



1. **Collegiate Categorizations:** In 2008 all Annual Collegiate Licenses will print with Collegiate Categories A-D based on the following chart for all disciplines. (The chart below indicates the correlation if you hold an annual USAC license or what is equivalent if not.)

Collegiate Category	USA Cycling Category			
	Road	Track	CX	Mtb
A	Pro/1/2/3	Pro/1/2/3	Pro/1/2/3	Pro/Semi-pro/Expert
B	3/4	4	3/4	Sport/Beginner(female)
C	4/5	5 (male)	4	Sport/Beginner
D	5(male)	NA	NA	Beginner(male)

2. **Our goal is to correlate USA Cycling categories with Collegiate categories.**
 - a. Collegiate categories will remain the same A-D, but will cross-reference existing USAC categories.
 - b. Skill and experience for an appropriate category will be addressed.
3. **I've always been able to select the category I race...why is Collegiate adopting someone else's guidelines that limits this?**
 - a. Bicycle racing requires a certain amount of experience and skill for one's personal safety and the safety of other competitors.
 - b. The current USA Cycling guidelines for upgrading is a time-tested method for advancing riders through categories based on experience and skill.
 - c. Collegiate cyclists desired value for the experience of collegiate events for the purpose of upgrading. Minimizing self-selection and requiring proven methods strengthens this process for USA Cycling Representatives handling upgrades.
 - d. Collegiate Cycling events are run under USA Cycling rules and permits.
 - e. The infrastructure exists to administratively support this program since it is already proven.
4. **How will this affect me as a Collegiate cyclist?**
 - a. Collegiate results will be respected for upgrading as long as the requirements for field size and course lengths (qualifying race) meet the criteria established in the USA Cycling Rulebook.
 - b. You may have to submit an online upgrade request (via race results/resume) to prove that the current category you wish to participate in is actually the correct category based on your skill and experience.
 - c. The race categories you compete in will be more consistent and safer for all competitors.
5. **Submitting upgrades**
 - a. As defined in the USA Cycling rulebook, all upgrade/downgrade requests are processed electronically through members USA Cycling accounts.
 - b. When renewing or purchasing a Collegiate License, it is the rider's responsibility to make sure that the categories that are listed are the appropriate categories that the rider wishes to compete within.
 - c. If the listed categories are inconsistent with what the rider wishes to race, an upgrade/downgrade request should be made immediately to avoid reissuing license and fees.