



USAT Southeast 2006 Regional Club Series **SERCS** (REVISED 5/6/2006)

1. RACE SERIES

The race series shall consist of up to 5 races in each state in the region. Included in this race series shall be a championship event designed to bring as many clubs together as possible for head-to-head competition. The SERCS races are chosen by the Southeast Region Board of Directors, and must be sanctioned events by USA Triathlon. The races chosen are considered to be in good standing. Eligible races are triathlons and duathlons only.

2. SCORING

A Club's total score will be the sum of their top 4 races, plus the championship event. Each individual race of the series is worth **50** points, and the championship event is worth **100** points, giving the series a total points value of **300**. At each race of the series, the first place Club will be awarded **50** points, second place club **49** points, third place club, **48** points, etc. (Double points at the Championship Event, i.e. **100, 98, 96, ...etc**). In the event that the SERCS ends in a tie, then a tiebreaker will be used to determine the overall champion:

- 1.) Score sheet total at the Championship event.
- 2.) Number of events that the club attended during the season.
- 3.) Score sheet total at the 5th regular race event, then 6th, then 7th, ... until the tie is broken.

3. SCORE SHEETS

Each Club is responsible for submitting a score sheet for their club (by the club president or his/her appointee). A score sheet is comprised of three elements: Distance Points, Participation Points, and Performance Points.

- A. **Distance Points** = 15% of the distance from the club's home city (as registered with USAT) to the race site as determined by Google maps (<http://maps.google.com>). Distance Points should be rounded to whole number.
- B. **Participation Points** = Number Of Finishers (10 max) times Race Type.
Race Type = 1 for Sprint Events. (Top amateur's finish time less than 1 ½ hour)
Race Type = 2 for Intermediate Events. (Top amateur's finish time less than 2 ½ hours)
Race Type = 3 for Long Events. (Top amateur's finish time less than 5 hours)
Race Type = 4 for Ultra Events. (Top amateur's finish time exceeds 5 hours)

A racer receiving a DQ or a DNF does not count as a finisher.

- C. **Performance Points** = an individual's performance relative to their age group.
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| Overall Race Recognition | = 5 Performance Points | (Top finishers overall) |
| Age Group Recognition | = 4 Performance Points | (Top Age Group finishers) |
| Top 50 Percentile in Age Group | = 3 Performance Points | (Top half in Age Group) |
| Race Finisher | = 2 Performance Points | (Crossed the finish line) |
- Performance Points will always be the highest possible for instances of small age group results. For example, if an individual finishes third in an age group that has three entries, then the Performance Points = 4 for that individual (not 2 for finishing in third place with 3 entries).

SERCS award recognition will be set at 5 deep, no matter what the Race Director awards.

- D. For SERCS Score sheet purposes, AGE GROUPS are considered to be the classifications used by Race Directors for awards. Since Race Directors do not all use the same group classifications, the

SERCS Score sheets shall be adapted to each Race Director's classification choices. So for a SERCS Score sheet, any classification of racers that is used by a Race Director for awards is considered an AGE GROUP. All Clydesdale/Athena/Masters/Open/Elite/Team/Mountain Bike, etc. are considered separately if the Race Director provides awards for these groups separately. These 'groups' or 'classes' of racers will be considered as a separate AGE GROUP for the SERCS score sheets. Team Entry: A club that finishes a race in a Team Entry Category shall be scored as an individual finish. All the members of this Team Entry must be a Club Member. For example, if a particular Club has 3 individuals compete as a team in a Sprint Distance Triathlon, they would receive Participation Points = 2 and Performance Points based on how they finished in the Team Competition. Multiple Venues: If a race venue sponsors multiple distance options, (i.e. Intermediate Race and Sprint Race and Duathlon), then the Club Score sheet should include the finishers from all the venues on a single score sheet. The participation points (10 max) apply to the entire venue, not to each race in the venue.

4. PRIZES

The USA Triathlon Southeast Region has not yet set a budget for SERCS prizes. More than likely a traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning club each year, and possibly monetary awards as well for the top overall finishers. **Details of awards will be determined at the next regional board meeting on 5/15/2006.**

5. ELIGIBLE CLUBS

Clubs must be within the Southeast Region, and be registered with the Southeast Region Club Committee and USA Triathlon. Each club is responsible for turning in a score sheet after each race that they participate in. Each club must be sure that finishers listed on their score sheet are not also shown as a finisher for another club. If the Club Committee finds this to be the case, then that individuals' results will not be counted until the individual declares his club loyalty. (A person cannot be competing for more than one Club at a time.) All finishers included on a score sheet must be a member of that club on the day of the race.

The eligibility of teams (those clubs sanctioned with USAT but with closed membership) to participate in the club series will be determined at the next regional board meeting on 5/15/2006. A separate classification for a regional "Team Championship Series" may be considered to parallel the Club Series if teams are not deemed eligible.

6. EVENT CANCELLATIONS

If an event cannot be completed due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, the SERCS score sheets shall be recorded with provisions as follows:

1. If any SERCS series race is replaced with an alternate multisport race, then the published race results will be accepted and score sheets can be completed as shown in item 3. SCORE SHEETS.
2. If a multisport race is replaced with a single-sport race (i.e. run only), then the published race results will be accepted, and score sheets can be completed as shown in item 3. SCORE SHEETS, and the Race Type shall equal 1 (Sprint).
3. If the Championship Event is cancelled completely, then score sheets will be required, but the **100** potential Club Points will come from a club's 5th best Regular Series Race. (Specifically, the Club Points will be doubled for the 5th best finish of the season for each club).
4. If a regular season series race is cancelled completely, then no score sheets will be accepted for that race, and no Club Points will be awarded for that race.
5. Rules 1 thru 4 above are intended for races that are downgraded or cancelled due to weather. The SERCS will not adapt itself to races that are rescheduled to another date.

7. SCORE SHEET DEADLINES

To ensure that all Score sheets are submitted in a timely manner, all score sheets must be sent to the Club Coordinator via email at clubs@usat-se.org no more than 15 days after the race results are posted. Late score sheets will be given partial credit up to 30 days after the race results are posted. Partial credit is awarded by first awarding the applicable points to each club (**50** points for first, **49** points for second, etc) and then awarding the late score sheet. For example, if 3 clubs raced and your club had the highest club points, but your club score sheet was later than 15 days, your club will receive 48 points rather than 50 points. Score sheets received after 30 days will receive no credit.

8. SERCS 2006 RACES

Races for the 2006 season may be found on the USAT-SE website:

<http://www.usat-se.org/seriesClub.php>

Date	Event	Location	Distance
5/6/2006	Turtle Crawl	Jekyll Island , GA	Olympic
5/13/2006	Clemson Triathlon	Clemson, SC	Sprint
5/13/2006	Gulf Coast Triathlon	Panama City Beach, FL	Half
5/21/2006	Memphis In May Triathlon	Millington , TN	Olympic
6/3/2006	Heatwave Classic Triathlon	Ridgeland, MS	Sprint
6/4/2006	Coliseum Health System's Rock 'N Roll Man	Macon, GA	Half
6/11/2006	Festival of Flowers Triathlon	Greenwood, SC	Olympic
6/17/2006	Dragon Fly Triathlon	Sardis, MS	Sprint
7/23/2006	West Point Lake	La Grange, GA	Olympic
7/29/2006	Cedars of Lebanon Triathlon	Lebanon, TN	Sprint
8/12/2006	Mountain Lakes Triathlon	Guntersville, AL	Sprint
8/26/2006	2006 Tri Peachtree City Triathlon *	Peachtree City, GA	Sprint

*** The Southeast Club Championships will be held August 26, 2006 at the Tri Peachtree City Triathlon. Club champions will be determined at this event.**

QUESTIONS / MORE INFORMATION

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