

Comparison of 2015 and Final 2016 USA Cycling Policies

Policy item		2015	2016	Rationale for change
Local Association Rebates		\$10 per full priced adult racing license	\$10 per full priced adult license plus \$0.17 per competitive racer day – and LA contribution to RaceClean program no longer required	Roughly 20% increase in direct funding to LAs to further support their efforts to grow and improve amateur racing. (\$0.17 per racer day equivalent to \$2.00 rebate per adult license in aggregate.) Incremental resource allocated based on racer days to reflect LA's impact on the volume of racing in their regions, not just number of riders. RaceClean program will now be fully funded through a small surcharge for higher category licenses, providing additional resource for many LAs.
Membership Fees (annual)	Adult race membership	\$70	No change	Preserves current pricing level to minimize barriers to participation. (Note experienced rider surcharge to fund substantially increased anti-doping efforts)
	Experienced racer surcharge for anti-doping	None	\$25 for Pro MTB and Cat 1 Rd/Tk/CX; \$5 for Cat 2/3 Rd/Tk/CX; LA contribution to RaceClean program no longer required	Enables substantial increase in level of testing at amateur level (more than twice the number of tests than currently conducted) and eliminates need for LAs to contribute to RaceClean program (allowing for more money to be spent on local racing development). Anti-doping is a core concern of our membership and action must be taken to ensure the integrity of our sport.
	Collegiate	\$35	\$45	\$10 increase for collegiate only license to fund collegiate programs intended to improve safety and quality of collegiate cycling
	International Junior	\$175	\$100	43% reduction to support and encourage development of junior racing
	International Adult	\$175	\$200	14% increase to help offset reduction in junior fee and to more closely align our fees with those receiving most benefits
	Pro Road UCI license	\$200	\$300	50% increase to better align fees with how money is spent - USAC currently spends substantially more on elite cycling than it generates in revenue. Rather than substantially reducing support, we are seeking greater contribution from those receiving most benefits
	Pro Road UCI license surcharge for anti-doping	None	\$50 (no surcharge on Pro non-racer)	Professional and elite cyclists are being asked to bear more of the cost for conducting the anti-doping tests which preserve the integrity of their sport

One-Day Licenses	Beginner Road, CX, Track	\$15	\$10	Lowers barrier to entry for new riders and helps races attract larger fields
	Beginner MTB	\$10	\$10 with \$5 back to event director	Provides additional source of revenue to MTB event directors and greater incentive to attract new riders, which will help support MTB event and participation growth
	Experienced Road, CX, Track, and MTB	Not available	One-time and online-only \$25 higher cat (MTB: cat 1; Men Rd/Tk/CX: Cat 1/2/3/4; Female Rd/Tk/CX: 1/2/3)	Allows riders to return to the sport without buying a full annual membership, while minimizing cannibalization of essential annual membership revenue from infrequent racers
	MTB practice days	One-day license required	No one-day license required	Encourages preview of courses and reduces burden on event directors to collect and monitor one-days for practice sessions. Note waivers must still be completed and practice day must be associated with USAC permitted competitive event. Also note cost of practice days (e.g., insurance cost) will be partially covered through practice day permit fees
Race Day Rider Surcharge	Competitive	\$3.60	\$3.75	c.4% increase to allow USAC to cover its direct insurance costs – rate not expected to provide any incremental revenue above our expenses. (Note USAC’s insurance premiums are rising for 2016)
	Recreational (Gran Fondos, etc)	\$2.00	\$2.25 for first 1000 participants, \$2.00 for next 1000, and \$1.80 for all remaining	c.13% increase for first 1000 participants to allow USAC to cover its direct insurance costs –rate not expected to provide incremental revenue above expenses. A tiered pricing structure will assist USAC’s efforts to support larger participation events

Insurance Fees	Hired Non-Owned Auto	\$30	\$45	Aligns pricing more closely with actual insurance cost – autos in races represent one of USAC’s greatest risks. (Even at this price, actual cost of insurance coverage is not being covered – USAC subsidizes auto use to support safer, better run events)
	Hired Non-Owned Moto	\$100 per moto for first 5, \$50 for each incremental	\$85 per moto for first 5, \$50 for each incremental	Reduces cost of motos to more closely align pricing with autos and to encourage moto use to make racing safer and better run. (Even at this price, USAC subsidizes moto use)
	Umbrella Insurance	\$550 per event	<i>TBD based on final premiums negotiated, but likely to include tiered pricing structure based on event size</i>	
	Practice days	\$25 per day + one-day required per racer	A (1000+ event participants): \$250 B (500-999): \$200 C (100-499): \$150 D (50-99): \$125 E (1-49): \$100 <i>All fees are per day</i>	Enables elimination of requirement to collect one-day fees from participants in practice sessions and prices according to true costs incurred (more riders = greater accident risk = higher insurance cost)
	Set up days	\$25 per day	\$50 per day	Aligns fees charged with actual costs incurred. A set up day fee provides insurance coverage which has real cost to USAC. (USAC insurance has paid claims on set up accidents)
	Club	\$200	100+ members: \$350 per club 51-100: \$300 26-50: \$250 11-25: \$225 1-10: \$200	Aligns fees charged with actual costs incurred – larger clubs represent larger risk and insurance cost
	Coach and Mechanic	\$200	\$225	13% increase to reflect USAC’s rising insurance costs

Club & Team Fees (annual)	Club membership	\$150 w/ no official's license	\$200 with inclusion of official's license	Encourages growth in number of officials without materially impacting USAC's or Clubs' finances
	Junior only club membership	\$150	\$100 with inclusion of official's license	Provides reduced membership fee for junior clubs to encourage young athlete development
	Collegiate club membership	\$75 w/ no official's license	\$100 with inclusion of official's license	Encourages growth in number of officials without materially impacting USAC's or Clubs' finances
	High School club membership	\$50 w/ no official's license	\$100 with inclusion of official's license	Encourages growth in number of officials without materially impacting USAC's or Clubs' finances
	Domestic elite team	\$250 + \$400 to RaceClean	\$450 + \$400 to RaceClean	80% increase to better align fees with how money is spent - USAC currently spends substantially more on elite cycling than it generates in revenue. Rather than reducing support, we seek greater contribution from those receiving benefits
	UCI team	\$2000 - \$4000	No change	
Permit Fees	MTB events	Tiered A-E event category pricing	Elimination of permit fees for MTB events, but cessation of current rebate program	Reduces up front financial burden on MTB event directors to encourage more and better events for the MTB community. MTB event rebate program, which was cumbersome to run and little value to many events, eliminated to drive efficiency and partially offset elimination of permit fees. (Note: USAC in 2015 is estimated to collect \$60k in MTB permit fees and pay out c. \$30k in rebates – this 2016 change represents c. \$30k investment in MTB events)
	Road, Track, CX events	Tiered A-E event category pricing	No change	
Race Director Certification		Level C RD certification required for competitive events	No RD certification required for any events in 2016	Eliminates barrier to event directors holding an event during 2016 while the RD certification program is refined or overhauled

NOTE: No changes to calendar fees, e.g., Pro CX, Pro XCT, NRC/NCC, etc.