
2026 TOUR DE DIRT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RULEBOOK

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1. PURPOSE

The **Tour de Dirt Championship Series** is Oklahoma's premier mountain bike racing series. The mission of the series is to provide a consistent, competitive, and welcoming environment for racers of all ages and skill levels.

Racers accumulate points throughout the season, and series champions are awarded **Tour de Dirt Championship titles** in their respective categories and classes.

2. RULES AND SCORING

A. Helmets

Helmets are required for all competitors and non-competitors any time they are on a bicycle at a Tour de Dirt event.

B. Rules Framework

Tour de Dirt events generally follow **USA Cycling mountain bike rules as a guideline only**, except where Tour de Dirt rules differ. This does not imply sanctioning or affiliation.

C. Points and Standings

Two-Drop Rule

- Each racer's lowest two scores (including missed races) are dropped.
- Racers must complete **five (5)** events in the same category/class to qualify for series awards.
- If a race is canceled, the two-drop rule still applies.
- If a racer upgrades mid-season, earlier results still count toward the five-race minimum.

D. Awards Presentation

Series awards are presented at the final event of the season.

E. Points Table

Place Points Place Points

1st 60 12th 18

2nd 54 13th 16

3rd 48 14th 14

4th 42 15th 12

5th 38 16th 10

6th 34 17th 8

7th 30 18th 6

8th 26 19th 4

9th 24 20th 2

10th 22 21st 0

11th 20 — —

No bonus points are used.**F. Tie-Breaking Procedures**

1. Most 1st-place finishes, then 2nd-place, then 3rd-place, etc.
2. Head-to-head results in all common races.
3. Result of the most recent common race.

G. Volunteer Points

- 60 points for volunteering at an event (once per season).
- Racer must not race that day.
- Does not count toward the five-race minimum.
- Does not count toward Team Challenge scoring.

3. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

A. General Requirements

- All racers must register and sign the event waiver.
- All racers must use an official Tour de Dirt number plate.
- Minors must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver.

B. Number Plates

- **\$25** season plate for CAT 1, CAT 2, CAT 3.
- **\$5** season plate for Kids Kup.
- Replacement plates cost the same as the original.
- Upgraded racers receive a new plate at no charge.

C. No Licensing Requirements

No licenses of any kind are required.

4. CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

CAT 1

- JR MEN 13–18
- JR WOMEN 13-18
- MEN 19–39
- MEN 40–49
- MEN 50+
- WOMEN 19+

CAT 2

- JR MEN 13–15
- JR MEN 16–18
- MEN 19–39
- MEN 40–49
- MEN 50+

- JR WOMEN 13–18
- WOMEN 19–39
- WOMEN 40+
- SINGLE SPEED OPEN
- E-BIKE
- 60+ OPEN

CAT 3

- JR MEN 13–15
- JR MEN 16–18
- MEN 19–29
- MEN 30–39
- MEN 40–49
- MEN 50+
- JR WOMEN 13–18
- WOMEN 19–39
- WOMEN 40+
- CLYDESDALE (225+ lbs)

Kids Kup (12 & Under)

- 10–12
- 8–9
- 6–7
- 4–5
- Training Wheels

5. UPGRADES AND DOWNGRADES

A. General Upgrade Rules

- Racers may upgrade voluntarily.
- Downgrades require approval.
- Tour de Dirt may require upgrades based on performance.

B. Mandatory Upgrades

- CAT 3 → CAT 2: Five top-five finishes.
- CAT 2 → CAT 1: Five top-five finishes.

C. Minimum Field Sizes for Upgrade Credit

Class	Men	Women
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Junior 15–18	10	5
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Senior 19–29	15	10
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Master 30–39	15	10
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Master 40–49	10	5
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Master 50+	5	5
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D. Carrying Points After Upgrade

- Before Race 6: All points transfer.
- After Race 6: Half points transfer.

E. Number Plates After Upgrade

- New plates issued at no charge.
- Plate colors: CAT 1 Red, CAT 2 Blue, CAT 3 Green.

6. COURSES

A. Target Race Durations

Category Duration

CAT 1	2.0–2.5 hrs
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Category Duration

CAT 2 1.5–2.0 hrs

CAT 3 1.0–1.5 hrs

Distance Notes

- CAT 1 Junior Men → CAT 2 distance
- CAT 1 Women → CAT 2 distance
- Single Speed Open → CAT 2 distance
- 60+ Open → CAT 2 distance
- Clydesdale → CAT 3 distance

B. Start Procedures

- No mass starts.
- 1-minute gap between categories.
- 2-minute gaps for CAT 3 classes.
- Unified Women's Start (CAT 1 + CAT 2).

C. Course Marking

Promoters must clearly mark all turns, hazards, intersections, and Kids Kup courses.

7. PRIZES AND AWARDS

A. CAT 1 Payouts

- Promoters must follow the payout chart.
- Payout depth: 40% of field (rounded up).
- Top three always paid.

B. CAT 2, CAT 3, Single Speed, Clydesdale, 60+ Open

- Top three receive awards.
- Merchandise prizes encouraged.

- CAT 3 and Clydesdale may use raffle-based awards.

C. Tour de Dirt Championship Awards

Presented at the final event for all categories and classes.

8. ENTRY FEES (2026)

Racer Class Fee

CAT 1 \$35

CAT 2 \$35

CAT 3 \$30

Kids Kup \$5

- No license fees.
- Kids Kup has no late fees.
- Adult late fee max: \$10.

9. AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Ambassadors support promoters with course review, Kids Kup coordination, staging, and event standards.

Kids Kup Team marks the youth course and manages youth scoring.

10. TEAM CHALLENGE

- Teams up to 25 riders
- \$50 team registration
- Top four finishers score per event
- No drops
- Team Cup awarded at final event
- Ethical team building required

11. KIDS KUP (12 & UNDER)

- Age groups: 10–12, 8–9, 6–7, 4–5, Training Wheels
- \$5 season number plate
- No licenses
- Age-appropriate distances
- Two-drop rule
- Series awards for top three in each class (ages 6–12)

12. PROMOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Promoters must handle course setup, marking, timing, medical support, awards, insurance, and coordination with Ambassadors and Kids Kup Team.

13. VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- 60 points for volunteering (once per season)
- Must not race that day
- Does not count toward five-race minimum
- Does not count toward Team Challenge

14. TOUR DE DIRT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Roles include Series Director, Assistant Director, Ambassador Coordinator, Kids Kup Coordinator, Scoring Manager, Team Challenge Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Communications Lead.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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