



THE RACER'S NEWS



PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

Volume 4

March 21, 1975

Issue 1

Watson Nordquist, President
3544 Edgeview Drive
Phone: 631-7786

Gene Cornwell, Treasurer
10234 Colerain Avenue
Phone: 385-8567

Phil Kennedy, Jr., Vice-President
1516 Hollywood Avenue
Phone: 542-0348

Jon Spicker, Secretary
2145 Beechcroft Court
Phone: 922-7354



Season's Greetings:

That time of year has come again when all ye old cycling enthusiasts must put aside wine, women and song, and start thinking about the upcoming season. In any club each year brings fresh new ideas, faces and attitudes. The Queen City Wheelmen is no exception. In the following few paragraphs, I will try to describe some of the new ideas, and display the confidence and enthusiasm that I feel will make this the greatest year of bicycle racing for the club and for the Greater Cincinnati area. The next issue will carry much more, some vital information being crowded out by the pages devoted to the April 6th Cincinnati Criterium.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first meeting was held February 2nd at 8:00 P.M. at the Kennedy home. The election of officers took place, and the results follow:

President:	Watson Nordquist
Vice-President:	Phil Kennedy, Jr.
Treasurer:	Gene Cornwell
Secretary & Editor:	Jon Spicker

NEWSLETTER (THE RACER'S NEWS)

"The Racer's News" will be published monthly. The April 15th issue will be sent only to currently enrolled members, and to those others who actively helped make our April 6th Criterium a success. Anyone interested in contributing articles or news should contact Jon Spicker, 2145 Beechcroft Court, Cincinnati 45238, telephone: 922-7354.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Attached to the "News" is a copy of the 1975 QCW membership application. All pertinent information is on this form. Join now!!!

THE CINCINNATI CRITERIUM

A criterium bicycle race is held on a set, closed course that combines the spectator excitement of a track event with the challenges of a road course. The Fourth Annual Cincinnati Criterium is a nationally prominent race that draws Olympic caliber racers from all over the United States. Last year nearly 200 competed. An entry blank is enclosed and contains all the necessary ABL of A race times and information.

Novice races for men 18 and over (3 laps) and for women 18 and over (1 lap) will be held about 10:30 A.M., right after the ABL veterans race. Entry for either of these senior novice events is one dollar. There will be a separate prize list for those who are U.C. students. The ABL entry form may be used to enter these races. Write in the words "Novice Man" or "Novice Woman" and "U.C. Student" if applicable. Team novice races for the 13-18 age group will also be held (see next heading).

Dan Humpert was elected coordinator of this major event. All promotion activities, scheduling and other planning will be through his direction. On race day itself, we will need a large number of volunteers for counting laps, handling spectator control, distributing programs and the like. We urgently request your help this day. If you can help, please call either Bill Laphorn, Course Marshall (531-6339), or Dan Humpert (721-6628 or 721-5165 after 8:00 P.M.). We need your help!!!! Also, if you are not actively participating in this event, it is still a wonderful spectator event for the entire family. You can't beat the price either -- it's free.

THE CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION RACING SERIES

Attached to the "News" is information about this series, a team entry form, and an individual entry form. We heartily recommend this series for any youngster in the 13-18 age group. There is a substantial prize list for the first four finishers in points accumulation at the end of the series. Also, trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers of each event. We ask that you help your favorite high school organize a team, or form a team yourself for your neighborhood organization. The Cincinnati Criterium will be the first race. Detailed information about this specific event is enclosed. This will be a great series and we need your help to launch it.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Attached to the "News" is a letter designed for potential advertisers in our April 6th Criterium program. This could mean you . . . even if it's just for five dollars for listing as a Race Patron. Use the advertising application enclosed. The Cincinnati Criterium is still considerably short of its race-budget goal. If each person this newsletter goes to would send us five dollars, we'd be in the black. Or, you may have a friend who would be a substitute donor. Or, if you know any business, local or national, that you could get to help support our race with an ad, please do so. We gratefully appreciate and accept any help you can give us.

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

All meetings will be held on the first Monday night of each month. They will be held at Phil Kennedy's home in North College Hill, at 1516 Hollywood Avenue. This is three blocks north of North Bend off Hamilton Avenue. Turn right onto Hollywood, and his home is about one quarter of a mile down the road on the left. Meetings start at 8:00 P.M.

CLUB TRAINING RIDES

Training rides are held every Sunday from Van Leunen's at North Bend and West Fork at 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. each Sunday, unless it conflicts with a major event like the April 6th Criterium. More information on club races and training rides will be in the next newsletter, as will race results and schedules of coming ABL races.

Queen City Wheelmen

Cincinnati, Ohio

228 W. McMillan Street, Apt. 4
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

February 25, 1975

Dear Sir:

For three years, the Queen City Wheelmen have been promoting and sponsoring bicycle racing in the Cincinnati area. It is hard to believe that just three years ago, there was no competitive cycling in the Cincinnati area. Is this the same area that at one time was a mecca of "big time" cycling — where in the 1900's a cycling enthusiast could see the likes of "Cannonball" Martin and "Mile a Minute" Murphy in 25 mile feature events at old Latonia Race Track? The Queen City Wheelmen are the sole driving force for competitive cycling in the Cincinnati area. We have held every possible kind of race, from roller races, to time trials to bicycle marathons. We have raced in all imaginable places to draw attention — from shopping center malls to city parks to the Tri-County Speedway. Each year we have grown and added new ideas. Just as we have grown, our biggest event each year has grown — the University of Cincinnati Criterium. A criterium is a bicycle race on a set course (see map) that combines the spectator excitement of a track event with the challenges of a road course. Our criterium is broken down into two broad categories — the Amateur Bicycle League (ABL) of America riders and the non-ABL or novice cyclists. The ABL is the governing body of all amateur racing in the United States and as such picks the Olympic riders by their various achievements. Many past Olympic riders and future Olympic hopefuls will be competing for prizes and prominence at our criterium. The novice races are for those who are either new to the sport or for those who cannot afford either the time or the money it takes to become a nationally known rider. Each broad category is then broken down into separate age groups. The Cincinnati Criterium is one of the largest and most prominent races in the United States.

This year's Cincinnati Criterium will have several new wrinkles. The Queen City Wheelmen and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission will sponsor a spring series of team races for the high school age youngster and are sponsoring a spring series of moto-cross races for the 8-10 and the 11-13 year old age group. One of the big events in each series will be held as a part of the Cincinnati Criterium. It is estimated that a total of three to five hundred youngsters will be racing this day. The QCW will also sponsor two novice races for the eighteen and over age group which should draw a big group of riders. The big event of the day, of course, will be the Amateur Bicycle League of America races. These events are growing exponentially each year as is our prize list. We expect over 250 ABL racers with over \$1,500 in prize money. Another new wrinkle is increased publicity. With the help of the Recreation Commission, we have planned 160 press releases through 32 papers, radio, and television stations. Race posters will be distributed one month before the event and will be sold (a truly artistic poster) the day of the event. The program will also be much nicer this year. This year it will nearly double in size due to the increase in racers, races, and advertisers. The quality of the program which was judged to be the best on the circuit last year will even be better. There will be our usual crowd of spectators between one and two thousand (possibly a large amount more because we have never seriously saturated our publicity before). Our television coverage, which has been excellent each year, could even get better with possible national news and sports coverage teams there.

A member club of the Amateur Bicycle League of America, Inc.

Now that you know some of the facts about our criterium, I would like to inform you of yet another aspect of the criterium. The two to three thousand spectators, racers, and officials are a fairly tightly knit group of people. They are all middle to upper income class, with a very large amount of real, spendable income. We employ three P.A. announcements and a plea in the program as a means of getting the spectators to patronize our advertisers. We feel that we have done the job in the past and would like this opportunity to do the job for you this year. For example, for a quarter page advertisement, the cost to you would be one penny per person reached with your message. This coupled with the fact that your ad insures continued success for our programs in the community gives you double benefits.

Enclosed please find a sample ABL race application blank (novice blank is very similar), last year's program, advertising application form, Queen City Wheelmen information sheet, and a map of the circuit in Burnet Woods. If there are any questions, feel free to call me at 721-6628 during the day or 721-5165 after eight.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel L. Humpert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Daniel L. Humpert

Queen City Wheelmen

Cincinnati, Ohio

Organized 1920



Incorporated 1921



OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Cincinnati Criterium

Sunday, April 6, 1975

Rain or Shine

Under Rules & Regulations of the Amateur Bicycle League of America

<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u># Laps (1.3 Mi. course)</u>	<u>Prizes</u>
9:45 a.m.	Midget	1.3 mi.	1	
10:00 a.m.	Intermediates	10 mi.	8	\$101.00 (5 places)
10:01 a.m.	Womens	10 mi.	8	\$101.00 (5 places)
10:02 a.m.	Veterans	10 mi.	8	\$101.00 (5 places)
(1 minute staggered start. Once caught classes can ride together.)				
12:00 Noon	Juniors	15 mi.	12	\$300.00 (15 places)
1:15 p.m.	Senior III, IV	15 mi.	12	\$300.00 (15 places)
2:30 p.m.	Senior I, II	30 mi.	23	\$600.00 (15 places)

Course: Undulating course of approx. 1.3 miles in Burnet Woods City Park. The surface is smooth to rough with three 90° angle turns.

Location: See Map on reverse side. Park in University parking lot on St. Clair or on the street. Event H. Q. is at the bandstand in Burnet Woods (off St. Clair.)

Registration: Registration starts at 8:30 at the Bandstand in Burnet Woods. Registration for an event closes 1/2 hour before the event. You

QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

Watson Nordquist, President
3544 Edgeview Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213



The Queen City Wheelmen is an Amateur Bicycle League of America (A.B.L. of A.) club. The A.B.L. of A. is the body which governs all amateur racing within the United States. Membership in the Queen City Wheelmen is open to anyone whose purpose coincides with that of the Club-- to actively promote and/or participate in the sport of bicycle racing. There are no restrictions on age within the Club, although only those over 10 are permitted to vote. There is a place for the 8 year old to race as well as the veteran of 80. Not only are those wishing to actively race encouraged to join but there is a great need as well for others interested in promoting the sport in such facets as helping run a race and publicity.

Why join the Queen City Wheelmen? We believe that a club devoted exclusively to racing is a great benefit to anyone enjoying the sport, for you'll find yourself in the midst of others with the same interests as you. Competition within a racing group will help improve your own speed and physical condition. From the beginning of March through September, club training rides and races are held each week. On Sundays some members travel to various cities to participate in ABL races.

The basic membership fee is \$2 per calendar year. This fee is meant to be a stimulus to new riders, but covers only the cost of mailing the eight newsletters once a month starting March 1. We hope this will encourage not only the novice riders but also non racers and enthusiasts who enjoy organizing and helping out with running the races. For those who are or intend to become active participants in ABL-sanctioned races, the club membership is \$4, except for seniors and veterans for which the membership fee is \$5. A family membership is \$8. Meetings are held once a month. For further information, contact Watson Nordquist, President, 631-7786, or Gene Cornwell, Treasurer, 385-8567.

QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN APPLICATION

Send completed application blank with remittance enclosed to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

CHECK CLASS: NON-ABL (\$2) _____ ABL SENIOR & VETERAN (\$5) _____ ALL OTHER ABL CLASSE(\$4) _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$8) _____

In submitting this application for membership in the Queen City Wheelmen, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims, for or to be, for which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the Queen City Wheelmen, and/or any other parties connected with events sponsored by them, individually or collectively, from all responsibilities for any injury to persons during such events.

Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 21 _____

QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

ABL of A Classifications & Information

Bicycle racing is the truly international sport. Always active in the United States, there has been a spectacular growth of activity in recent years, with about 10,000 participants in 1974. Races of various types, for all classes, are held somewhere within travel distance each weekend. Highlights of the season are the State Championships, which qualify the best riders to participate in the National Championships. Other events qualify riders to participate in the World Championships, the Olympics and other international events.

Every person who participates as a competitor in ABL-sanctioned events must apply for and hold a separate amateur racing license, for which an additional annual fee is required. Applications for licenses are available through the Queen City Wheelmen. All members of the club - whether ABL licensed or not - may compete against each other in strictly club events.

ABL Classes (Your age on January 1 determines your class for the balance of the year):

Senior Men	18 through 39
Veteran Men	40 and over
Women	15 and over
Junior Men	15 through 17
Intermediate Boys	12 through 14
Intermediate Girls	12 through 14
Midget Boys	8 through 11
Midget Girls	8 through 11

In some events, Women are allowed to ride in Men's events.

Senior men are actually categorized in four classes according to experience and performance. Some events are open to all Seniors; other racing meets have separate events and/or prize lists for the various categories of men.

- () I already hold a 1975 ABL license, Class_____.
- () I have already applied for my ABL license.
- () Please send me an ABL license application form.

Queen City Wheelmen

Cincinnati, Ohio

APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISING 1975 CINCINNATI CRITERIUM

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE..... ZIP.....

CHECK BOX THAT APPLIES:

- SPONSORSHIP \$500.00 THIS INCLUDES TOP BILLING WITH COMPANY'S NAME IN FRONT OF CINCINNATI CRITERIUM, FULL PAGE AD IN PROGRAM, AD IN ENTRY FORM, AND POSTER.
- FULL PAGE AD \$100.00 5½ X 8½
- ONE HALF PAGE AD \$50.00
- ONE QUARTER PAGE AD \$25.00
- ONE EIGHTH PAGE AD \$15.00
- MENTION UNDER HEADING IN PROGRAM--"WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR FRIENDS AND ASK YOU TO HONOR AND PROMOTE THEIR PRODUCT. WITHOUT THEM, WE COULD NOT EXIST"--ALL DISPLAY ADVERTISERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS LIST. COST OF JUST PUTTING NAME, ADDRESS AND CITY UNDER THIS HEADING IS \$5.00.

-
- DISPLAY COPY IS ENCLOSED
 - COPY WILL BE SENT IN BY
 - COPY SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY

-
- PAID IN FULL DATE.....
 - CHARGE (INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY COLLECTION INFORMATION)

.....

I AGREE TO PLACE THE ABOVE CHECKED AD IN THE CINCINNATI CRITERIUM PROGRAM.

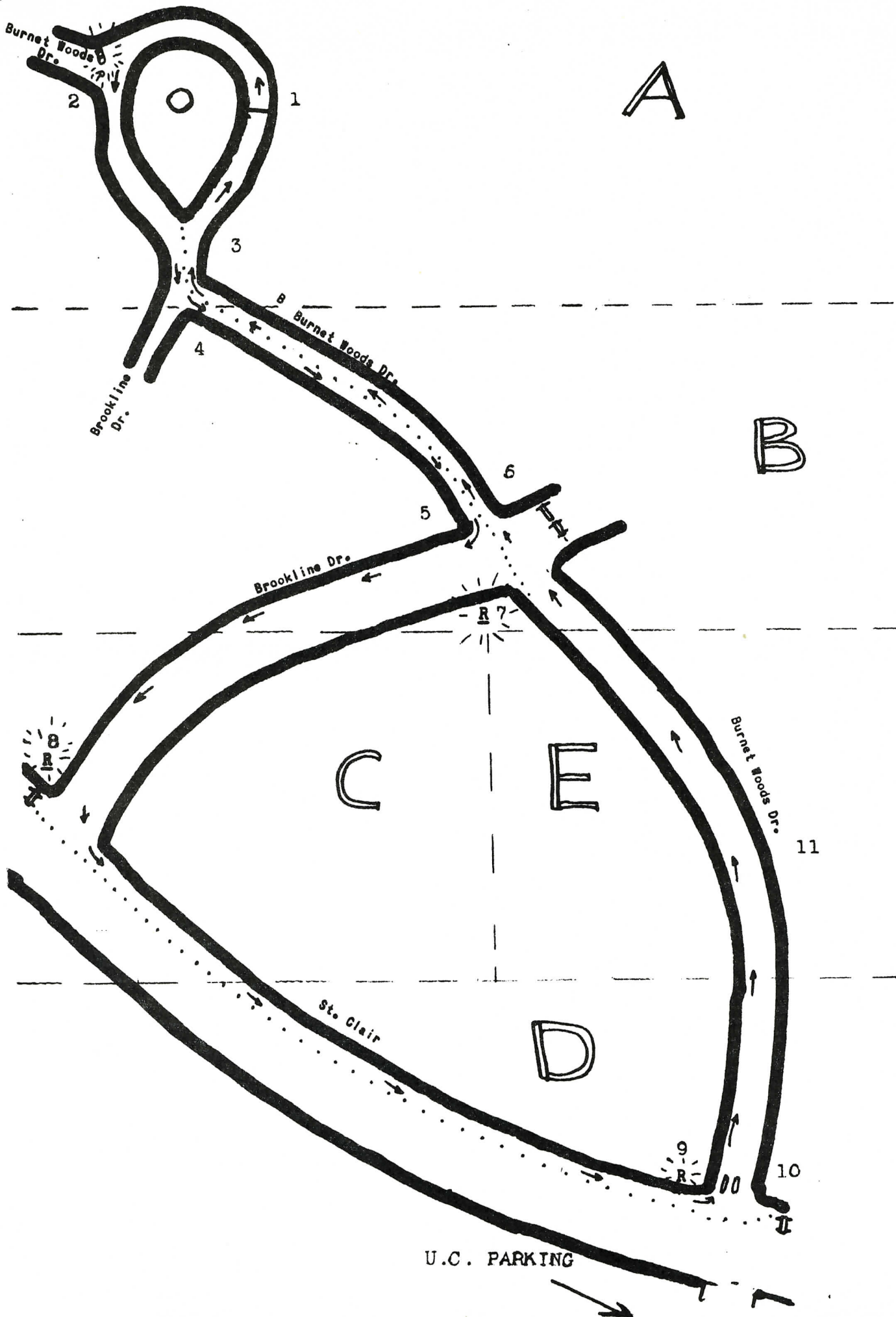
SIGNATURE

POSITION

AD SALESMAN'S SIGNATURE

SEND COMPETED BLANK TO GENE CORNWELL, TREASURER
10234 COLERAIN
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45247

A member club of the Amateur Bicycle League of America, Inc.



A

B

C

E

D

11

10

U.C. PARKING

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION
SPRING BICYCLE RACING SERIES

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Spring Bicycle Program will consist of five competitive team races including the City Finals. The races will be four different types; Criterium, Little "500", Marathon, and Time Trial, each held on separate days. The races will be held on Sundays at two week intervals starting on Sunday, April 6. The City Finals will be held on Sunday, May 18, 1975, and will include three of the four previous races.

Participants:

1. Age 13-18 years. Participant cannot be 19 before March 23, 1975.
2. Participants can be male or female; teams can be all one sex or mixed.
3. Teams must have a minimum of two participants and not more than ten.
4. Teams must represent an area high school or junior high.
5. A community or youth organization may sponsor a team provided that team members attend a school without a team.
6. There can be any number of teams per school or organization.
7. Each team must provide one person as a lap counter for each race.
8. No Amateur Bicycle League of America Riders permitted.
9. An individual cannot be on two teams.

Registration

1. Each team should submit an entry blank as soon as possible and the Roster blanks before Wednesday, April 2, 1975.
2. There will be a \$1.00 registration fee for each participant. This fee covers all the races. The fee should be submitted with the team Roster.
3. A Release Form by participating riders must be submitted by the Wednesday before each race.
4. Teams wishing to enter after the first race may enter by filing the Roster sheets and \$1.00 registration fee one week before the next scheduled race.

Equipment

1. Bikes
 - a. Two working hand brakes
 - b. No fixed gear bikes
 - c. Minimum 5 speeds
 - d. Clencher tires only!
 2. Personal
 - a. Helmets required
 - b. Participants who wear glasses must have safety glass lenses.
- All bikes and equipment will be inspected the day of the race.

Awards

1. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each race.
2. Points will be given to the top twenty teams in each race, based on the following scale: 1st - 20 points, 2nd - 19 points, 3rd - 18 points, 4th - 17 points, 5th - 16 points and 20th - 1 point.
3. A team trophy will be awarded to the team accumulating the most points at the finish of the last event of the City championship.

For further information call Dean Parham at 352-4061.

DP:as
3-24-75

C R I T E R I U M

Location: Burnet Woods

Course: Criterium Course -- two hills, three 90 degree angle turns, one major 180 angle turn around bandstand.

Time: Race starts at 11:00 a.m. SHARP!

Length: A specified number of laps. The first one will probably be six to eight miles.

No. of
Cyclists: Two with one alternate (all three pre-registered)

1. There will be a staggered start. The first racer of all the teams will start together. Shortly thereafter the second racer of all the teams will start. Shortly thereafter the alternates (if any) will start. The first and second racers may ride together. If the third rider is ever seen drafting one of the first two riders, he will be disqualified.

The alternate may be used if -

- a. A rider for some reason does not show up.
 - b. A rider crashes (that rider may not remount his bicycle)
 - c. A rider tires (that rider must dismount)
2. Points will be given to individual places to determine team standings.
(1st place - 40 pts., 2nd place - 39 pts., 3rd place - 38 pts., etc. to 40th place - 1 pt.)

Based on individual points, team standings will be determined as follows:

1st place team - 20 pts., 2nd place team - 19 pts., etc. to 20 places.

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION
SPRING BICYCLE RACING SERIES

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

NAME OF TEAM _____ DATE FILED _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

If name of team is the same as a present organization or institution, have an official of that organization or institution sign the following.

I allow the use of the above name for use as the name of a bicycle team in the Spring Bicycle Racing Series of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and approve of the Roster of individuals (i.e. Team) to race in the event.

Signature

Office Held

Each team must have a supervisor or coach that is responsible for organizing, training, and presenting the team.

Name of Supervisor or Coach

Fill in this form for each anticipated team and send in as soon as possible. Send in the attached Roster Sheet and the entry fee before Monday, March 17, 1975, to be eligible for the first race.

Mail all forms to: Dean Parham
Cincinnati Recreation Commission
222 E. Central Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202