



## 2018 Series Guide



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# Series Schedule

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| March 25 <sup>th</sup>     | Tuffburg                   | Hattiesburg, MS           |
| April 15 <sup>rd</sup>     | Briar Badlands Battle      | Biloxi, MS                |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>        | Acadiana Classic           | Lafayette, LA             |
| May 20 <sup>th</sup>       | Mt Zion Dust and Bones     | Brookhaven, MS            |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>      | State Games of Mississippi | Meridian, MS              |
| To Be Determined           | Spillway Scramble          | Norco, LA (New Orleans)   |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Charlotte's Revenge        | Ackerman, MS              |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup> | Piney Hills Classic        | Ruston, LA (Bonus Points) |
| October 7 <sup>st</sup>    | Hill Country Revival       | Tupelo, MS                |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup>   | McGee Lungbuster           | Ridgeland, MS             |

Start times to be listed on each race flyer.

## Piney Hills Classic Bonus Points Race

The Piney Hills Classic in Ruston will count as a bonus points race for the Gulf South Regional Mountain Bike Series. Riders will earn 30 points for starting the race. The race does not count toward the minimum number of races, and it is not eligible to be dropped. No team points will be awarded for this race.

# Regional Championship Rules

## Individual Championships

Racers that are competing for end of the year awards:

- Racers competing for an overall individual championship must either (a) have a USA Cycling annual license or (b) have pre-registered and purchased a one day license prior to each race entered. Racers that register and purchase a 1-day license on race day and do not have a USA Cycling account number will not receive points earned for that race. Racers must be in good standing with USA Cycling.
- Racers must start a minimum of 6 races to be considered for an overall individual championship. The series finale, the Lungbuster in Ridgeland MS, counts as one of the 6 must-start races.
- The 3 lowest placing races for the year will be dropped.
- Women can enter a Men's category race in accordance with USA Cycling Rule 1H9 and earn points toward the Men's championship.
- Juniors can enter an adult age group race in accordance with USA Cycling Rule 1H9 and earn points toward that championship.
- Points earned in one category cannot be transferred to another category. For instance, points earned in a Single Speed at one race cannot count towards points earned toward a Cat 3 championship.
- Any racer that starts all 9 series races will be awarded 5 bonus points.

## Tiebreaker

Ties at the end of the year will be broken as follows:

1. The rider with the highest drop race  
Example: Rider A has a 5<sup>th</sup> place as their drop and Rider B has a 6<sup>th</sup> place as theirs, the tiebreaker will go to rider A
2. If still tied, the results of the series finale will be the deciding tiebreaker.

## Team Championships

Teams that are competing for end of the year awards:

- Prior to race day, racers must have an annual USA Cycling license and have the name of their mountain bike club and team on the license.
- Racers with a one-day license are not eligible to receive team championship points.
- The best five finishes for each team will earn points for each race.
- There are no drop races.

## **Number Plates**

Riders will be assigned number plates at the first race they participate in. The number will be used at all races except Ruston. Numbers are grouped by category and class.

- Pro/1, Cat 2, and Single Speed riders must keep and use the assigned number plate for the season.
- Cat 3 and Junior riders have the option of either keeping their assigned number plate for the season or returning it to registration immediately after the end of the race.
- Cat 3 First Timer racers must return the number plate after the race.
- Riders that cat up mid-season must exchange number plates (i.e trade a Cat 3 number for a Cat 2 number).
- Riders must pay a \$5 replacement fee to replace a lost number plate. "Paper plate numbers" will not be allowed.

## **Minimum Individual Race Purses**

All minimum payouts are for the top 3 finishers regardless of the number of entrants.

- Pro/Cat 1 : \$80-\$60-\$40
- Cat 2 and Singlespeed: \$60-\$40-\$20
- Cat 3 and Juniors: Prizes (no cash)

## **Posted Results**

Per USAC rules, there will be a 15 minute protest period after results are posted. Once the protest period has expired and all protests are resolved, the results will be considered final. Be sure to review the posted results after the race.

# Regional Championship Structure

## Categories

The following categories will be offered for regional championships:

| Category     | Men's Age Groups   |       |       |     | Women's Age Groups |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Pro/1        | All Ages           |       | 40+   |     | All Ages           |     |
| Cat 2        | 19*-39             |       | 40-49 | 50+ | All Ages           |     |
| Cat 3        | 19*-29             | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | 19-39              | 40+ |
| Juniors**    | 9-18               |       |       |     | 9-18               |     |
| Single Speed | Open to All Racers |       |       |     |                    |     |

\*\*The Junior Men and Women will start together (or as directed by the race director) but race for separate prizes and championship points.  
 Gulf South reserves the right to add and remove categories and age groups based on census of riders.

## Points Table

Points for individual and team championships will be awarded for each race other than Ruston as follows:

| Finishing Position | Points Awarded | Finishing Position | Points Awarded | Finishing Position | Points Awarded | Finishing Position | Points Awarded |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1                  | 60             | 9                  | 41             | 17                 | 25             | 25                 | 9              |
| 2                  | 57             | 10                 | 39             | 18                 | 23             | 26                 | 7              |
| 3                  | 54             | 11                 | 37             | 19                 | 21             | 27                 | 5              |
| 4                  | 51             | 12                 | 35             | 20                 | 19             | 28                 | 5              |
| 5                  | 49             | 13                 | 33             | 21                 | 17             | 29                 | 5              |
| 6                  | 47             | 14                 | 31             | 22                 | 15             | 30+                | 5              |
| 7                  | 45             | 15                 | 29             | 23                 | 13             | DNF                | 5              |
| 8                  | 43             | 16                 | 27             | 24                 | 11             |                    |                |

Any racer that starts the Piney Hills Classic in Ruston will receive 30 points regardless of the finishing position.

Any racer that starts all 9 series races will be awarded 5 bonus points.

## NICA Alabama Exemption

Racers and coaches that are not able to participate in a Gulf South race due to racing or coaching a NICA Alabama Interscholastic Cycling League race on the same weekend will be considered “present” toward races attended, perfect attendance bonus points and attendance-based bonus prizes at the end of the year.

## Cat Up!

Racers in Cat 2 or Cat 3 that win an overall championship will be asked to upgrade categories for the following year.

## Championship Prizes

The regional champion in each Category/Age Group and Single Speed will receive the Gulf South Regional Champion's Jersey.

The top 3 in each Cat 1 and Cat 2 Age Group and in Single Speed will receive a cash prize.

The top 3 in each Cat 3 Age Group and Juniors will get prizes.

Remember: racers must start a minimum of 6 races including the series finale to be eligible for these awards.

## Bonus Prize

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All riders who compete in at least 7 races will be entered into a drawing for a new Kuat bike rack from our partners at Kuat.

## Beginner Racer Tips

- Pre-register for races. There is a discount for pre-registering, and it makes on-site registration much easier on everybody.
- Pre-ride the course and have a game plan on how you will ride on race day and be familiar with any technical features on the course.
- Make sure your bike is race ready.
- Eat a good breakfast a few hours before the race.
- The odds are good that you will get passed on the trails by an advanced rider, a racer in another category, or another racer in your category. When passing another racer, announce that you need a pass, and that rider should pull over to allow a pass when it is safe to do so. If you are being passed, acknowledge you heard the request to pass and pull over as soon as it is safe to do so to allow the rider to pass.

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