

ABRA Calendaring Procedure

Events coordinated by ABRA

ABRA is responsible for the coordinating the calendar and USAC permitting of road races, time trials, criteriums, stage races, omniums, cyclocross races, track meets, gran fondos, gravel grinders, clinics, and Beginner Racing Programs.

Promoting an event

Teams are encouraged to work together on events to prevent overcrowding the calendar. The promoter is responsible for all the arrangements necessary for an event to occur. Please refer to the ABRA Promoter Handbook for more information.

Securing a date

The calendar is assembled in the late summer starting in August. An e-mail soliciting dates will be sent out to the ABRA Google Groups listserv. To be placed on this list, please contact a member of the ABRA board ([president\(at\)azcycling.org](mailto:president(at)azcycling.org)).

The e-mail soliciting dates will contain the following information:

- A calendar of other non-USAC and major USAC events (UCI stage races and national championships) in Arizona, NM, and Southern California.
- Tier status for existing events. Tiers are assigned based on points for tenure, attendance, format, and completing paperwork. Tier status will only be used when negotiating a date if multiple promoters request the same weekend. ABRA will facilitate discussion of dates between promoters in conflict. Races of a lower tier may not 'challenge' a higher tier event for a weekend, unless they meet the special date need.
- A link to a Google Form (or other polling service) for promoters to provide event information
- **Special dates:** if your event will only work one ONE specific weekend, please notify the board with documentation when submitting your request.
- State championship bids: please see state championship promotion document for more information.
- Submissions for dates are due within two weeks. At this time, the board will create the calendar based on the provided information. Requests for dates after this period will be honored to the best of ABRA's ability.

Things to consider when requesting a date:

- Try to request dates that don't overlap with other regional events such as the MBAA, Epic Rides, or non-USAC gran fondos (El Tour de Tucson, Tour de Mesa, etc.)
- Shared days, where two USAC road events are on the same day, are not allowed.
- Additionally, split weekends, i.e. a race in Yuma and another in Phoenix, are strongly discouraged. Previous attendance records show both races are hurt by doing so.

The final calendar will be announced at the annual membership meeting. This meeting will be held in October or November. Time and location will be announced via e-mail and on social media.