2026 US XC Open series points:

XC Points Table	
1st Place:	25 points.
2nd Place:	21 points
3rd place:	18 points
4th place:	17 points
5th place:	16 points
6th place:	15 points
7th place:	14 points
8th place:	13 points
9th place:	12 points
10th place:	11 points
11th place:	10 points
12th place:	9 points
13th place:	8 points
14th place:	7 points
15th place:	6 points.
16th place:	5 points
17th place:	4 points
18th place:	3 points
19th place:	2 points
20th place:	1 points

Short Track Points Table
10 points
9 points
8 points
7 points
6 points
5 points
4 points
3 points
2 points
1 point

National JR Qualifier designation:

All USXC Open Rounds are designated JR qualifiers for cross-country Nationals in the 15-16 and 17-18 categories. More info on that process can be found at https://usacycling.org/national-series

Series Eligibility:

- **Elite/U23**
  - **A rider must start 4 out of 5 rounds in the same XCO category to be eligible for series title and prize money.**
  - O/A series point rankings will be based on **5 out of 5 rounds**.

- Series scoring will include finishes from short track and cross-country results from each round as indicated by the points chart above. Short track is not mandatory but will factor into the series points.
- Whatever XCO category you signed up for at a given round, will designate your category in the short track race for series points. **(applicable to Elite/U23 short track combined race only).**
- Riders who fail to start 4 out of 5 rounds in the same XCO category will be dropped from the series overall points chase, but are free to compete at selected rounds of their choice.
- **Switching XCO categories must be done in person at packet pick up tent 48 hours prior to your race start. NO DAY OF CATEGORIES TRANSFERS.**

- **JR 17-18:**
  - **A rider must start 3 out of 5 XCO rounds to be eligible for series title.**
  - O/A series points rankings will be based on 4 out of 5 rounds.
  - Series scoring will include finishes from short track and cross-country results from each round as indicated by the points chart above.

- **Combined categories and series points policy:**
  - On races that have combined fields such as UCI short track, or C2 XCO events where there is no U23 class offered, Elite and U23 series results and points will be pulled from the race based on a riders finish within the category they signed up for.
    - **Example, if a U23 XCO rider races in the combined short track race with Elites and finishes 8th, but is first U23 finisher, they would receive the 10 series points for 1st place in that race. This process will continue down the field till all top 10 elite and U23 riders are awarded series points.**

- **Category series points**
  - Category series points will not transfer if rider chooses to switch categories during the season.
    - ***Example, if a U23 rider races Rd #1 and Rd #2 in U23 and then decides to race elite XCO at the next series rounds, their series points will not transfer to the Elite category from the first two rounds.***

- **JR 13-14 and JR 15-16-**
  - **A rider must start 3 out of 5 rounds in the same XC category to be eligible for series title and awards.**
  - O/A series point rankings will be based on the **best 4 out of 5 rounds**. Scoring will include short track and cross-country results from each round as indicated by the points chart above.

Series Call Up Information:

Short Track (XCC):

UCI Elite's/U23's
- U.C.I. ranked riders
- Top 10 US XC Standings
- USA Cycling XCC ranking*
- USA Cycling XCO ranking
- Random

UCI JR 17-18
- U.C.I. ranked riders
- Top 10 US XC Standing
- Top 10 USAC National Series Standing
- USAC XCC ranking*
- USAC XCO ranking
- Random

USAC CAT 1 JR 15-16 and JR 13-14
- Top 10 US XC Standing
- Top 10 USAC National Series Standing
- USAC XCC ranking*
- USAC XCO ranking
- Random

Cross Country Olympic (XCO):

UCI Elite's/U23's
- U.C.I. ranked riders
- Top 16 from event's XCC
- Top 10 US XC Standings
- USA Cycling XCO ranking*
- Random

UCI JR 17-18
- U.C.I. ranked riders
- Top 16 from event's XCC
- Top 10 US XC Standing
- Top 10 USAC National Series Standing
- USAC XCO ranking*
- Random

USAC CAT 1 JR 15-16 and JR 13-14
- Top 16 from event's XCC
- Top 10 US XC Standing
- Top 10 USAC National Series Standing
- USAC XCO ranking*
- Random

**We reserve the right to manually place foreign national team riders who do not have USAC rankings.*

Prize money policy:

For races that have category's that are combined, like the examples above, **overall podium and prize money on the day will be applied to the first riders that cross the line, regardless of one's category they are signed up for. So if there is payout for the top 5, only the top 5 riders O/A would go to the podium and receive prize money and would not be parsed out between elite and U23 riders.**

XC Open Series Rounds:

The following races will count toward the 2026 US XC Open Series title.

Fayetteville, AR RD #1. Friday XCC Short Track/Saturday HC and JR XCO Series/Sunday Amateur.

Vail Lake, CA RD #2. Friday Short Track/Saturday XCO C1 and JR XCO Series/ Sunday Amateur.

Danville, VA RD #3. Friday Short Track/Saturday XCO C1 and JR XCO Series / Sunday Amateur.

Washougal, WA-RD #4. Friday XCC Short track/Saturday XCO C2/Sunday Amateur.

Utah-RD # 5-(Series Final)-Friday Short Track/Saturday XCO C1.

Fayetteville HC will be tie breaker for all UCI series category titles

****Utah series finals will be tie breaker for all amateur championship categories****

The following classes will be scored for the series title.

UCI Elite Men/Women-Must have valid UCI license.

UCI U23 Men/Women- Must have valid UCI license.

UCI JR 17-18 Men/Women- Must have valid UCI license.

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*CAT 1 JR 15-16 Men/Women-Must have CAT 1 USAC license.

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JR 13-14 Boys/Girls-Open, no skill categories.

XC Open Elite Payout: $8,000 combined purse, equal payout men and women.

U23 payout $4,500 combined pursue, equal payout to men and women.

Elite Men/Women-Top 3-1st $2,000. 2nd $1,250. 3rd-$750

U23 Men/Women- Top 3-1=$1,000. 2nd $750 3rd=$500

XC Open Amateur Awards:

For all JR's categories listed above, we will recognize the top 5 finishers in the series. A champions jersey and comp'd entry from each promoter to 2027 events will be awarded to all JR series category winners. Top 5 series finishers will also receive a decorative awards number plate.