

BIKE AUTHORITY CYLCOCROSS SERIES 2008
(Held Under USA Cycling Permits)
2008 SERIES RULES

2008 Series Races

The 2008 Series includes the 4 cross Races promoted by Team Lake Effect Racing (the “Promoter”) that are being held under USA Cycling permits. Only for the purposes of calculating the overall points for the 2008 Series, the Promoter will include points calculated, based on the rules below, resulting from your competing in the following 2 local cyclocross races: (1) Chagrin River Cross (promoted by Brett Davis/Solon Cycle) and (2) Spin Bike Shop Cross in Willoughby. These 2 local cross races are not being held by the Promoter and the Promoter of this Series is not responsible for the race promotion, conduct, or permitting of such 2 races. If 1 or both of these 2 separate promoters does not conduct, or you are injured at, their cross races, you will have no recourse against the Promoter of this Series.

Overall Points Rules:

Points will be awarded to all finishers in each eligible Race. The Promoter will calculate the overall Series prizes using each racer’s highest points from a maximum of 4 eligible races. Note, however, that you must compete in at least 3 of the 4 Series races held by the Promoter to be eligible for the overall prizes. The points will be calculated only for a single Category. If you DNF in a Race, that Race will count as an eligible Race for the overall Series even though you will receive 0 overall Series points for that Race.

Points will be awarded for women & men in each Category (meaning A, A40+, B, C, and Juniors) in accordance with this Overall Series Points Schedule:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	100
2nd	93
3rd	88
4th	85
5th	83
6th	82
7th	81
8th	80
9th	79
10th	78
11th	77
12th	76
13th	75
14th	74
15th	73
16th+	Continue to deduct one point
DNF	0

There are 2 types of racing Categories: (1) open and (2) restricted. The Open Categories are A, B and C. Racers self select the Category they race in, however, racers with a cyclocross Category of 1, 2, or 3 on their USAC license may not enter the C Category. C and B Categories are generally not

awarded cash prizes in order to discourage sandbagging. The restricted Categories, A40+ and Juniors, are only open to those racers who meet the specifications.

Points may not be transferred from Category to Category. For example, if you race in the B Category in Races 1-3 and then move up to the A Open Category in Race 4, you do not lose your B Category points for Races 1-3, but you will start with 0 points in the A Open Category in Race 4.

In the event of a tie in any placing in the overall Series points standings at the end of the Series, the racer with the higher number of Series points going into the last Race (and going back Race to Race until the tie is broken) will be awarded the higher position in the Series points standings.

Start Times and Length by Category:

<u>Co-ed Categories</u>	<u>Start Time*</u>	<u>Length**</u>
A (Expert Open) & A40+	1:45 p.m.	60 min
B (Sport Open)	12:45 p.m.	45 min
C (Novice Open) & Juniors	12:00 p.m.	30 min

*Start times are approximate, but the Promoter will try to start each Category on time.

**The length of each Race may be adjusted at the discretion of the USA Cycling Official or the Promoter.

Individual Racer Rules:

The 4 Series Races promoted by the Promoter (Team Lake Effect) are being held under USA Cycling permits. All racers must fully complete and sign the 2008 USA Cycling, Inc. Standard Entry Blank and Release Form prior to each Race. A racer's failure to do so may result in loss of all Series points earned up to that Race. A one-day license is not required if you hold a valid and current USA Cycling license. The 2 other eligible cross races held by the

ALL racers must wear an ANSI or SNELL approved helmet that fits properly while riding their bike before, during, and after a Race (including in the parking lots, to the restrooms, etc.).

Racers may ride a cyclocross, mountain, hybrid, single-speed or fixed gear bike.

NO bar-ends are allowed on mountain bikes or hybrids per USA Cycling rules.

Spare wheels, bikes and tools must be placed in the area marked "WHEEL PIT".

The Promoter may designate a feed zone, but will permit hand ups at any point on the Race courses provided you do not interfere with the conduct of the Race, another racer, and do not cut the course.

You must follow the instructions of the USA Cycling Official and the Promoter. The decisions of the USA Cycling Official are final. Confrontational arguing, fighting, foul language, threatening behavior and the like will not be tolerated and you will be subject to Race disqualification and/or loss of Series points for engaging in this behavior. You may also be asked to leave the Race venue immediately. Serious or multiple incidents will lead to your being barred from racing in the Series.

Race Numbers/Placement:

? Racers are encouraged to use the same number and pins for each Race they participate in during the Series. However, new numbers and pins will be available at each Race for each racer.

- ? Racers are not allowed to hand write a number. Racers must use an officially issued number.
- ? The placement location (left or ride side) of the number on your jersey may vary from Race to Race. Racers should ask a Race volunteer at registration if they are not sure about number placement for any particular Race.

Rule Interpretations/Changes:

Rule interpretations and/or changes will be made at the Promoter's sole discretion.