



Dear Race Directors:

Thank you to each of our Illinois race directors who are working diligently to host an Illinois cycling event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Illinois Cycling Association (ICA), the teams, and riders who are able to showcase their talent and sponsors at your events.

The IL Cup has the potential to be a benefit to both race directors and riders so the ICA is continuing the series this year. Like last year, our goal is to simplify the rules and requirements placed on race directors so that you can run your races as efficiently as possible while still benefitting from the additional ridership that a season-long series generates.

The ICA will be accepting IL Cup applications through **Friday, February 14th, 2020**. All application materials can be found in the Illinois Cup Guide for Race Directors. Applications will be processed quickly (in the order received) so early season races that successfully apply will have as much time as possible to notify riders of their inclusion in the Cup.

Successful applications will include the following:

- **Completed IL Cup Bid Application**
- **Updated Race Flyer (and Guide if available)**
- **Flyer/Guide must include:**
 - **Clear designation of which events count toward the IL Cup, and if combining fields, how riders will be scored for prizes and the Cup**
 - **All IL Cup categories must be represented**
 - **ICA and IL Cup logos**

You may e-mail completed IL Cup applications to the ICA Officer-at-Large (Chad Briggs, e-mail: briggs32281221@gmail.com). Once completed applications have been received, the ICA will review the application and inform you of their decision regarding your event's inclusion in this year's IL Cup.

We look forward to working with you to make the Illinois Cup series a success.

Sincerely,

Illinois Cycling Association



ILLINOIS CYCLING ASSOCIATION

2020 Illinois Cup Guide for Race Directors

Race Director Requirements and Guidelines

All Illinois Cup events will be permitted through USA Cycling with the approval of the Illinois Cycling Association's Technical Director. All races must meet the minimum required length for upgrades. All rules in the USA Cycling road rulebook will be enforced.

Individual races that are part of an Omnium may be considered for the IL Cup, but not overall Omnium. Only in rare cases will a first-year event be considered for the Illinois Cup. We would like race directors to run a USAC-sanctioned event for one year before applying.

Categories for the 2019 IL Cup

Each of the categories listed below must be offered at an Illinois Cup race. **Cup categories (and payouts and prizes) may be combined**, but these categories must be scored and reported separately. For example, if you decide to combine the Masters 35-44 (1/2/3/4), Masters 45-54 and Masters 55+ (1/2/3/4) fields into one race and offer only one purse, their results must still be scored and reported separately to the ICA. (Note that ***Masters riders must race their age for the IL Cup*** [e.g., a 56-year old rider cannot compete in the Masters 45-54 category]). Similarly, if you combine Juniors fields for racing and prizes, you will still need to provide separate results to the ICA for each age and gender category.

IL Cup Categories:

- Juniors
 - Boys: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
 - Girls: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
- Masters 35-44 (1/2/3/4)
- Masters 45-54 (1/2/3/4)
- Masters 55+ (1/2/3/4)
- Women Masters 35+ (1/2/3/4)
- Women Category 4
- Women Category 3
- Women Category 1/2
- Men Category 4
- Men Category 3
- Men Category 1/2

IL Cup Race Designation and Scoring Guidelines

Race Directors should **clearly denote on all printed and electronic material which race categories are part of the IL Cup**. If fields are combined, clearly indicate which categories are eligible for Cup points. Please use the following as a guide:

- A. If two or more Cup categories are combined (e.g., Women 1/2 and Women 3), then ...
 - a. Racers in each category will be scored separately and *will not displace each other* for points. For example, if the first Women 3 rider across the line finishes 4th in the combined field, they will be awarded 1st place points in the Women 3 category, while a Women 1/2 rider finishing 5th will be awarded 4th place points.
- B. If a Non-IL Cup category is combined with an IL Cup category, then only the Cup category riders will earn points, and they will not be displaced by non-Cup riders.

Registration & Results

The ICA strongly encourages Illinois Cup race directors to use BikeReg.com for pre-registration. BikeReg.com's pre-registered rider data will be loaded into our Registration & Results program prior to the morning of the race. The binder system for registration at the races that has been proven to be a successful flow for registration is also recommended. IL Cup Category Results MUST be sent to the ICA Officer-at-Large (Chad Briggs; e-mail: briggs32281221@gmail.com) at the conclusion of your event in an electronic format. We strongly encourage results delivery within 48 hours after the event so that Cup results can be delivered in a timely fashion.

When setting up bikereg.com registration, we ask that each of the Cup categories are listed separately to best accommodate proper category break outs and Cup scoring.

Equipment

For the determination of mass start events, it is required that photo finish equipment be used, as well as a registration to results computer program. As long as BikeReg is used as the registration system, the ICA will supply the following (if using another registration system, you may also pay a per rider fee for the use of this equipment):

- Finishlynx Finish Line Camera
- 12 Foot Ladder for FL Camera
- Finish Line Computer to Review Finishes
- Small table for Finish Line Laptops
- Results Laptop
- Registration Laptop
- Registration Printer (w/ink - paper is race directors responsibility)
- Lap Cards

IL Cup Marketing Requirements

The ICA logo, Illinois Cup logo, and USA Cycling logo must be included on ALL promotional materials, including websites and flyers. Website logos should also link the ICA (www.illinoiscycling.org), IL Cup (<http://www.illinoiscycling.org/racing/illinois-cup>) and USAC webpages (www.usacycling.org), respectively.

Overall IL Cup Awards

The winner of each IL Cup category will receive one free entry into each Illinois Cup race the following year. This award is non-transferable to any other rider or to any other race if not used. If the winning rider upgrades or moves into a new age group, they can apply their winning entry to their new category/age group. This award is only good for one entry per race. If the rider chooses to enter a 2nd race, they must pay the associated entry fee for another race. If there is a 2nd race discount, it will be left up to the discretion of the race director whether to award the discount for the additional race. For this offer to be valid, the rider must pre-register. A list of last year's winners will be sent to you upon your race's inclusion into the IL Cup.

2020 IL Cup Bid Application

Application Deadline:

The application deadline for the 2020 Illinois Cup is **Friday, February 14th, 2020**.

Required Application Materials:

- **Completed IL Cup Bid Application**
- **Current Race Flyer (and Guide if available)**
- **Flyer/Guide must include:**
 - **Clear designation of which events count toward the IL Cup, and if combining fields, how riders will be scored for prizes and the Cup**
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Application Procedure:

All race directors submitting applications must complete the application and return it to the ICA by the application deadline. The ICA reserves the right to reject incomplete applications. Questions and completed applications can be sent to Chad Briggs, Officer-at-Large (briggs32281221@gmail.com).

Selection Criteria:

The bids will be reviewed by the Illinois Cycling Association, and the following criteria will be applied (in no particular order): (A) Acceptance of guidelines, (B) Calendar flow, (C) Chief Ref and Official's reports from previous year's race, and (D) Previous year's race and race director in good standing with USAC. If there are a large number of IL Cup applications, preference will be given to events that offer gender parity in their prizes.

Race Director Commitment:

Race Date(s): _____

Race Name: _____

Race Director's Name: _____

Race Director's Contact Email Address: _____

Race Director's Phone Number: _____

Team Affiliation: _____

Signature: _____

In signing and returning this page, along with the other required application information, I agree to the listed requirements discussed in the above guide.

Any issues or concerns with any item(s) put forth in this guide have been discussed with the IL Cup Committee at or before the time of submitting this application.