



ABA Revamps Pro Series for 2010

<u>Path to AA Pro / Elite Men</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
USAC Junior Development	1994 and 1995
Junior Elite	1992 and 1993
A Pro	1992 and Earlier
AA Pro / Elite Men	1991 and Earlier
Vet Pro	30 and over

After much anticipation, the ABA would like to officially announce the 2010 Pro rule changes. In an effort to align ABA Pro classes with the international standard set by the UCI, the ABA has defined a clear path for a rider to advance to the Professional ranks. Besides the Olympic Gold Medal, the ABA National Pro title is the most coveted Pro Title in the world. These new rules will only enhance the value of an ABA National #1 Pro Title due to the increased level of competition with Pro racers from all around the world coming to compete.

The new structure will allow ABA Pro riders to earn both ABA Pro scores and UCI Elite scores simultaneously. ABA Pro racers will now have the opportunity to compete in 29 Pro events that will offer coveted UCI points in addition to ABA Pro points. USA riders who are in pursuit of Olympic dreams will be able to earn the necessary points every time they race. In addition to aligning the ABA classes with the UCI, this important change will allow ABA to offer this level of racing at more events. The increased number of UCI international events is critical because the points being earned after August 1, 2010 will be utilized in selecting the USA Olympic BMX Team as well as determining the USA's nation rankings which determines how many athletes Team USA can send to the 2012 Olympics.

In addition to the points being earned by the AA Pro / Elite Men class, now the Junior Elite Men will be able to start earning UCI points as well. The Junior Elite class is considered a UCI class and will not earn any ABA points. However, for 2010 this class will be competing for money as well. Though not required by the UCI for the 2010 season, the ABA will offer a 100% payback to all Junior Elite Men's and Women's classes.

An amateur rider or A Pro rider who wishes to compete in the Junior Elite class or the AA Pro / Elite men class will be required to purchase a UCI license. If an ABA AA Pro does not wish to earn UCI points they will not be required to purchase a UCI license.

The two major changes to ABA Pro requirements are the age requirement which will now be solely based on a rider's birth year (illustrated below) and secondly the ABA Pro Women class will be split based on the UCI age requirements of Junior Elite and Elite Women. The women will race separately all year unless the Junior Elite class does not form with the required five riders, in this case the Junior Elite Women will

be combined with the Elite Women. Then, at the ABA Grand Nationals the Junior Elite Women will be combined with the Elite Women to determine the overall ABA National #1 Women Pro title.

The age requirements were designed to allow a rider to advance from Junior Development to Junior Elite to A Pro and eventually if the age or earnings requirement are met, to the AA Pro / Elite men's class. There could not be a clearer path to the professional ranks. Because of the current ages of our Women Pro, A Pro and AA Pro's, these rules could not be put in place at a better time. Currently, there is not one AA pro born after 1991, only seven A Pros' born in 1992, and none born after 1992. This structure will also allow the older Junior Elite riders to join the A Pro ranks and be able to earn money for a full year without having to advance to the AA Pro / Elite Men class.

The ABA recognizes the Pro Class, and was the originator of large pro purses. Pro racing is an exciting part of BMX; however, it is not for everyone as it is a very large step requiring dedication to succeed. ABA Pro membership is a privilege and a responsibility. Pro riders are an example for all future BMXers. As a Pro, you are in the spotlight, and a role model. Good sportsmanship, fair play, clean riding, and good conduct are very important. All Pro riders are expected to act accordingly.

A. 2010 ABA Pro Age Requirements

A rider's eligibility to turn Pro will be determined by birth year. Below are the age requirements for the 2010 racing season.

Turning Pro between January and July 2010

<u>Pro</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
A Pro	1992 & earlier
Jr. Men	1992 -1993
AA Pro /Elite Men	1991
<u>Women Pro</u>	
Jr. Women	1992-1993
Elite Women	1991

Turning Pro between August and December 2010

<u>Pro</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
A Pro	1993 & earlier
Jr. Men	1993 -1994
AA Pro/Elite Men	1992
<u>Women Pro</u>	
Jr. Women	1993-1994
Elite Women	1992

B. 2010 A Pro

1. To be eligible for A Pro from Jan through Jul 2010, a rider must have been born in 1992 or earlier.
2. To be eligible for A Pro from Aug through Dec 2010, a rider must have been born in 1993 or earlier.
3. An A Pro earning \$3000 in one season will be advanced to AA Pro unless that rider was born in 1992. Any rider born in 1992 must wait until Aug 1st, 2010 in order to advance to AA Pro

C. 2010 AA Pro

1. To be eligible for AA Pro, a rider must have been born in 1991 or earlier. If between Aug 1st - Dec 31st, 2010, a rider may participate in AA Pro if he was born in 1992 or earlier.
2. If an Amateur rider participates in a AA Pro / Elite Men (with the exception of UCI Supercross or international events) that rider will be automatically reclassified as an A Pro in January of the following year, and any monies earned while an amateur will be credited towards the \$3,000 required to advance to AA Pro/Elite Men.

D. 2010 Women Pro

1. To be eligible for Women Pro from Jan through July 2010, a rider must have been born in 1993 or earlier.
2. To be eligible for Women Pro from Aug through Dec 2010, a rider must have been born in 1994 or earlier.
3. The Women Pro class will be split according to the age requirements of the UCI Jr. Elite and Elite classes, which is dictated by a rider's year of birth. (see requirements above)
4. Women Pro will be split into two separate classes, Jr. Women and Elite Women. They will compete separately but earn points toward the same overall national title.
5. Jr. Women and Elite women will be combined as a single class at the Grand Nationals to determine the overall ABA National #1 Women Pro title.

E. Pro Competitive Structure

1. All ABA Pro/UCI events require five (5) riders to make a legal class. Any other event, including the Canadian National series, require four (4) riders to make a legal class.
2. All riders must maintain a current ABA Pro license in order to compete.
3. ABA Pro riders are prohibited from racing in any amateur classes with the exception of a Pro-Am Open.
4. Any rider that competes in another sanction as a Pro or equivalent class is required to race Pro with the ABA.

5. ABA Pro is categorized as follows:
 - Pro [Men will be further graded into A and AA proficiencies.]
 - Vet Pro
 - Women Pro
 - Pro Cruiser [A & AA Pro Men only]
6. Vet Pro is open to riders under the following criteria:
 - a) A rider must hold a valid Pro license and be a minimum of 30 years old in order to compete in Vet Pro.
 - b) Only Vet Pro riders will be allowed to race in any Vet Pro class.
 - c) No current AA Pro rider may enter the Vet Pro class without satisfying the AA Pro to A Pro reclassification criteria (Section IX, rule 11).
 - d) If no Vet Class is offered, a Vet Pro rider may register to compete in the A Pro class.
 - e) Vet Pro riders can win unlimited A Pro money, as they will be exempt from moving into the AA Pro class.
7. ABA Pros compete for cash awards at all ABA district and national events.
8. If a Pro class is not available, the local track director may, at their discretion, form a Pro-Am Open according to guidelines in Section VII, E, rule 8.
9. All Pro purse monies must be 100% paid back as the award. (A track operator guarantees a \$500 purse and collects \$600 in Pro entry fees. They must pay out the entire \$600, as that is 100% of the fees.)

F. ABA Pro Title Series Criteria

1. The ten (10) best ABA Pro Series national finishes plus the Grand Nationals will be counted. The Grand Nationals will be double points.
2. National points will be awarded only at designated ABA Pro Series events. Points will be scored according to Section VIII. Pro Points.
3. The women Pro class will be split into two classes, Jr. Elite and Elite that is based on UCI age requirements.
4. Both women pro classes will be scored according to Section VIII. Pro Points. These points will be combined to determine ABA Pro Women Rankings.
5. Jr. Women and Elite Women will compete against each other at the Grand Nationals to determine the overall ABA National #1 Women Pro Title.
6. To be eligible for Top Ten year-end Pro number plates in the following classes: AA Pro, Vet Pro, Women Pro, Pro Cruiser
7. A Pro rider must compete in a minimum of ten (10) ABA Pro Series events plus the Grand Nationals.
8. Any rider not meeting these requirements will be placed below the last ranked rider having met those requirements.
9. Year-end national numbers 1-100 will be reserved for AA Pro.
10. Pro racers will count their ten (10) best national scores plus the Grand National and year-end national numbers will begin at 101.
11. When an A Pro advances to the AA Pro class, no National points will be carried forward.

Pro Payout Summary

AA Pro / Elite Men

Top ten scores earned from Pro events, Race of Champions plus the Grand Nationals, which will count double. The purse will be determined as follows:

<u>Riders</u>	<u>Purse</u>
36 and Over	\$7,000
35 to 31	\$6,000
30 to 26	\$5,500
25 to 21	\$5,000
20 to 17	\$4,500
16 to 11	\$4,000
10 or Less	\$3,500

A Pro

A Pro will be offered at all ABA National events. The purse for each event will be determined as follows:

<u>Riders</u>	<u>Purse</u>
26 and Over	\$2,000
25 to 17	\$1,500
16 or Less	\$1,000
Never less than 100% payback	

Junior Elite Men

ABA points are not awarded in this class

<u>Junior Elite Men</u>	<u>Purse</u>
8 or Less	\$500
8 or more	100% payback

Women Pro

Top ten scores earned from Pro events, Race of Champions plus the Grand Nationals, which will count double. The purse will be determined as follows:

<u>Elite Women</u>	<u>Purse</u>
26 and Over	\$2,000
25 to 17	\$1,500
16 or Less	\$1,000
<u>Junior Elite Women</u>	<u>Purse</u>
8 or Less	\$500
8 or more	100% payback

Pro Cruiser

Top ten scores earned from Pro events, Race of Champions plus the Grand Nationals, which will count double. The purse will be determined as follows:

<u>Riders</u>	<u>Purse</u>
31 and Over	\$2,500
30 to 26	\$2,000
25 to 17	\$1,500
16 or Less	\$1,000

Vet Pro

Top ten scores earned from Pro events, Race of Champions plus the Grand Nationals, which will count double. The purse for each event will be determined as follows:

<u>Riders</u>	<u>Purse</u>
26 and Over	\$2,000
25 to 9	\$1,500
8 or Less	\$1,000
Never less than 100% payback	

The following races will offer ABA Pro points as well as UCI Points:

January 8-10	Silver Dollar Nationals	Class 5	Reno, NV	Reno Livestock Events Center	Indoor	
January 22-24	Sooner Nationals	Class 4	Guthrie, OK	Lazy E Arena	Indoor	
February 19-21	Gator Nationals	Class 4	Oldsmar, FL	Oldsmar BMX		
March 5-7	Winter Nationals	Class 5	Phoenix, AZ	Black Mountain BMX		
March 19 & 21	Super Nationals	Class 5	Desoto, TX	Metroplex BMX	Indoor	
May 28-30	Spring Nationals	Class 4	Albuquerque, NM	Duke City BMX	Indoor	
June 4-6	Summer Nationals	Class 5	Roseville, CA	Oak Creek BMX		
June 18-20	Midwest Nationals	Class 5	Rockford, IL	Rockford BMX		
September 3-5	Blackjack Nationals	Class 5	Reno, NV	Reno Livestock Events Center	Indoor	
October 15-17	Redline Finals West	Class 5	Boulder City, NV	Boulder City BMX		
October 22-24	Disney Cup Fall Nationals	Class 5	Orlando, FL			
November 25-28	Grand Nationals	Class 5	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Expo Square	Indoor	

The following races will not count for ABA Pro points:

March 20	USA Cycling National Championships	Class 6			Indoor	
September 18	UCI BMX Supercross World Cup		Chula Vista, CA	Olympic Training Center	Class 2	

The Great Salt Lake National will only offer one ABA Pro score on Sunday July 4th. Saturday will be the North American UCI Continental Championships open to all eligible riders from North America.

July 2-4	Great Salt Lake Nationals		South Jordan, UT	Red Canyon BMX	Class 3	
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