



RACING
TEAM
HANDBOOK

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Lehigh Wheelmen Racing Division Bylaws 2005

LEHIGH WHEELMEN RACING DIVISION HANDBOOK

I. Purpose

The Racing Division was established as a subgroup of the Lehigh Wheelmen that contains those members interested in racing. It administers the racing program and satisfies racing sponsorship commitments. The organization is headed by the Vice President (V.P.) of Racing. The Race Team Treasurers controls expenditures through an account and budget that is separate from that of the Lehigh Wheelmen Association, Inc. (LWA)

II. RACING COMMITTEE

1. Selection of Members

- a. New committee members may be added at any time by unanimous approval of the present committee.
- b. The V.P. of Racing is selected by a majority vote of the general membership at the December LWA general meeting.
- c. Current membership of the Racing Committee is indicated in Exhibit "A."

2. Purpose and Responsibilities

- a. Establish a budget. The Financial Secretary of Racing shall be responsible for the disbursement all appropriations, which shall be approved by the V.P. of Racing.
- b. Determine which riders shall receive support.
- c. Set policies which satisfy racing sponsorship commitments.
- d. Conduct club training races, a monthly time trial, clinics, etc. Schedules for these events are published in the Quick Release, the official publication of the Lehigh Wheelmen.
- e. Organize and conduct sanctioned USCF races.
- f. Organize and conduct club championship races.
- g. Hold annual racers' meeting.
- h. Facilitate a clinic for new and interested racers.
- i. Have a team photo in early October.
- j. Hold meetings.

III. APPLICATION FOR RACING DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

1. Prospective new members whose applications indicate an interest in racing will be contacted by a member of the racing committee, who shall supply that person with a racing division handbook and other related information.
2. Riders changing clubs must complete their unattached status requirements with the USCF before application approval is given.
3. Returning members renew their LWA membership by March 31. The V.P. of Racing will then verify racing division membership.
3. It is the responsibility of members to notify the LWA of any change of address.

IV. RACING DIVISION RULES

1. Riders must be paid members in good standing with the Lehigh Wheelmen Association, Inc.
2. Members are to conduct themselves in such a manner as to project a good image for the Lehigh Wheelmen Association and its sponsor(s).

3. All racing division members are required to wear the approved Bike Line/LWA racing jersey at all racing events. It is recommended that this jersey also be worn at other events, which provide exposure for the Lehigh Wheelmen Racing Division and its sponsor(s).
4. An approved hard-shell helmet is required at all club training and race events.
5. A member must list "Lehigh Wheelmen Association" as his/her club name on his/her USCF racing license, and must use "**Bikeline/LWA**" on the USA Cycling Standard Athletes Entry Blank and Release Form.
6. All members are to work for the betterment of the Lehigh Wheelmen by assisting or participating in general club functions.
7. Club racing activities shall be open to race division members and all non-racing members of the Lehigh Wheelmen.
8. Riders shall abide by the decisions of the Racing Committee and the V.P. of Racing.
9. Members shall attend meetings of the Race Divisions, as announced in the Quick Release.
10. A member may be removed from the Racing Division by the V.P. of Racing or the Racing Committee for failure to abide by these rules.

V. RIDER SUPPORT

1. All racing members shall receive reimbursement at the following January racers' meeting.
 - a. An eligible rider must have provided support to several club sponsored events. This includes all club sponsored USCF events and other LWA racing division events publicized in the Quick Release.
 - b. "Support" of a club event shall generally be defined by being present to help for the duration of the event, not including the time during which the rider is racing. It shall also include help with corner-marshaling, registration, setup, and/or teardown.
 - c. An eligible member shall have abided by all racing division rules.
 - d. Eligible race results are those listed in the Quick Release with the exception of club run events. These race results should be submitted monthly.
 - e. The minimum support required for reimbursement includes one entire Sunday during the LWA March Series Races (the volunteer **should not** race that day) and one other race during the same season (the volunteer **can** race that day).
2. Rider reimbursement shall be distributed at the racers' meeting to all eligible riders as described above.
 - a. Eligible results will be reimbursed on a per event basis, as a percentage of the standard entrance fee for each type of event
 - b. The race committee shall determine the standard entrance fee for each type of event.
 - c. The percentage reimbursed in each year shall be commensurate with available funds, as determined by the race committee.
 - d. Racers promoted by the LWA racing division will not be reimbursed.
 - e. Rodale training series fees will not be eligible for reimbursement.
3. Additional Rider Support
 - a. Tires and other items will be available to racing members at reduced cost. Contact the Financial Secretary for more information.

- b. A discount is available at Bikeline shops of Allentown and Bethlehem. Tell them you are a racing member of the LWA.
- c. Tire receipts must be sent to the Financial Secretary for additional discount.

VI. TEAM RACE JERSEYS

- 1. Bikeline/LWA team racing jerseys are available to all racing members. Price will depend on cost to the club.
- 2. Jerseys that are damaged while racing will be replaced at a reduced cost.

VII. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1. Schedules for club championships will be published in the Quick Release a minimum of one month in advance for each race date. The events will include:
 - a. Road Race – 5 ½ loops (4 ½ loops for juniors and women) of a 7.2 miles course near Guthsville, PA This includes one controlled Lap.
 - b. Criterium – 25 loops of a 0.6 mile course at the Wm. Penn Business Center in Fogelsville. Total approx. – 15 miles
 - c. Hillclimb – north side of Hawk Mountain, Approx 1.8 miles.
 - d. Time Trial – Official LWA TT Course in Breinigsville, Approx 7.7 miles.
 - e. Track Omnium – Lehigh Valley Velodrome. Consists of the following events, although this format may vary depending on the number of riders participating.

Race	Who Rides	Points
200 M TT	All	Used to seed sprints
Match Sprints	Sr. + Masters, Jr., Wm.	12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1 . . .
15 lap Tempo (2,1/3,2,1)	All	12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1 . . .
10 Lap Scratch	All	12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1 . . .
40 Lap Points (8X5,3,2,1)	All	12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1 . . .

Races may be shortened due to lack of riders.
 Separate races for Juniors and Women. if numbers allow.

- 2. Race location is subject to availability. Race length and track events are subject to change by decision of the race committee.
- 3. Current USCF rules be in effect at all club championship events.
- 4. Any current member of the LWA is eligible to compete in club championship events and to receive club championship points and awards, although only race division members in good standing will be eligible for trophies.
- 5. A point system will be used to determine class (Jr. 9-13, Jr. 14-17, Sr. Men(18-34), Masters(35-44), Veteran(45+), Women) and best all-around (BAR) champion only Sr Men, Masters and Veteran. Points will be awarded on a 12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1 . . . basis for each type pf event, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. Points will be determined separately for each class and for the BAR.
 - b. A rider must finish an event to score points for that event.
 - c. Each track event will award points per section VII.e. The point total of each track rider for the track events will then be used to assign points per the above schedule, which count toward club championships.
 - d. To be eligible to BAR points, a rider must compete at the full Sr. distance in all events.
- 6. Trophies will be awarded to each class champion and to the BAR. A rider must finish a minimum of 3 events to qualify for a trophy. Trophies will remain in the possession of these riders until the following year’s championships are determined. Only race division members in good standing may hold the trophy. LWA club members can compete in the Championships but are not eligible for the trophies.

VIII. Racing Committee Members as of 1 January 2005