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2025 ILLINOIS CUP

Race Director Guide



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to another year of bicycle racing in Illinois and the surrounding region! We know many of you are already hard at work planning your races and events for 2025.

The Illinois Cup presents a unique opportunity for the Illinois Cycling Association (ICA) and local race directors to join forces in **promoting races and fostering a compelling, competitive atmosphere.**

We'd love for you to consider joining the lineup of the Illinois Cup. The ICA is actively pursuing sponsorship and promotional opportunities to amplify the reach and prestige of the Cup for 2025 and beyond.

Finally, we'd like to thank outgoing ICA board member **Chad Briggs** for his many years of dedication toward hosting this series. We are grateful for the foundation that has been laid and excited to see what the future will hold.

See you out there!

Robby Kanyur
Director, Illinois Cup

Rage Thomas
President, ICA

UPDATES FOR 2025

Not much is changing in 2025 – we're focusing on learning the ropes and keeping a good thing going. That being said, we're implementing a few tweaks based on feedback from last year:

- **Minimum requirements for cup eligibility** – in order to ensure that all fields are competitive, a racer must fulfill the following criteria in order to win:
 - Participate in 50% or more of the Cup calendar
 - Defeat at least two other riders in their category
- **Category updates** – we will be tweaking the age ranges for Junior and Masters categories based on participation rates from the past several years. The new categories are outlined on the next page.
- **Live updates on social media** – we will be capturing photos and videos at Cup events, interviewing racers, and posting live results on the ICA social media accounts (1,900+ combined followers)
- **Applications are due by March 17, 2025** – visit www.illinoiscup.org to submit your bid.

CUP REQUIREMENTS

All Illinois Cup events **must be permitted through USA Cycling** and meet the minimum required length.

All rules in the USA Cycling road rulebook must be enforced.

Each required category must be offered at an Illinois Cup race. **Cup categories may be combined** (e.g. running multiple Junior fields simultaneously) but must be scored separately.

Logos for USA Cycling, the Illinois Cycling Association, and the Illinois Cup must be included on all promotional materials. Website logos should also link to the USAC (www.usacycling.org), ICA (www.illinoiscycling.org), and Illinois Cup (www.illinoiscup.org) websites, respectively.

Promoters should clearly denote on all printed and electronic materials which race categories are part of the Illinois Cup.

Photo finish equipment is required. If BikeReg is used as the registration platform, the ICA can supply a finish line camera and other associated equipment.

2025 CUP CATEGORIES

While we'd like to adhere to these categories as closely as possible, we are willing to work with you based on the specific needs of your event.

Contact Robby Kanyur at robertkanyur@gmail.com with any questions or concerns regarding these categories.

- **Elite Men and Elite Women**

- Category 1/2
- Category 3
- Category 4

- **Masters Men* and Masters Women***

- Age 40-49
- Age 50-59
- Age 60+

- **Junior Boys and Junior Girls**

- Age 9-12
- Age 13-14
- Age 15-18

*Masters Cat 4/5 will be scored separately for the Illinois Cup but does not need to be a separate field.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The winner of each Illinois Cup category will receive **a free entry into each Cup race the following year**. This award is non-transferable and good for one entry per race. For this offer to be valid, the rider must pre-register.

A full list of last year's winners is available on the Illinois Cup website at www.illinoiscup.org.

2025 CUP APPLICATION

Applications for the 2025 Illinois Cup may be submitted at www.illinoiscup.org and are due by **March 14, 2025**.

Please have the following information on hand:

- **Race name and date**
- **Contact information**
- **Team affiliation**
- **Current race flyer/guide**

By submitting an application you agree to the listed requirements as set forth in this guide. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robby Kanyur at robertkanyur@gmail.com or **602-448-1147**.