SoCal Women's Track Series

The SoCal Women's Track Series is designed to encourage women to race at all our fabulous socal tracks, San Diego Velodrome, The VELO Sports Center, and Encino Velodrome. Points are given for placement and participation. That means even if your new to the sport, you can rack up plenty of points by SHOWING UP to the races! If you show up, you are guaranteed at least one point. If you show up consistently, you are apt to get more points. Where you might not place well in large fields, at races with smaller attendance, you'll be rewarded just for showing up. Also, we all know, the only way to improve your racing skills and fitness is by actually racing. If you show up consistently, you WILL become a better racer, along with being more comfortable in all kinds of races/packs.

To encourage larger fields, the points are given deep, top 10 places will get more points. I know I've gone to races where the USA or Canadian Team shows up. That can be intimidating, but I've found it was always a great learning experience, not to mention great racing. With points going 10 deep, even if 3 or 4 "pro's" show up, you can still be "in the points." So there is never a reason NOT to show up.

To encourage participation at all velodromes, anyone who races at least one race at each velodrome during the season will get 5 extra points. Anyone who races at two velodromes in one week (i.e. FNR at The VELO and SNL in San Diego) will get an extra 5 points. If you race all three velodromes in one week, you'll receive an extra 15 points. There will be double points given to State Championships, Jr, Elite, and Master women. My apologizes to women caught in between Jrs and Masters who can't double up on their points. As a consolation , any women race age 19-34 can earn 2 points for every session they volunteer at the Jr. and Master State Championships.

All categories count. If there are 1/2/3 and 3/4 races or sprint & endurance, you can earn points in both sets of races on one day. If the race is an omnium, points are given based on final omnium standings. If races are individual (i.e. points and scratch races at States,) points will be given for each race's standings. For sprints, final standings, at the end of the sprint rounds, will be used to determine points. Jrs who race in mixed Jr races will get points corresponding to their final standing in the Jr race/ominium. Jrs can get double points for racing Jrs and Women categories. Women are encouraged to race with the men, if they are comfortable doing so, but will not receive points for the series from those races.

All USA Cycling permitted women and Jr mass start races at any of the three velodromes will count towards the standing.

One point will be given for racing at any non-permitted Encino Velodrome races. Encino is in transition and really needs everyone's support to bring racing back to what it was in its hey day (ask Al Nash about the famous races and racers that have been at Encino.) Also, they have some great racing (including solid women racers.) 5 points will be given to any woman that goes to 10 TNRs in San Diego and another 5 point are available for going to 10 FNRs in San Diego. Again, the more you race the more skills you'll gain. All racing is good racing. I will post results, points, and SoCal Women's Track Series standings as soon as I can after each race.

I would interested in adding a Team Pursuit element to this program. There is Team Pursuit racing monthly at The VELO Sports Center. If we can get San Diego and Encino to have monthly TP TTs, I'd be willing to have a parallel SoCal TP Women's Series. I'd love to eventually see a SoCal vs NoCal Women's Team Pursuit Championship. :)

Prizes: I'm still working on the prizes. I can say that there will be a SoCal Women's Track Series Winner's jersey. Designed by Garmin's designer, Joe Yule and produced by StageOne (proud sponsor of the series. :) I plan to have prizes for the top 3 women in the series after the last race.

Caveat: if I'm racing, I will take myself out of the placings before giving points. I'm thrilled when you show up, so I'm happy to help you get more points.

Points:

1st - 10, 2nd - 9, 3rd - 8, 4th - 7. 5th - 6, 6th - 5, 7th - 4,. 8th - 3, 9th - 2, 1 pt for showing up.

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