Season Scoring and Open Class

Season standings are maintained based on results of racers over the entire season to award competitors for consistently outstanding results in their class, as well as to award the colored "leader bibs" for the following season to the top men and women in the open class rankings from each race. Season standings are computed using the "new World Cup" points system, where points are awarded to the top 30 finishers on a scale of 100, 80, 60, 50, 45, 40, ..., 1.

For 2026-2027, the season standings are based on your best results in 75% of the races (rounded up). All races organized by the Far West Masters on our division schedule will be counted, including any races that are rescheduled from the originally published schedule or added to the schedule during the season in response to changing conditions or special opportunities.

2025-2026 scoring: best 12 finishes of 16 races are counted

Eligibility

Racers must have at least 6 starts to qualify for a season award and must be current paid members of Far West Masters for the current season. The minimum-starts rule may be waived for competitors 70 and over; at the discretion of the awards committee, it may also be waived on an individual basis to allow for exceptional conditions such as injury or illness.

Open Class

A new system for the Open class used in Far West division races was established starting in the 2015-2016 season. The race is conducted following the standard US masters age class and start order rules, but competitors may elect to be scored in the Open class drawn from all age classes rather than their age class for race awards and season scoring.

Open class participation may be elected on a season basis, or for a specific event. To elect Open class, contact scoring director Deb Lewis at dlewis@farwestmasters.org. Open class participants will be noted on start lists and when possible on the finish board so that all competitors know who is competing within their age class and who is being scored in the overall Open class.

The season leader bibs will be awarded based on the rankings of the Open class.

IMPORTANT: to participate in the Open class for any event, you MUST elect Open no later than noon on the day prior to the race (before the close of the start list). Day-of-race Open class changes will **not** be accepted.

Open Class Opt-In

Open class is optional, but **YOU** are responsible for communicating an "opt-in" decision to be scored in the overall Open class no later than noon the day prior to the race.

*****RACERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO CONFIRM ENTRIES FOR OPEN CLASS ****