

RULES TO GOVERN CYCLING

Summary of the New Regulations Adopted by the L. A. W. Racing Board.

A NEW SYSTEM OF FILING ENTRIES

Provisions for Races by Professionals and Amateurs. Restrictions Placed on Race-Washing. Fixing Item Who Hides for Money.

The abandonment of the classification system of racing by the League of American Wheelmen and the adoption of purely amateur and professional classes for this year, says the New York Sun, have necessitated a general modification of the racing rules of the organization.

The following amended rules, designed to work overhauling the rules for several months, until finally the regulations to govern racing this season have met with the general approval of the board.

Alterations have been made in all the general rules, which will result in compelling a more stringent recognition of the racing laws. The racing board has modified the rules, bringing into full consideration the custom of some racing men to violate them on technical points.

Through its racing board the League of American Wheelmen has jurisdiction over all cycle competition and record trials on tracks within the U. S. A. of America, and each and every person who shall in any way be concerned with such events, as well as all race promoters (clubs, associations, or individuals), shall be governed by the following rules of said board:

The highest sanction is that of suspension from racing. This sanction is suspended until the race promoter or promoter of the race meets with the sanction of the racing board.

All entries must be made on blanks of a form as hereinafter prescribed (which will be supplied by the racing board if desired), and must be signed by the rider or promoter, and not by some unauthorized person.

Each division racing board shall have entire charge of all matters pertaining to the running of the championships of its division. The division championships shall be contested at such places as the division racing board may designate.

The national championships shall be held annually between July 1 and November 15, at such places as the racing board may determine. National championships are open to all citizens of the United States, and the trophies for national championships shall be medals, to cost in no case more than \$50 per set of three, gold, silver and bronze, respectively.

Each division racing board shall be authorized to receive and to grant to clubs or authorized associations, where the importance of the meeting is sufficient to warrant the racing board's approval.

When a race promoter desires to place upon these events a race of different nomenclature than those given above must first explain the nature of the event to the chairman of the racing board and obtain his consent.

The plea of ignorance of rules will not be accepted as a valid excuse for violation of the rules this year. The amateur and professional riders are to be interpreted as follows:

Every entry shall further constitute an agreement that all persons concerned will submit all questions and disputes arising out of such entry to the authority and judgment of the racing board, and will abide by any ruling upon disputed questions made by said board.

All entry blanks shall become the property of the league, and shall be in charge of the official handicappers.

Race promoters shall not advertise the race in any newspaper, unless an entry or other notice in writing to that effect is in their possession, signed by the rider or his agent.

Any entrant who neglects to give his legal residence, or who gives other than his legal residence as such, or who gives any incorrect or misleading information on his entry form, shall be considered to have made such entry and will be subject to the penalty for false entries.

By violation of the rules defining his class an entrant instantly forfeits his status. If his subsequent entry to amateur events is a false entry, for which due penalty is provided.

The rules regarding sanctions have undergone considerable change. The executive committee of the league has reduced the fees adopted at the national assembly for open meetings. The alterations read:

Promoters of race meetings must in all cases apply to the member of the national racing board of the district in which the event or events are to be run for official sanction. They shall remit with such application the sanction fee required by the rules.

The program shall show the address, city and state of each rider, and shall specify which events are for amateurs and which for professionals to officiate on the national level.

The league of American wheelmen has been appointing an official referee on the national level, and the question by a vote of the board has been decided as follows:

Official referees who shall be required to officiate at national meets (for which proper compensation will be allowed) may be appointed by the chairman of the board, or the chairman may designate representatives of the national racing board, and the handicappers in their respective states shall be ex-officio official referees in charge of the district meetings.

The rules relating to the national championship races this season are: The National League of American Wheelmen championship events shall be as follows: One-quarter, one-half, one-mile, two miles and five-mile bicycle.

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The racing board will receive and pass upon all claims for records, either competition or time.

The standard table of recognized records shall be one-quarter, one-half, one-mile, two miles, three-quarters, one mile, and all even miles upward; no intermediate distances. Competition records must be made at an open meeting.

Records against time may be made at an open meeting, or in private, and with or without pacemakers. Records made at private trials will only be allowed if at least one week's notice has been given to the chairman of the board that such attempts are to be made.

The board will consider flying starts only in competition records, and the starting order of such trials there shall be present a referee, who shall be a properly accredited representative of the L. A. W., appointed by the chairman of the board.

No private trials will be sanctioned by the board until January 1 or October 1 and March 1.

Claimants must furnish a sworn statement from the timekeeper, certifying that the race claimed is the one actually run, and a sworn statement from a competent surveyor, certifying the measurement of the track.

When a claim for record has been proved to the satisfaction of the board, the record shall be published in the official organ, and stand as record on the books of the board. No claim for record made at a meeting not governed by league rules will be considered.

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