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2021 USA Cycling
Madison Track
National Cycling Championships

CHIEF REFEREE'S COMMUNIQUE

1. **Regulations:** All events will be run according to current USA Cycling rules and regulations, published event formats, and information in the communiqués.
2. **Helmets:** Rider's helmets must conform with the Rules of USA Cycling and must be worn at all times while on the bike including warm-up and warm-down.
3. **Officials:** The race jury will be comprised of the following officials:
Randy Shafer-Chief Referee, Bruce Carlson-Starter, Deb Schiff-Chief Judge, Kevin Morrison-Assistant, Carl Wilkins-Assistant.
4. **Madison Jerseys.** Per authorization of USA Cycling, Madison teams must use provided Madison jerseys. These jerseys are a solid color, and have integral numbers marked on them in order to facilitate scoring and tracking of riders. These jerseys are mandatory. Team kits are authorized and welcomed at all presentations, awards podiums and non-championship events.
5. **Madison Heats:** Required heats will be posted each morning.
6. **Madison Sprint Intervals:** Sprints will be conducted every 15 laps.
7. **Madison Starts/Stoppages/Neutralizations:** Relief riders will remain on the rail until the start is given to the Starting riders. Starts will be given with a single bell.
 - a) Neutral lap start. For safety, after the start is signaled, the first 5 laps will be controlled. Riders are asked to remain together and complete their first exchange before full racing begins.
 - b) Neutralizations will be indicated by a raised yellow flag. For Neutralizations, riders will regroup must follow the instructions of the officials for speed and restarting. Restarts will be signaled by removing the yellow flag and sounding the bell a single time, after 1 lap to complete the neutralization.
 - c) Stoppage of the event due to crashes or mishaps will be given with a double whistle
 - d) If one rider has a mishap, the relief rider shall immediately join the group that their partner was in. If both riders of a team crash, they are entitled to 8 laps to return (one or both) to the race in the same position/group they were in. Teams/or a rider suffering a mishap may not return to the field in the last kilometer (6 laps), but will be placed according to the points they have earned to that point.
 - e) Mechanical repairs must be made in the infield.
 - f) Riders who may be injured in a fall or crash will first be assessed by a member of the medical team. If injuries warrant, the race will be neutralized or stopped to allow the medical teams onto the apron.
8. **Junior Rollout and Bicycle Check:** All junior riders will be required to present your bicycle for roll out or bicycle check before each competition/heat unless otherwise directed. Gear restrictions shall be in accordance with USA Cycling rulebook except that there will be no gear restrictions for the 17-18 Madison Championships. Bicycles must conform to UCI bicycle regulations.
9. **Chase (Scratch):** Neutral start, single bell sounded to start the race. Final sprint after the bell is rung.
10. **Elimination:** Neutral start, start indicated with a single sounding of the bell. 5 laps before first sprint. The last rider, judged by the trailing edge of the rear wheel, will be eliminated. If no one is eliminated, a green flag will be displayed and the bell will be run again. If a rider does not withdraw when called, the race will be neutralized until the rider withdraws. The race will resume with a single bell sound. The bell for elimination will be rung the next lap. A bell will be rung before each sprint, every other lap, except for the last two riders, who will see two laps to go after the elimination of the third placed rider, before the final sprint.

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11. **Track Etiquette:** Tracks are not universally the same and therefore require standards of riding to be applied to assure the safe conduct of the racing. Violations of these standards may result in warnings (two warnings = disqualification) or loss of points, to ensure that no advantage is given for poor riding/conduct.
- a) **Minimum speed-16 mph:** Please remember to maintain minimum speeds in the neutral starts and on relief in the Madison events.
 - b) **Not exchanging:** Because moving down for an exchange will disrupt other competitors, riders who drop into an exchange must make their exchange, or the rider moving down will be considered the leading rider for that team. Exchanges that disrupt or impede other teams may be penalized.
 - c) **Exchange on the bell lap:** While not illegal, exchanges that disrupt or endanger other teams in a sprint will be penalized with warnings or loss of points won. Riders must remember to maintain a racing line after their sprint to maintain safe passage on the track for following riders.
 - d) **Riding through an exchange:** Following riders may not ride between team members preparing to exchange. Similarly, passing underneath an exchanging pair on the left, on the apron, is not allowed.
 - e) **Cornering:** Riders must maintain control of their bicycles at all times. Drifting up in the corners is not acceptable.
 - f) **Relief riding:** Relief riders must ride above the blue line.
 - g) **Poor riding/bicycle control:** Riders demonstrating inadequate riding skills, endangering other competitors, will be warned and removed from the race as required.
11. **Number/Jersey pick-up:** Jerseys and numbers must be picked up Friday 11/12/21 between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. Riders who wish to wear team kit in non-championship events must obtain a body number. Please affix body numbers to the left side.
12. **Non-championship event participation:** One rider from each team must participate in the non-championship events.
13. **Riders' Meeting:** A riders' meeting will be conducted at 6:50 p.m.
14. **Late Warm-up.** Riders participating in the first event of the evening (non-championships) are allowed to warm up until 7:25p.m.
15. **Track availability:** Riders may access the track from early morning to early afternoon. Please contact the velodrome staff.

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Day 1 - Friday, November 12th

9:00 am Track Opens.

10am -12:00pm Morning Training Session for Junior Men & Women Madison and Elite riders.

Lunch Break

6:50pm track closes, riders' meeting

7:30pm - Evening Session

- 1.) Elite A 30 lap Chase \$200,160,140,120,100 (one member from each elite team)
- 2.) Elite B 30 lap Chase \$200,160,140,120,100 (other member from each elite team)
- 3.) Elite Women 30 lap Chase \$200,160,140,120,100
- 4.) Youth A - 10 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 5.) Youth B - 10 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 6.) Elite A Elimination \$200,160,140,120,100
- 7.) Elite B Elimination \$200,160,140,120,100
- 8.) Elite Women Elimination \$200,160,140,120,100
- 9.) JUNIOR MEN MADISON FINAL 1-4th 120 laps \$200 support per team
- 10.) AWARD OF JERSEYS & MEDALS for JUNIOR MEN
- 11.) SemiPro A - 20 lap Chase \$30,20,10
- 12.) SemiPro B - 20 lap Chase \$30,20,10
- 13.) SemiPro A Elimination \$30,20,10
- 14.) SemiPro B Elimination \$20,15,10

Day 2 - Saturday, November 13th

10am – 12:00pm Morning Session- Elite Men Madison training session

Lunch Break

6:50pm track closes, riders' meeting

7:30pm - Evening Session

- 1.) Elite Men Madison 120 lap Qualifying Heat #1 - 4 teams qualify
- 2.) Elite Men Madison 120 lap Qualifying Heat #2 - 4 teams qualify
- 3.) SemiPro A - 20 lap Chase \$30,20,10
- 4.) SemiPro B - 20 lap Chase \$30,20,10
- 5.) Youth A - 10 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 6.) Youth B - 6 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 7.) SemiPro A Elimination \$30,20,10
- 8.) SemiPro B Elimination \$30,20,10
- 9.) Elite Women Madison 120 lap Final 1-4th \$400 team support
- 10.) Elite Men Madison 90 lap Final 9 -15th
- 11.) Elite Men Madison 180 lap Final 1-8th \$400 team support top 10 teams
- 12.) AWARD OF JERSEYS & MEDALS for WOMEN & MEN

Day 3 - Sunday, November 14th

1pm start

- 1.) Elite Men + Junior Men Madison 100 laps, \$400,300,250,200,150,100
- 2.) Elite Men + Elite Women Madison 100 laps, \$400,300,250,200,150,100
- 3.) SemiPro A - 30 lap Chase \$50,30,20,10
- 4.) SemiPro B - 20 lap Chase \$30,20,15,10
- 5.) Youth A - 10 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 6.) Youth B - 5 lap Chase \$5,4,3,2,1
- 7.) SemiPro A - Elimination \$30,20,10
- 8.) SemiPro B - Elimination \$20,15,10

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