

Common USAC Bicycle Race Registration Issues

International licenses:

- A) Foreign country licenses are not valid outside of the country in which they were issued. In other words a US domestic license is valid only inside of the US. A Canadian domestic license is valid only inside of Canada.
- B) Racers who wish to compete outside of their country of residence must acquire a valid UCI international racing license. It will show their country of origin and will clearly indicate that it is an international UCI license. There will be a red bar or red background color to this year's license, just like USAC's. A generic example showing all of the required features of a UCI license follows. Each country's license will appear different but must include the following features.

Front:

INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION		
NAME OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION		
UCI Category:	UCI Code:	YEAR
National Category:	Number:	
Surname:	Date of birth:	
First name:	Address:	
Nationality:	Gender: M / F	
Team:		
Club:		
Issued on:		

Back:

INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION	
NAME OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION	
Should the photograph not be required, the holder must always be able to present his licence together with an other ID document bearing his photo.	The holder agrees to abide by the regulations of the UCI and of the national federations. He accepts antidoping and blood tests provided by the rules and the sole competence of the CAS.
Signature of the President:	Signature of the holder:

Another example:

 USA Cycling International License (UCI) www.usacycling.org 2010		
NAME	LICENSE #	SEX
Bill S Griffin	0014179	M
ADDRESS	NATIONALITY	BIRTHDATE
210 USA CYCLING PT SUITE 100 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80919	USA	19600330
CLUB/TEAM/TRADE Team Billy Bob Joe Frank		
CATEGORY RIDER: RD 04 TK 04 CX 03 UCI-MASTER XC:02 DH:02 MX:02 OT:03 MTUCI:MASTER		
Excludes BMX 		

C) International licenses do not have Categories like USAC. There is no such thing as a UCI license with a Category of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 on it. The UCI doesn't recognize race categories as we use them in the US.

D) The UCI rather recognizes age and gender. Age categories are as follows:

ME Men Elite (age 23 and above)
WE Women Elite (age 19 and above)
MU Men Under 23 (age 19-22)
MJ Men Juniors (age 17-18)
Youth Age 16 and under
WJ Women Juniors (age 17-18)
MM Men Masters (age 30 and above)
WM Women Masters (age 30 and above)
Cycling for All = leisure activities, non-competitive

And if you're wondering, Lance Armstrong is not a Master. He had to declare either Master or Elite once he turned 30. All pros are in the Elite category so he had to be Elite to race on the Pro Tour.

E) Foreign issued UCI international licenses are valid for racing in the US. The ambiguity comes as to what category to place them in while they're in the US. There is no solid way to interpret this, no standard. Let the riders choose a category. If a UCI licensed rider races the 3's race and destroys the field, we'll make them move up to the Pro/1/2 field the following day.

F) If a foreign rider shows up with no UCI license, but rather a foreign domestic license or no license, then they must purchase a 1 day license and race with the Cat 5's. They can not purchase a US annual license. A person can only hold a domestic license from one country.

G) Please report to me any UCI licenses and what Class and Category they raced in. I will pass that along to the next day's race to ensure continuity. If you have any questions when a UCI license shows up, please let me know.

ABR Licenses

- A) ABR licenses are not recognized by USAC. There is no reciprocity agreement between ABR and USAC.
- B) A racer with only an ABR license may race only if they purchase a USAC 1 day license each day that they wish to race. This is the only way in which they could race. That means that they can race only in the Cat 5 event.
- C) Racers who have no USAC annual license or only an ABR license and purchase a USAC 1 day license can not enter a race limited to Cat 4 and higher. That means they can not enter a 30+ Cat 1-4 race. Only the races open to Cat 5's.
- D) ABR licensed racers can purchase an annual license, but they are still going to be Cat 5's unless they can provide proof of a past higher USAC category. That would mean last years USAC license or the word of the local association rep. who is present. The Chief referee will NOT call any rep. for proof. A racer's lack of planning is not an issue that a Chief Referee is responsible to deal with.

Insurance

- A) Every ride must sign the release waivers. They must sign this years waiver, not last years. The printing must be legible. If not, reject it and make them fill out a new form.
- B) Lack of a proper and legible annual license, 1 day form, or release waiver places the promoter, event staff, officials, sponsors, and anyone else seemingly associated with the race a legal risk should some negative event occur. If an improperly licensed rider or a rider allowed to enter the

wrong event gets hurt badly, I guarantee that a racer/insurance company will sue everyone under the sun and be able to make a good case of it.

- C) The Youth/Kids races for those under 10 must have the proper permits and insurance as well for the same reasons mentioned above.

Women's Racers

- A) As a reminder, a woman can race with the men down to 1 lower category than is on their license, or a Cat 1 woman can race down up to 2 categories with men. If it's a women's race they must race their correct category. If they have a UCI license, the above applies.

Missing Licenses

- A) No license, no ride. It still applies unless you can work through the following:
 - 1) You have downloaded the latest USAC rider database and can locate the racer (It is recommended that you get the download) plus proof of identify of the racer is provided. A driver's license will do.
 - 2) The word of the local association rep. who is present. The Chief Referee will NOT call any rep. for proof. Also still need proof of identify of the racer. A driver's license will do.
- B) Still no proof of license? Then they must purchase a USAC 1 day license each day that they still wish to race. That means that they can race only in the Cat 5 event.

Suspended Racers

- A) A current suspension means no ride. There is no negotiation here.
- B) Download the current rider database and run a sort to pull out the suspended racers. Check it against those registered to prevent issues

Substitutions

- A) The registration for a racer who is not present or has decided not to race can not be transferred to another racer normally. This can only happen if the race promoter agrees.