

Northern Division Proposal for Team Racing

I have observed that at the older athlete levels, the athletes I have observed having some of the most fun are the college races and I attribute part of that to the fact that they race as a team. As a division, we certainly have an interest in retaining our older athletes and perhaps making races more “fun”, is a way to address that. My suggestion is to have one or two of the “open” races, ie non qualifiers, ideally one that the college athletes (MSU or Rocky) participate in set up as a “team” event. The teams would be assigned across all entries (not the home club) in groups of 4 or 5 (assigning so that each team had an even mix of ages and points). Scoring could be based on cup points assigned based on each team members place versus their age group and the awards for the weekend would be based on the team results. This would encourage teamwork across ages and clubs and set up some athletes to “win” who might not often be winning. We could encourage them to name their “teams” and cheer for the “teammates”. Individual results would be scored, but not recognized.