



Arizona Bicycling Racing Association

MISSION STATEMENT

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Arizona Bicycle Racing Association (ABRA) is to encourage and promote road, track and cyclocross bicycle racing in Arizona. This will be accomplished through the coordination of an organized race calendar and by providing a venue to facilitate communications between all racers, clubs and promoters.

Constitution

Article I: NAME

This Organization shall be known as the Arizona Bicycle Racing Association (abbreviated as ABRA).

Article II: OBJECTIVES

ABRA shall have as its objectives the encouragement of cycling as a recreation and sport, the furthering of cycling in the state of Arizona, and the facilitation of bicycle racing. It further has objectives to increase the quality of bicycle racing, to develop new race venues, and to provide an organization where people with common interests can meet, exchange ideas, and participate in activities.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

ABRA membership consists of clubs and race promoters located within Arizona and in good standing with USA Cycling. There is no fee for clubs or promoters to join. Competitive licenses issued to Arizona riders will be assessed a \$5 administrative fee, collected by USA Cycling, at the time of purchase. This fee is used to cover the operating costs of ABRA and surplus funds will be redistributed to race promoters at the end of the year to defray the cost of promoting events.

NOTE: EACH MEMBER OF ABRA WILL RIDE AT HIS/HER OWN RISK.



By-Laws

1. OFFICERS

The Officers of the ABRA are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one At-Large member. Five board positions shall be elected to two-year terms by majority vote of clubs' representatives in November of each voting year. An ABRA officer may be removed from his/her position by a recall vote, between August 1 and December 31, by a majority vote of the clubs' representatives. If an Officer resigns, a replacement will be appointed from the same club. If a replacement from the same club is not available, the remaining Officers will appointment a replacement from another ABRA club.

2. VOTING

Members will be allowed one team representative who is eligible to cast one vote in ABRA elections. The definition of a member with ABRA is:

Clubs and race promoters located within Arizona and in good standing with USA Cycling

The club membership will vote on the following:

- electing the board
- removing a board member through a recall
- changing the bylaws
- veto of changes in general policies and procedures
- use of infrastructure fund money

A simple majority of clubs (50 percent of the current ABRA members plus 1) must vote in order to make any changes as outlined above.

The ABRA Board has the ability to change general policies and procedures without consulting the club membership. When a change is made, the ABRA Board is required to notify club representatives through email and the website. After notifying clubs, there will be a 14-day review period for any new policies enacted by the ABRA Board, during which time the club membership may petition to request a change or veto a new policy. To petition, a club representative needs to e-mail the ABRA President explaining their reason. The petition would be reviewed by the ABRA board and put out to vote by the club membership, which also requires the 50% +1 response rate.



3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The President shall call and preside at all meetings, and function as the chief executive officer of ABRA.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President or any ABRA officer upon request in the performance of ABRA duties or functions. The Vice President shall assume the office of President should the President be unable to complete a full term of office.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep all records of meetings and coordinate notification of meetings, rides, tours, and other cycling events to members and the general public as per the direction of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall serve as ABRA's statutory agent and media liason.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep all monies and pay for all purchases approved by the Board of Directors, report all income and debts at each meeting, provide a financial statement for the annual business meeting, and perform all other financial record keeping and reporting dictated by the activities of ABRA.

At-Large Member: The At-Large Member shall be an active participant on the Board and assist the other Board members in the implementation of duties when called upon.

4. MEETINGS

The annual business meeting will be held prior to the annual Planning meeting. The President will set a specific date for the annual meeting. Regular meetings will be held throughout the year with the dates being set by the President.

5. CHANGE OF THE BY-LAWS

Consideration for a change in by-laws will be implemented when a minimum of three members request a change. Notification of a possible change must be submitted to the Club Representatives who will be asked to vote on the change.

6. BACKGROUND CHECKS

ABRA has adopted USA Cycling's Criminal Background Check and Safe Sport Education policies, and encourages member clubs to do so also, particularly clubs with junior rider programs.



AMENDMENTS

A.1 ACTIONS AFFECTING THE MEMBERSHIP approved September, 2006, revised 2015
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A.2 Membership fee and benefits - revised May 2017

Teams and independent promoters located within the state are automatically members of ABRA. Members will be able to vote (one vote per team) in ABRA board elections, receive a team profile on the ABRA website, and have access to traffic control signs and other promoting material. Starting 2018, competitive licenses issued to Arizona based riders will be charged a \$5 administrative fee, collected by USA Cycling, at the time of purchase. This fee replaces the annual team dues and will be used to cover ABRA's operating expenses. Surplus funds will be redistributed to promoters utilizing the rebate formula.

Additionally, starting in 2017, members who promote a competitive event (Road, Track, or Cyclocross; NOT gran fondos or grinders) between January 1 and December 31 are eligible for a racer day rebate. The rebate is calculated on the total racer days within the state in the calendar year. A racer day is defined as when a rider enters a competitive event. For example, if someone enters two races at a criterium that is two racer days.

Rebate Formula: Remaining ABRA revenue/total annual AZ racer days * racer days at your event

The formula will be calculated after the last competitive event and checks mailed out to current club contacts by the end of the year. Membership dues must be paid by January 31 of the current year to be eligible for the rebate. This program replaces the officials and junior rebate programs.

Track races conducted in CA are eligible for the rebate until a velodrome is constructed in Arizona

Example:

At the end of the year, ABRA has \$4,000 after expenses. Total racer days for the year were 8,000 riders.

$\$4,000/8000 = \$.50$ per rider.

Your event had 200 racer days, so you will receive a check for \$100.



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