

2019 California State Championships

The SoCal League will be hosting California State Championships in 2019 and 2020. Due to the differentiated evolution of both leagues as well as growing numbers of racing high school student-athletes in each league, every year or two the format for the State Championships has evolved. This year it is evolving again. There are three major evolutions for 2019.

- 1) There will be 6 total individual championship fields. Boys and Girls Varsity, Boys and Girls JV, and Boys and Girls Freshman.
- 2) There will be two series of State Champion awards for team competition: School (and Homeschool) Teams and Composite Teams.
- 3) There will be 2 non-championship fields. The winners of these fields will be awarded individual medals but no State Champion jersey. Additionally, no points from these fields will count toward team competition. This is our way allowing more riders to have a state championship race day experience.

Race date is Sunday May 19th, 2019. Race day schedule is as follows:

Wave 1 (0915 hours)

- Open Boys (non-championship) – 2 laps – 0 team points (open to any non-Varsity rider who has started 2 races and is NOT doing another race: you may only race once at State Championships)
- Open Girl (non-championship) – 2 laps – 0 team points (open to any non-Varsity rider who has started 2 races and is NOT doing another race: you may only race once at State Championships)

Wave 2 (1030 hours)

- JV Boys – 3 laps – 540 team points (qualified riders from SoCal JV1 & 2 and NorCal Sophomore & JV)
- Freshman Boys – 2 laps – 500 team points

Wave 3 (1145 hours)

- JV Girls – 2 laps – 540 team points (qualified riders from SoCal JV1 & 2 and NorCal Soph & JV)
- Freshman Girls – 2 laps – 500 team points

Wave 4 (1330 hours)

- Varsity Boys - 4 laps – 570 team points
- Varsity Girls – 3 laps – 570 team points

Team scoring is based on the top 4 rider scores from Championship fields (Freshman Boys and Girls, JV Boys and Girls, and Varsity Boys and Girls) on a coed basis with at least one scoring rider being opposite sex (3 girls: 1 boy, 2 girls: 2 boys, 1 girl: 3 boys). 6 total trophies are available. School teams (top 3) and Composite teams (top 3) awards. School teams are defined as a team (official or unofficial) representing ONE high school OR a home school team. School teams can be D1 or D2 in their home league but will all be competing on the same scoring matrix and for the same 3 trophies.

Race qualification is as follows and steps **MUST** be completed in sequence ---

Step #1: START 3 RACES

---- Registration opens the April 1st, 2019 (If either league has to delay their third race, registration will open the Monday immediately following the weekend that BOTH leagues have completed their 3rd race).

---- For a race to count, a rider must be listed in the results from that race (either as a completed race or a DNF / "Did Not Finish). A DNS / "Did Not Start" does not count for a race start. The rider must have physically started the race.

*** Riders who register before completing step #1 risk losing their spot and race fee. ***

Step #2: Qualify for your individual field by finishing at least one of your three races as follows. For this section, finishing AT the final spot counts (ie: rider finished in 30th place of a top 30 race qualification):

- **Freshman Girls:** Finish a Freshman Girls race within the top 35 places.
- **Freshman Boys:** Finish a Freshman Boys race within the top 15 places.
- **JV Girls:**
 - Finish a NorCal JV Girls Race within the top 30 places OR Finish a NorCal Sophomore Girls Race within the top 5 places.
 - Finish a SoCal JV2 Girls Race within the top 30 places OR Finish a SoCal JV1 Girls Race within the top 5 places.
- **JV Boys:**
 - Finish a NorCal JV Boys Race within the top 12 places OR Finish a NorCal Sophomore Boys Race within the top 3 places.
 - Finish a SoCal JV2 Boys Race within the top 12 places OR Finish a SoCal JV1 Boys Race within the top 3 places.
- Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys have no additional qualification past starting 3 races.

*** Riders who register before completing step #1 & 2 risk losing their spot and race fee. ***

Step #3: On May 1st, 2019 at 1 minute past midnight, petitions will be accepted for riders who have either:

---- Started 2 races AND finished at least one in a qualifying spot

-- OR --

---- Started 3 races AND missed a qualifying spot by 3 or fewer spots

*** All petitions from both leagues must come by email to SoCal League Director Matt Gunnell at matt@socaldirt.org and must include the rider's name, the rider's league, the field the rider is petitioning for, and reason for the petition based on one of the two criteria noted above. Any petition arriving before the petition acceptance window opens will be deleted. If a rider's petition is granted they will be notified by email that they may register.

Step #4: All fields fill and close at 100 riders. ALL championship field registration (Varsity, JV, and Freshman) closes TUESDAY May 14th at 11:59 PM. ABSOLUTELY NO late registration or on-site registration for championship fields will be available! There are NO REFUNDS after registration closes (your fee held your spot, if you didn't show up it often means someone who wanted to race couldn't). Qualification for the race or having a petition approved are NOT a guarantee that a space will be available, merely that a rider MAY register IF space is still available.