



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 multi-event series generates.

The ICA will be accepting IL Cup applications through **Friday, March 11, 2022**. 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](mailto: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

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# **2022 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 2022 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
- Men Masters 35-44 (1/2/3/4)
- Women Masters 35-44 (1/2/3/4)
- Men Masters 45-54 (1/2/3/4)
- Women Masters 45-54 (1/2/3/4)
- Men Masters 55+ (1/2/3/4)
- Women Masters 55+ (1/2/3/4)
- Men Category 4
- Women Category 4
- Men Category 3
- Women Category 3
- Men Category 1/2
- Women 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 4<sup>th</sup> in the combined field, they will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place points in the Women 3 category, while a Women 1/2 rider finishing 5<sup>th</sup> will be awarded 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Results **MUST** be sent to the ICA Officer-at-Large (Chad Briggs; e-mail: [briggs32281221@gmail.com](mailto:briggs32281221@gmail.com)) at the conclusion of your event. We strongly encourage **results delivery within 48 hours** so the Cup results can be updated in a timely fashion.

## 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

Logos for the ICA, Illinois Cup, and USA Cycling must be included on ALL promotional materials, including websites and flyers. Website logos should also link to the ICA ([www.illinoisicycling.org](http://www.illinoisicycling.org)), IL Cup (<http://www.illinoisicycling.org/racing/illinois-cup>) and USAC webpages ([www.usacycling.org](http://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. If the winning rider upgrades or moves into a new age group, they can apply their winning entry to the new category. This award is only good for one entry per race. If the rider chooses to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> race, they must pay the associated entry fee for another race. If there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# 2022 IL Cup Bid Application

## Application Deadline:

The application deadline for the 2022 Illinois Cup is **Friday, March 11, 2022**.

## 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**
    - **All IL Cup categories must be represented**
  - **ICA and IL Cup logos**

## 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](mailto: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.**