

WIM Series Overview

The WIM Series continues to be the premier NORBA sanctioned Mountain Bike Race Series in the Pacific Northwest. The WIM Series is for all ages and ability levels. Come and enjoy the outdoors, have fun with friends and compete in a great environment. 4 Cross Country (XC) and 3 Downhill (DH) Races will make up the WIM Series for 2005.

WIM events include

CROSS COUNTRY(XC)

Like pedaling your mountain bike uphill as well as flying downhill? Like going the distance? Cross Country racing not only tests your skill, but also your endurance! Beginners can expect to pedal for about an hour, Sports an hour and a half and Pro/Experts upwards of 2 hours,

Special XC Categories:

First Timers category is a new category for the WIM Series this year. If you have never raced with us before, come join the fun, no pressure. We will discount your race fee and you will have your very own category to start in. Your competition will be riders just like you who have never raced before. The XC First Timers will start just behind the beginners. There will be no age breakdowns in this category; but we will split male and female. Once you've raced as a First Timer, you will move up with the beginners. From there you will be on your own to move on up in the world of Mountain Bike Racing. Look out World Cup, here we come!

Clydesdale Category: 190lbs + (men XC only) subtract 15 seconds off your time for every pound over the minimum weight.

Collegiate Category: To be in this category you must be a full time student at a college that has a cycling team and is registered with USA Cycling. This category is for collegiate riders to gain points towards collegiate nationals. Entering a collegiate category will automatically put you into the 19-29 age group in that category (i.e. Collegiate B will also be scored as a sport 19-29). For a particular event you will get scored in collegiate and the 19-29 group for daily awards. You will get series points in the 19-29 age class, but there will be no overall series collegiate awards.

Single Speed: One bike, one gear, one long way to go.

Downhill Cross Country: This is for the downhiller who wants to participate in the cross country. Our resident Downhill Cross Country champion, Michael Lawrence, has taken time to update the rules for this class: 1) No lock outs on the forks or the shocks 2) 12 inches of combined travel 3) 35 pounds minimum weight 4) Any size front chain ring, but only one may be used, those with triple or double rings will be forced to lock out the additional rings 5) All riders bikes must pass tech inspection prior to the race 6) No visible lycra or spandex clothing!!!

Shimano Kids Race

Keeping with the tradition, at every WIM Series XC race, we will hold a Free Kids Race, sponsored by the Shimano youth Series.

The Youth Series was designed to give children an opportunity to compete like their parents in a positive and fun environment. The Youth Series is free to children ages 12 & under. Kids receive a t-shirt, stickers, extra goodies, a number plate, and a shiny new gold medal. Parent participation is encouraged for the youngsters who can barely ride themselves, while the older categories provide excitement any race fan can enjoy. The key ingredients in the Shimano Youth Series are sportsmanship and fun! All the kids are winners!

DOWNHILL

What a Rush! This is a gravity sport-you start at the top of a mountain and race to the bottom, one rider at a time. Like the XC there is a class for all ages and abilities. Race on courses with tight singletrack, technical rock drops, screamin' fast open roads, along with other awesome and unique obstacles. Upon suggestions from our riders, we have made some changes to the Downhill Series that you will want to be aware of. We have reversed the starting order. Beginners will start off the action and we will end with the Pros. And practice times have been split between categories. This is for safety and shuttle reasons. While this probably won't give you more practice time, you will spend less time in line waiting for shuttles.

WIM FINALS

For the WIM Series finals you will accumulate points that will go towards your overall standings. Riders must participate in 4 XC and/or 3 DH races including the finals to qualify for the overall title.

OPEN CATEGORY

Open category is for anyone wishing to race against the Pro/Semi-pro category regardless of their own age or category. Racers choosing to race in the open category will pay the Pro/semi-pro fees and be eligible for cash awards at all races. There will be no overall cash category award at the WIM finals. There are no points given other than Pro or Semi-pro in this category.

Stuff to Know

Registration- The web's the way to go... register on line the fast and easy way. If not, mail your registration, which needs to be post marked by the Friday of the week before

the event. IF late, a \$10.00 fee will apply. You can also register on-site at the race venue (the late fee will apply to all on-site registrations).

Waivers- One waiver will be available on-site for the entire race season. Participants under 18 need parents or guardian signature. Give us a call... we'll fax you one or check our website and print one for yourself.

NORBA License- Available on-site and mandatory to race. A one-day beginner or sport is \$5.00. Pro/Semi-Pro and Experts are required to hold an annual license which is \$60.00. Junior (18 and under) Annual License is \$35.00.

Helmets- Don't be a donor, helmets save lives. All participants are required to wear a helmet at all times while riding your bike at an event.

Awards- Medals for top men and women in each class and category, 5 deep. Cash to the top 3 fastest overall riders, in the Pro, Semi-pro and Open Category.

Pro/Semi-Pro/Open Categories

Pro/semi-pro categories will compete for WIM points for the overall series champion. OPEN category: cash will be given out at each event, but no overall series cash awards. Open category is for MEN only. (There is a Pro Women's division that will receive cash). OPEN category will not receive overall points, only day-of-race standings. No points will be given in any other categories to competitors of the OPEN category.

Event organizers reserve the right to modify the schedule and consolidate classes and categories as needed. Fields under ten may be combined.

Read over the WIM points section again, so you really understand it. If you have any questions please call or e-mail us.

Prizes

Random prize drawings at each race (must be present to win). Don't miss out on some great stuff from our sponsors.