

NYS Championship Race Selection and Procedures

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This document defines the annual selection process, race execution procedures for the NYS championship Road Race, Time Trial, Criterium, and CycleCross.

Selection Process

Promoters and clubs that would like to host Championship events should indicate their interest every year in the hopes of establishing a pool of interested clubs and a fair rotation. Although a location near the geographic or population center of the state is desirable, the goal is to allow championship events to move around the state without prejudice to location.

1. Any club can offer to host a race up as per the schedule published on nyraces@yahoogroups.com by the NYS Schedule coordinator. As a guideline, bids shall be due by midnight, 30 November of the previous year. Calls for bids shall be announced on nyraces@yahoogroups.com at least 30 calendar days prior to the bid deadline.
2. Offers to host ("Bids") must be posted to nyraces@yahoogroups.com. Bids must include:
 - a. Name of promoter
 - b. Name of sponsoring USA Cycling club
 - c. Proposed date and location
 - d. Description of course (type of terrain, condition of roads, road closure, lead/follow cars, wheel vans, safety, etc.)
 - e. Description of venue (parking, facilities)
 - f. Description of proposed event (fields, sponsors, prizes, any other factors)
 - g. Description of previous experience hosting similar events
 - h. Last year the club hosted the championship event.
3. If there is only one bid to host an event, the offer shall be accepted.
4. If there are multiple bids, the bidding promoters shall discuss options to achieve a consensus that resolves the multiple offers to satisfaction of all.

Assuming all bids suitably meet the criteria a-g (above), the method to resolve multiple bids shall be:

1. First priority is to ensure the best possible slate of events for the riders, to include geographic distribution of championship events each year as well as from year-to-year.
2. Next priority goes to the club who has never hosted the event.
3. Next priority goes to the club who hosted longest ago.
4. Next priority goes to the club who has waited the longest to host the event, having made a bid in a previous year but did not host the event.
5. Bidding clubs may also establish a tentative schedule for clubs to host the event up to 3 years into the future. In those future years, if other clubs submit bids, all the bidding clubs shall resolve the multiple bids using this resolution process.
6. If the bidding promoters cannot agree to satisfactory resolution, the bids shall be resolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of a NYS Local Association, if one exists. Otherwise, there shall be a public vote.
7. A public vote shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. The vote shall be announced on nyraces@yahoogroups.com with a voting period of not less than 10 days.
 - b. Eligible votes may be submitted only by persons who promoted a USA Cycling competitive event in NYS in the current year.

- c. Each eligible promoter may make at most one vote and all votes shall count equally.
- d. Voters shall evaluate the bids based on the criteria a-g, above.
- e. Votes shall be sent by email to a neutral party selected for this purpose. The neutral party shall verify the eligibility of the voter, tally the votes, and post the result to nyraces@yahoogroups.com at the conclusion of the voting period.

(Notes from jsp)

1. Usually we only have one bidder for an event so this is easy
2. Secondly, when have 2 bidders, one bidder is usually happy to say "you go and I'll do it next year"
3. Yahoogroups voting can be easily rigged so is not fair. Hopefully we never need to vote, but I would recommend our rep at USA Cycling (Susie Diller) for the "neutral party."
4. I have a sample 2-page bid template provided by USA Cycling RC George Heagerty for use if needed.

Race Execution

1. Promoters shall provide, at minimum, fields as per the current list of NYS Championship Categories (based on the USA Cycling Rulebook).
2. Promoters may combine fields as per the USA Cycling Rulebook, but shall provide pace and follow cars for each group of riders on the road.
3. The Road Championship for Juniors age 10-14 shall have their own field with pace & follow cars and an adequate number of adult supervisors.