



## **MIDEAST REGION CLUB RACE SERIES**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

Welcome to the 2017 MidEast Region Club Race Series (MERCERS). MERCERS is an annual race series sponsored by the USA Triathlon MidEast Region and its Regional Council. The Mission of the MidEast Region and its Regional Council is to encourage the multi-sport lifestyle and grow our sport by promoting USAT Triathlon registered clubs and USA Triathlon sanctioned regional events. MERCERS is organized and sponsored to encourage racing and friendly competition among USA Triathlon registered clubs within the MidEast Region. At stake is nothing less than regional bragging rights and the prize purse awarded to the teams that accumulate the most team points over the annual series.

### **WHY PARTICIPATE**

- **Boost club camaraderie and community**
- **Friendly competition with other MidEast Region clubs**
- **Win prize money for club activities and equipment**
- **Recognize and grow your club through Series promotional opportunities**

### **WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017**

- **Increased point value for USAT Annual Members**
- **A maximum of three races eligible for scoring outside the MidEast Region**
- **Grace period for submitting scoresheets extended to one month post-race**
- **No race participant minimum**
- **More opportunity for double point races**
- **Bonus points for athletes competing in their first race**
- **Multi-race Challenge Events, such as the Triple T and the Chicago Tri Triple, are scored as multiple separate races and not one overall cumulative race.**
- **Club Champion Banners**

## MERCERS 2017 Requirements

### ELIGIBILITY AND ROSTERS

- Club must be currently registered with USA Triathlon and maintain an accurate roster of its current members throughout the season. Current membership assumes that an athlete is a member in good standing of club including, but not necessarily limited to, payment of the standard club membership fee. There is no requirement that all current club members be annual members of USA Triathlon. However, USA Triathlon members whose annual dues help support this Region and MERCERS will score higher points than non-USA Triathlon annual members for their clubs.
- Collegiate clubs are not eligible to participate in MERCERS.
- Clubs may register at any time during the Club Racing Series to participate. However, to maximize your cumulative score, Club Member Rosters should be submitted by May 1st, 2017 to [usatmideast@gmail.com](mailto:usatmideast@gmail.com) to begin scoring points for May races. Rosters may include USAT members and Day-Pass Holders.
- Roster templates are available online [www.usatmideast.com](http://www.usatmideast.com) to download (or you may download your roster from the National USAT Registered Club [website](#)). Updates to your roster are submitted to [usatmideast@gmail.com](mailto:usatmideast@gmail.com) **by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month** your additional club members begin racing. If your roster updates are submitted after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, athletes are not eligible to be scored until the following month.
- Athletes may only race in MERCERS for one club in any one season. Any athlete whose name does not appear on the club's current membership roster **by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month** will not be eligible to score points for his or her club races during that month.

### SCORING

- **All USAT Sanctioned races** including triathlons, aquabikes, duathlons, and XTERRA in the Mideast Region (IL, OH, IN, MI, KY) are eligible for scoring points. There is no minimum number of races required to score, and no race participant minimum to meet. Clubs have the option to score a **maximum of three races outside** of the Mideast Region. **Challenge races** are USAT sanctioned events that combine multiple races (i.e, a sprint, an olympic, and 70.3 all in one event). These challenge races will be scored as separate individual races and not one overall cumulative race.

- There are three Club Divisions based on your club size. Clubs may move up a division, but not down a division during MERCERS season. See Table.

Total # of Club members	MERCERS DIVISION
>=89	Division I
30 - 88	Division II
<=29	Division III

- Scoring templates will be prepared and populated with your current roster every month and distributed a few days after the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month to your Scoring Representative to help Clubs track points throughout the season. Templates will include Athletes name, gender (if provided), and USA Triathlon member number(if provided). If no USA Triathlon membership number is submitted with Club's Roster, it will be assumed the athlete is not a member of USA Triathlon and scored accordingly. The Club's Scoring Representative will use the template to submit athlete's event/distance, result, and Club's mileage to calculate total points for each race.
- Points will be scored for triathlons, aquabikes, duathlons, XTERRA, Athenas, Clydesdales and relays. Relays score 2 pts if at least one athlete on the relay is a USAT member. Relays receive .5 pt if no athletes on the relay are USAT members. Clubs may score unlimited points in a season and points will be cumulative throughout the series ending October 31st.

	USAT Member	Day Pass Holder
Top 5 Overall	7 pts	3 pts
Top 5 Age Group Top 3 Athena/Clydesdale	5 pts	2 pts
Top 50% Age Group outside of top 5	4 pts	1.5 pts
Finishing Race: Age Group/Ath/Clyd	3 pts	1 pt
Top 3 Relay	3 pts	1 pt
Relay Finishers	2 pt	.5 pt
<b>Additional points</b>		
Sprint Distance	1 pt	0.5 pt
Olympic Distance	2 pts	1 pt
Long Distance (HIM)	3 pts	1.5 pts
Ultra Distance (IM)	4 pts	2 pts

- Double points (participation and race points only) will be scored for each of the following Races:
  - 6/4, Mideast Regional Championship, Leons Tri, Hammond, IN
  - 6/11, Mideast Regional Du Sprint Championship, Batavia Duathlon, Batavia, IL
  - 6/11, Tri Louisville, Louisville, KY
  - 7/16, OSU Ross Heart Trifit Challenge, Columbus, OH
  - 7/29, Iron Abe/Stoneman/Route 66, Springfield, IL
  - 8/5, Wolverineman, Ann Arbor, MI
  - 8/12-13 Club National Championships, Omaha, NE, Triple points (no mileage bonus)
  - 8/20, Regional Olympic Du and Aquabike Championships, Michigan Titanium, Grand Rapids, MI
  - 9/2, MuncieMan, Muncie, IN
  
- Bonus points:
  - Greater Participation - If any club brings the greater of at least 5 participants or 15% of the club's current total membership to a MERCERS race, they will be awarded a 10 point bonus.
  - Athletes new to multisport - A five-point bonus will be awarded for any athlete that is competing in their very first multisport race (triathlon, duathlon, aquabike, or XTERRA). Any athlete who has never competed in a multisport event in his/her lifetime is eligible for this bonus at their first race. Be sure the athlete is rostered by the 1st of the month the race occurs.
  - Average mileage greater than 200 miles to a MERCERS event - If a club's average travel distance is greater than 200 miles, that club will earn a bonus of 2.5 points for mileage. If a club's average travel distance is greater than 300 miles that club will earn a 5 point bonus. If a club's average travel distance is greater than 400 miles that club will earn a 10 point bonus.
  
- Travel points are calculated from Club's address to race venue one way and travel distance is multiplied by 5%. Travel points are not eligible for the Club National Championship.
  
- Both USAT members and Day Pass Holders are eligible to score points for their team. The USA Triathlon membership status of the athlete on the day of the race determines the number of points they can score for their club. If a club member is a day pass holder

at one race, then buys an USA Triathlon annual membership at or prior to the next race, points will not be adjusted for previous races.

- Each club must submit its club member results in each MERCERS event to the Region at [usatmideast@gmail.com](mailto:usatmideast@gmail.com) within one month of the race date. Failure to submit timely results, unless excused in advance, will result in no score for that event. By submitting information, the person submitting information on behalf of a club will be asked to verify that all information is accurate and true. Failure to verify will result in forfeiture of all race points earned for that race.

### **Awards**

- Prize Purse will be awarded as follows based on the total points accumulated by October 31st:
  - For Each Club Division (I, II, & III):
    - 1st Place- \$250 plus Division Champion Banner
    - 2nd Place - \$150
    - 3rd Place - \$50
  - Overall Club Champion receives an additional \$150, Overall Series Champion Banner, and Travel Trophy.
- Tiebreaker: In case of a tie, the club that has done more races in the series will be deemed the winner. If each club did the same number of races, the winner will be selected at random.
- Any questions, issues or protests concerning MERCERS should be addressed to the Mideast Regional Council [usatmideast@gmail.com](mailto:usatmideast@gmail.com). The Mideast Regional Council will answer questions and resolve any issues or protests concerning MERCERS.