								
M 3	X	X		X								
M 4		X			X							
M 5		X	X		X							
35+	X					X						
45+	X	X				X	X					
55+	X	X	X			X	X	X				
65+		X	X				X	X				
W 1,2,3	X	X				X	X		X			
W 3,4		X	X				X	X	X	X		
J 10-12, 13-14, 15-16	X	X	X								X	
J 17-18	X	X										X

FPS Medal Event Requirements:

- Must meet the FPS Event Minimum Requirements
- Must include the following categories of racing. Men pro, 1,2, men cat 3,4,5, women's cat 1,2,3, women's 3,4, master's 35+, 45+, 55+,65+, junior 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. Junior events may be excluded from road racing events if needed due to safety on the road, but it is recommended to accommodate juniors if at all possible.



Florida Cup Requirements:

- Must meet the requirements of FPS Medal Events
- Will have approximately 5-8 per year
- Must have been held previously as a FPS event in the past 2 years
- Should show superiority in the event, such as:
 - food, water, or other nutritional items
 - increased prize money
 - increased prizes for races
 - superiority in quality or challenge of course
 - increased support from the local community
 - increased press coverage to support the event
 - podiums for all categories
 - pictures taken and posted of event
 - superiority in announcing of event
 - superiority in location of event for spectator appeal
 - availability and proximity of parking
 - location of start/finish for spectator appeal
 - sufficient rest room / port-o-lets
 - arranging hotel discounts for racers
 - availability of food for spectators and racers
 - donation of partial race proceeds to charitable cause

Florida Crown Requirements:

- Must meet the requirements of FPS Medal and FPS Cup Events
- Will have approximately 2-4 per year
- Must meet a minimum daily payout of \$3000 for the day with a minimum payout for the following fields:
 - Men Pro, 1, 2 \$1500
 - Women pro, 1, 2, 3 \$300
- Must have been used for at least 2 events in the past 5 years as a FPS event

State Championships Requirements:

- These events are considered at the same level of those for Florida Cup events. The primary difference is that these events will be chosen with a higher focus on the course quality for a state championship event. These events will be awarded based on an application process taking into account the course, amenities, and promoter history.



Official's Fees: You can find the USA Cycling rules for official's reimbursements at the following site.
<http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=2727>

The organizer shall pay licensed officials a daily fee based on the race category. Most Florida series races will be category D or E races where the following would apply.

	Full Day	Half Day
Chief Referee	\$80	\$50
Chief Judge	\$60	\$35
Other Officials	\$50	\$30

Full day is 5-9 hours

Half day is less than 5 hours

For any races where the official works longer than 9 hours, the officials will receive an additional \$20 / hour in 15 minute increments.

Official's Expenses: In addition to the daily fee, the organizer will provide each official with the following:

1. Round trip transportation from the official's home and during the race, or reimbursement for the transportation according to the published rates of USA Cycling. For 2011 the rate shall be \$.46 / mile.
2. In one day races lasting 5 hours or more, either a meal or \$10 additional. For races lasting more than one day, either two meals a day or \$25 per day.
3. Basic housing when overnight lodging is necessary before, during, or after the race
4. Reimbursement for any other expenses which are reasonable and necessary for the official's duties.

Site Visits: When deemed necessary by USA cycling or the local association, the organizer will pay the chief referee or an official designated by the FRCA \$25 for pre-event venue inspection trip plus \$15 for each venue inspection report, in addition to travel expenses.

Paramedic and Announcer Fees: USA Cycling and the FRCA do not have rules governing these fees. Guidelines would be to expect to pay from \$Free to \$200 per day at the discretion of the organizer and individual providing the services.

Police Protection: An organizer can expect to pay \$35 to \$65 per hour for police support for your event. It is critical that both promoter and chief referee have good communication with the police before and during the events so that the police have a clear understanding of their responsibilities. The better the understanding of duties and cooperation the more likely the police will welcome an event back to their community.

Course Safety: It is the responsibility of the promoter to provide a safe racing environment for the racers, and the responsibility of the Chief Official (Referee) to verify the safety of the course. The Chief Referee has the authority to suspend the event until safety issues are addressed to their satisfaction. This includes adequate course marshalls, adequate barricades, police support, registration personnel, camera or timing, road closure, support to ensure vehicles are not entering the sprint area of a road finish, along with other safety issues as deemed needed.



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FPS Sample Payout Sheets:

Place	Amount													
1	\$280	\$160	\$160	\$150	\$140	\$150	\$160	\$130	\$130	\$150	\$125	\$120	\$145	\$125
2	\$230	\$135	\$130	\$120	\$115	\$120	\$130	\$100	\$110	\$125	\$105	\$95	\$120	\$105
3	\$180	\$115	\$115	\$100	\$90	\$100	\$110	\$90	\$95	\$100	\$90	\$85	\$100	\$95
4	\$155	\$105	\$90	\$90	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$80	\$85	\$90	\$80	\$75	\$85	\$85
5	\$130	\$100	\$85	\$85	\$75	\$80	\$90	\$75	\$75	\$80	\$70	\$65	\$75	\$75
6	\$115	\$95	\$80	\$80	\$70	\$70	\$80	\$70	\$65	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$65	\$65
7	\$105	\$90	\$75	\$75	\$65	\$60	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$55	\$55	\$55
8	\$95	\$90	\$70	\$70	\$60	\$55	\$60	\$60	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$45
9	\$85	\$80	\$65	\$65	\$55	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$35
10	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$30	\$25
11	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$20
12	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$20	\$20
13	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25		
14	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$40	\$30	\$35		\$30	\$25		\$20	\$20		
15	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$35		\$25						
16	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25									
17	\$45	\$40	\$30	\$25										
18	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$25										
19	\$40	\$35												
20	\$40	\$35												
Total	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$950	\$900	\$900	\$850	\$800	\$800	\$750

Place	Amount													
1	\$120	\$120	\$110	\$115	\$90	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$85	\$90	\$75	\$85	\$70	\$90
2	\$100	\$100	\$90	\$90	\$75	\$85	\$70	\$60	\$65	\$70	\$55	\$65	\$55	\$70
3	\$90	\$85	\$80	\$70	\$65	\$65	\$55	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$55
4	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$45
5	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$60	\$45	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$35
6	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$55	\$40	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$30
7	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$50	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$25
8	\$40	\$40	\$30	\$40	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$25	
9	\$30	\$35	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20		\$15			
10	\$25	\$30	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$15			\$10			
11	\$20		\$15		\$20		\$20							
12	\$15		\$10											
Total	\$700	\$650	\$600	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350



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1	\$80	\$75	\$85	\$70	\$70	\$75	\$70	\$80	\$50	\$60	\$65		
2	\$55	\$55	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$35	\$45	\$45		
3	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$40	\$45	\$30	\$35	\$35		
4	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$30		
5	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$20	\$20	\$25		
6	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$15	\$25		\$15	\$15			
7	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$15				\$15				
8	\$15	\$20		\$10					\$10				
Total	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200		

Place	Amount													
1	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$55	\$55	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$40	\$30	\$25	
2	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$15	
3	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$10	
4	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$10		
5	\$15	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15		\$10	\$15	\$10				
6	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$10									
7			\$10											
8														
Total	\$175	\$175	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$50	