



2025-2026 Project Mayhem CX Technical Guide

Mission Statement:

Project Mayhem CX aims to deliver a fun, exciting regional cyclocross series, providing an inclusive racing experience for all racers. We welcome racers of all backgrounds, genders, races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, incomes, and abilities. Project Mayhem comes from a group of promoters who want to change the way cyclocross is seen across the northeast.

Promoters are united in their commitment to professionalism to ensure that every aspect of each race is compelling and meticulously executed. Each race will bring its own unique flavor, while contributing to the overall series because we believe that this series is greater than the sum of our individual races.

Series Categories:

Open 4/5	Open Masters 60+ (1-4)	Junior Boys 15-18 Cat 3/4/5
Open 3/4	Women Masters 40+ (1-4)	Junior Girls 15-18 Cat 3/4/5
Women's 4/5	Junior Boys 9-12	Elite Men 1/2/3
Women's 3/4	Junior Girls 9-12	Elite Women 1/2/3
Non Binary 1-4	Junior Boys 6-8	Open Singlespeed
Non Binary 4/5	Junior Girls 6-8	Women's Singlespeed
Open Masters 40+ (1-4)	Junior Boys 13-14 Cat 4/5	
Open Masters 50+ (1-4)	Junior Girls 13-14 Cat 4/5	

Additional Categories at individual races:

There may be additional categories held at each of the individual events in the series, however they will not be scored for series standings. Please check each event's website for a listing of all event categories for each individual race. These may be categories like FatBike or a Relay race.

Pricing:

All Series races will offer block pricing starting at \$40. The week of the race, price will go up \$10 (to \$50). There will be a day of surcharge of \$10 (so \$60).

Cat 5/Novice and all Junior races will start at \$25. The week of the race, price will go up to \$30. There will be a day of surcharge of \$10 (so \$40).

Second race on the same day will be \$20, pre-registered or day of.

Series Schedule:

Note: Times may change based on weather, daylight savings time, and unforeseen circumstances, but races will be in this order for all series events.

8:15	Open 5/Novice, Womens 5/Novice	30 min
9:00	Open Masters 40/50/60+	45 min
10:00	Juniors 13-14, 9-12, K6-8 (1 lap)	30 min
10:45	Kids U9/Fun Race	10 min
11:00	Open 4/5, Junior Boys 15-18 3/4/5	40 min
Noon	Women 4/5, Junior Girls 15-18 3/4/5, NonBinary 4/5	40 min
1:00pm	Open 3/4, Open SS, WTFNB SS	45 min
2:00pm	Elite WP1/2/3, WMasters, W3/4, NB1-4	50 min
3:00pm	Elite Men P1/2/3	50 min

Individual Race Awards:

Merchandise/prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in all categories

In addition to merch/prizes, there will be cash prizes for the Elite Men's Cat 1/2/3 and Elite Women's Cat 1/2 races. Dollar amounts vary by field size and are listed in the order of payout for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. places below

5 or fewer | \$85 — \$65 — \$45

6 racers | \$85 — \$65 — \$45

7 racers | \$85 — \$65 — \$45 — \$30

8 racers | \$85 — \$65 — \$45 — \$30

9 racers | \$85 — \$65 — \$45 — \$30 — \$25

10 or more racers | \$85 — \$65 — \$45 — \$30 — \$25

Series Awards:

There will be awards for top 3 in the series in each category listed in Series Categories above.

Although prizes have yet to be determined for 2025, series prizes will likely be a combination of merchandise and cash, depending on sponsorships, with a PMCX Champion's Jersey awarded to the top performer in each category.

In order to be eligible for series podium, racers must participate in at least 3 of the series races in the same category. See exact rules in Points System below.

Points System:

Point system applies to all Series Categories as listed above.

Project Mayhem CX will automatically award points at each race in the series to all registered racers. No additional steps are necessary for racers to receive Series Points

There is no additional cost to racers to become a part of Project Mayhem CX.

Points will be available to view at CrossResults.com and on our series website and will update after each race is uploaded to CrossResults.

Racers are not required to compete at each event

Racers are/are not required to be present at the final event in the series to receive final series awards

In order to be eligible for series podium, racers must participate in at least 3 of the series races within the same Series Category

Official results will be used to determine series points. No changes will be made to official results. You must dispute the results within 15 minutes of the results posting at the race. In the event of a tie, the rider with the higher place at the final race will break the tie. If riders did not attend the final race, we will ad-lib a tiebreaker on the spot, with the following possibilities: pushup contest, rock-paper-scissors, anything else that comes to mind.

Racers who upgrade mid season carry half their points to the new category.

Upgrade must be completed before Mansfield Hollow (October 11, 2025) in order to carryover points accumulated earlier in season.

Win 2 series races prior to (and including) Mansfield Hollow (Oct. 11, 2025) and you will be promoted to next category with half your points (Applies to Open 3/4 or 4/5 and Women 4/5 categories only)

If you don't upgrade, you will not be eligible for series prize (no sandbaggers)

Individual final standings will be based on total accumulated points over your top six (6) races from the series

A missed race, DNF, mechanical, etc could count as your drop if it is the lowest score

In the past we've done raffles with some sponsor prizes. In the event that we do a raffle, you need not be present to win.

Promotional Team not eligible for raffle

Series Scoring:

1st – 50	10th – 24	19th – 15	28th – 6
2nd – 42	11th – 23	20th – 14	29th – 5
3rd – 38	12th – 22	21st – 13	30th – 4
4th – 34	13th – 21	22nd – 12	31+ – 3
5th – 32	14th – 20	23rd – 11	DNF 2
6th – 30	15th – 19	24th – 10	DNS 0
7th – 28	16th – 18	25th – 9	DNE 0
8th – 26	17th – 17	26th – 8	
9th – 25	18th – 16	27th – 7	

Race Schedule:

Please refer to each individual event within the series for race schedules and categories

September 6 -	Belltown Throwdown Race 1 - Hosted at Camp Ingersoll,	Portland, CT
September 21 -	Hidden Valley CX - Hosted at Forbes Bluff,	New Haven, CT
September 27 -	Belltown Throwdown Race 2 - Hosted at Camp Ingersoll,	Portland, CT
October 5 -	Newtown CX - Hosted at 2nd Company Governor's Horseguard,	Newtown, CT
October 11 -	Damned at the Damn - Hosted at Mansfield Hollow State Park,	Mansfield, CT
November 16 -	Moran CX - Hosted at Moran Middle School,	Wallingford, CT
November 30 -	The Orchard Scorchers - Hosted at Bishop's Orchards,	Guilford, CT

Registration:

Registration will be handled by each race individually on BikeReg.com.

Registration protocol:

All athletes must agree to the associated online waivers for each event through Bikereg.com

Series Rules:

All races are held under USAC Permit

All racers are required to hold a valid USAC License or purchase a one-day License (must be purchased through BikeReg during registration)

All riders must fully complete and sign the standard USAC waiver of liability at each prior to beginning each race or riding on the course. A racer's failure to do so will result in inability to race and loss of all series points earned up to that event.

All racers must wear an ANSI or SNELL approved helmet while using their bike before, during, and after a race.

No bar-ends are allowed on mountain bikes per USAC rules.

Racers may ride any type of bicycle legal for mass start events per the USA Cycling rules (cyclocross, road, mtn. bike, fixed gear etc.). No e-bikes per USA Cycling rules. All bikes must be human powered only.

Single Speed Rules: Riders must either have a single cog in the rear or are required to zip tie shifter or remove shifter battery. There should be no way to change between front chainrings.

All USA Cycling rules apply.

Staging:

Adult Staging will be as follows:

First race: Staging will be based on crossresults.com Race Predictor.

Remaining races: Staging will be based on Series Points for top 8 riders (front row), then crossresults.com Race Predictor for pre-registered riders, then day of registrations (if applicable).

All mixed gender junior fields will be staged as follows:

First Race: Front row split 4/4 by crossresults.com Race Predictor. Rest will be mixed by crossresults.com Race Predictor..

Remaining Races: Top 8 (front row) will be 50/50 boys and girls by PMCX Series Points. Rest of field will be mixed according to crossresults.com Race Predictor. All starts with multiple categories running may be combined if any of the categories have less than 10 registered riders at the discretion of promoter and officials.

Timing:

All races will be professionally timed.

