



Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association

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SCHOLASTIC MOUNTAIN BIKING UNDERWAY THIS FALL

Michigan – Students have the opportunity to compete in mountain biking races this fall. MiSCA (Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association) is entering its fourth racing season and this year promises to be bigger and better by providing 3 student-only races and awarding the USA Cycling State Scholastic Championship.

“We look forward to another great season of scholastic racing in Michigan.”

--- Steve Kinley (Founder and President, Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association)

Addison Oaks Fall Classic: Sunday, September 8, 2013

Addison Oaks County Park: 1480 W Romeo Rd., Leonard, MI 48367

Registration: <https://www.bikereg.com/Net/18843>

Bloomer Park XC: Saturday, September 14, 2013

Bloomer Park: 345 John R Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Registration: <https://www.usacycling.org/register/2013-3014>

Novi Tree Farm XC: Saturday, September 28, 2013

Lakeshore Park: 601 S Lake Dr., Novi, MI 48375

Registration: <https://www.usacycling.org/register/2013-3017>

USA Cycling State Scholastic Championship: Saturday, October 5, 2013

Lake Orion High School: 495 E Scripps Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360

Registration: <https://www.usacycling.org/register/2013-3018>

“All of our races are in the cross-country (XC) mountain biking (MTB) format.” XC is the most popular, widely practiced form of mountain biking and involves riding on single-track, which are narrow trails winding through forests, generally done for recreational purpose. Cross-country mountain biking became an Olympic sport in 1996. “This is great for beginners and seasoned cyclists.”

--- Sean Warren (Director of Marketing and Communication, Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association)

“There are a few changes for 2013, including adding a coed 10 and under category that will earn individual and series awards. Also new is that there is no longer a requirement to be on a team to receive awards, any student is eligible now.”

--- Steve Kinley (Founder and President, Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association)

“No team, no problem! Students are no longer required to be part of a team to race. We’d love to see teams at every school, but we understand that is a slow goal and we didn’t want to exclude students just for not having a team.” --- Sean Warren (Director of Marketing and Communication, Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association)

MiSCA awards the top 5 finishers at each race within each of the following categories: Male Varsity (ages 15-18), Female Varsity (ages 15-18), Male Junior Varsity (ages 15-18), Female Junior Varsity (ages 15-18), Girls (ages 11-14), Boys (ages 11-14), and Coed (ages 10 and under). MiSCA also recognizes the top School Team and Open (composite) Team at each race. In addition, the MiSCA Race Series Leader is crowned at the end of each race. At the MiSCA and USA Cycling State Scholastic Championship on October 5, 2013 two additional levels of recognition are added - the USA Cycling Michigan Scholastic Championship and the MiSCA State Championship are awarded to the top finisher of each category. Partnerships, vendor spots and sponsorship opportunities are available at all MiSCA races.

ABOUT MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CYCLING ASSOCIATION (MiSCA)

MiSCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit USA Cycling (USAC) Club hosting a series of Mountain Bike races across Michigan each year for elementary, middle, and high school aged students. MiSCA offers the official Scholastic State Championship for USAC. MiSCA was founded in 2010.

Scholastic cycling is modeled after the successful collegiate cycling system. In this system the focus is on the individual as part of a larger team and while very competitive the atmosphere is much more relaxed than the usual Michigan mountain bike races. This more relaxed atmosphere is a result of participants that are relatively new to racing as well as the fact that participants do not compete in the normal mountain bike categories but rather compete for their school in more generic skill-based categories. We offer cycling as a legitimate sport to many students who would not otherwise know it existed as a ‘real sport.’ In other words we bring new people into the sport of cycling. We also give students disenchanting with the other school sports teams a chance to excel.

For more information about MiSCA, please visit <http://www.miscabike.org>.

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