

AMBCS 2010 Bid Application:

Arkansas Mountain Bike Championship Series (AMBCS) MISSION STATEMENT: The goal of the AMBCS is to recognize State events which will promote grassroots racing (including all ages and abilities of competitors) to actively grow the sport of mountain bike racing and participation in the state of Arkansas.

The AMBCS is not a governing body and does not control the sport of Mountain Biking within Arkansas. It is an “umbrella” that a group of races have voluntarily decided to group together under. The “umbrella” is designed to provide the race promoter with a clear set of guidelines so that participants can expect and receive a fair and consistent racing experience.

AMBCS EVENT STANDARDS AND GOALS

A professional business attitude:

1. Toward other series event organizers:
2. Toward AMBCS Series Administration:
3. Toward the Participants
4. Toward USAC staff and officials

The classes and categories offered at the AMBCS event should be consistent with USAC-MTB National Rankings. A minimum list of classes and categories is outlined in this bid application.

Rankings and Results Submission: Submission of race results to the AMBCS is required by Noon on The Thursday directly following the event. If classes and categories are combined for convenience at the event, the race results must break them back into the appropriate AMBCS ranking classes and categories. If a Rider has a USAC Annual License, the rider’s annual license number must be included with the race results.

Courses: The courses used for AMBCS events must be relatively safe, competitive, and a fair test of each ability category, class, and discipline offered. These courses are to be open and available and labeled for year round use as trails for Mountain Biking and must be contained wholly within the state of Arkansas. Course not wholly contained within Arkansas will not be considered to be part of the AR State Championship series (AMBCS). Please note; this does not mean that a promoter cannot host a race there it just means it cannot be part of the AMBCS.

Participants: A minimum of 100 racers must have participated in prior mountain bike events at the proposed AMBCS event site (contingent on the region of the State).

Geographic Location: Geographic distribution of the races throughout the state is of a paramount concern.

Prizes/Awards: Award depth and type must be stated on race flyer, race info sheet and other significant published materials. Please include the cash purse amount Pay back percentage for the PRO / CAT 1 male categories. All CAT 2 & 3 Categories must award at minimum 3 deep with some type of a presentable or usable award.

Event Organizer Experience: Event organizers wishing to host an AMBC event must have at least three (2) years of organizing successful cycling bike events.

AMBCS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The AMBCS is responsible for:

- Providing a website where the Season Schedule, Contact information and ranking systems for individuals and teams.
- AMBCS to administer the Pay Dirt Program
- AMBCS to assist with marketing through the AMBCS website and the AMBCS Newsletter
- AMBCS to Administer the Ranking programs for both individual racers and the teams.
- AMBCS will provide the Hard Plates for use in the ranking system.
- AMBCS (for 2010) will provide the medals for the Junior Class Awards to each race (upon request).

AMBCS Event Organizers are responsible for:

- Event production and technical operations;
- Timing, results, staffing, awards, media, officials, sound, public address announcer, venue, medical, food and beverage.
- Course set up, Marking and control
- Local, regional, and national advertising outside of the AMBCS website and Newsletter;
- USAC club, permit, and insurance fees.

2010 AMBC CLASSES & CATEGORIES

PRO/Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Junior
Men 15-18	Men 15-18	Men 15-18	Junior Men 1-10
Men 19-29	Men 19-29	Men 19-29	Junior Men 11-12
Men 30-39	Men 30-39	Men 30-39	Junior Men 13-14
Men 40-49	Men 40-49	Men 40-49	
Men 50+	Men 50+	Men 50+	
Men 60+			
Women 19-39	Women 19-39	Women 15-18	Junior Women 1-10
Women 40+	Women 40+	Women 19-39	Junior Women 11-12
		Women 40+	Junior Women 13-14
	Single Speed Open	Clydesdale Open (200Lbs+)	

AMBC EVENT RESULTS AND RANKINGS

Correctly formatted results must be submitted to the following individuals; Series Administrator and USA Cycling by Noon on the Thursday directly follow the event. Failure to complete this may preclude the event from being part of the AMBCS the following year.

2010 AMBCS EVENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES - Please review all information contained within this application prior to completing it.

- **Completed AMBCS applications must be submitted with a postmark no later than December 26, 2009.**
- **AMBCS event applications will be reviewed between receipt and January 1, 2010.**
- **AMBCS event selections will be made by January 1, 2010.**
- **AMBCS Promoters/Racers Meeting tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2010**

Selected sites will be notified by email on or about January 1, 2010.

AMBCS applications are taken on an annual basis and agreements are for a maximum of one year. The AMBCS offers no guarantee a site will retain rights to the AMBCS title designation the following year. Retaining the AMBCS designation is contingent on how successful the AMBCS event was the previous season. However, AMBCS sites generally have the first rights to bid to be on the AMBCS schedule for the following year.

The AMBCS designation is granted for the event weekend applied for either with the first date selection, second date selection, or a date agreed upon by the AMBCS administrator and the organizer. AMBCS designations will not be split over multiple weekends.

Races selected to be on the 2010 AMBCS calendar are to be permitted with USA Cycling at least eight **(8) weeks** prior to the scheduled event date.

Please include copy of previous year's race flier/event website, along with the proposed 2010 race flier (if possible).

Post Mark completed application by December 26, 2009 to, either by Snail Mail or Email to:

If by Snail Mail:

2010 AMBCS Applications
111 Evonshire Drive
Arkadelphia AR, 71923

If By Email:

Email: DLTevents@gmail.com

If you have Question please Call or email:

Phone: 870 246 6686

Email: DLTevents@gmail.com

AMBCS EVENT SELECTION CRITERIA (These are the items the AMBCS will use to evaluate your bid.)

Urban Proximity: What is the closest city to the Race venue and how far away is it. How accessible is the race site to participants? Is transportation, housing, and food easily accessible? Are the events spread graphically through the state?

Event Organizer's Experience: How experienced is the event organizer with production of successful mountain bike or other events? What other events have they promoted? How long have they been promoting mountain bike racing,

Quality of Event: What kind of prize list, venue, amenities, registration system (online, paper or both) and timing are being offered to racers?

Courses: Are the courses to be used at the proposed AMBCS event fair, safe, and a solid test of each racer's ability? Is the course appropriate for a wide range of categories, including juniors?

Calendar and Date Flexibility: How well does the event fit into the state calendar? Are the event organizers willing to work with an alternate date choice if there is a date conflict with another event? Does the event organizer keep a consistent date and location of the event every year (i.e. every year the event is held the third weekend of June)?

Sponsorship and Community Support: Does the event organizer have strong community support? Is there adequate sponsorship for expenses, awards, and amenities for the riders?

Date/Event Preferences: Races that have a historic date, (for example third week end in June) or are presently part of one of the USAC National Calendars and have their dates set will be provided with overriding preference for that date. If an event is a USA Cycling AMBC or National Cross Country Calendar event, they will be accepted into the AMBCS automatically, as the Standards for those events are more stringent then for the AMBCS.

Please complete the next few pages of information.

20109 AMBCS EVENT DETAILS

Event Name: Event Location City: State:

Disciplines to be offered (circle all to be offered): XCO STXC Stage Downhill Other _____

USAC Club/Organizing Group:

Name of Primary Contact: Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone (primary):

(cell)

(fax)

Phone # to be published:

Email:

Website:

First Choice for Event Date:

Second Choice for Event Date:

Third Choice for Event Date:

2009 AMBCS QUESTIONNAIRE (Race Promoter please answer each of the following questions. Please type your answers so they are easily read. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

LOCATION

1. Population of host community:

2. Nearest major urban areas /cities to venue, Please list distances:

3. Include websites Links on proposed venue, venue facilities, and community.

EVENT ORGANIZER

4. Are you a non-profit, Club or professional event organizer?

5. Please outline your experience as an event organizer:

6. Please outline the event organization's staffing structure:

EVENT EXPECTATIONS

7. Please outline the event organizer's measure of success for this event:

EVENT VENUE

8. Please describe the venue. Include Course type (Loop, Point to point, etc), spectator services, facilities, parking, etc. Is it public or private land?

9. Will there be any user fees or participant or spectator charges (i.e. parking fees, etc.)? Yes/No

10. Will bike washes be available? Yes/No. If yes, how many?

COURSES AND COMPETITION

11. Please outline the course specifications, listing length and/or percentage of single track, paved roads, etc. Please include a Course map (if available) and specify locations for all disciplines offered. List the type of course such as Loop, Point to point or other.

REGISTRATION, TIMING AND OFFICIALS

12. Please outline how the event will be timed and scored.

13. How many USAC officials do you plan to have on-site for the AMBC event? **1 2 3**

14. Will multiple methods of registration be offered? (Online, Paper application, day before in person, day of in person.) Please List.

MEDICAL SERVICES

15. Describe on-site medical services:

PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

16 .What will be the pay back level for CAT 1 riders? (Please Circle Pay back Level)

ALL CAT 2 / 3 and Jr Classes require awards (trophies) to be awarded 3 deep.

CAT 1 are required to offer cash pay outs at 40% depth of field. (Please Circle Pay back Level)

100% 95% 90% 85% 80% 75% 70% 65% 60%