






# NBL Race Programs

NBL offers a wide range of programs to choose from, including the successful Local Earned Awards Program (LEAP), to encourage the development of local riders. In addition, the NBL offers competitive State, Regional, and National programs to further the development of aspiring riders. The following information provides a reference on how each of the programs functions and will help you educate your new and existing members. The following chart provides an overview of each level.

TYPE OF PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
 <b>Local Earned Awards</b>	The LEAP series is based on races at your track only. Local qualified racers can receive LEAP plates and special LEAP hooded sweatshirts, just for racing at your BMX track.
 <b>High Points</b>	Every race that a rider competes in throughout the country, will have his/her points go back to their home State, where they have a chance at winning a Gold, Silver, or Bronze 'High-Points' number plate.
 <b>State Series</b>	Each State has a series for riders to earn a State ranking and become qualified to race in the President's Cup, a state vs. state competition held once a year.
 <b>Regional Series</b>	For riders who want to compete against other riders in their respective age and skill classes in any one of four regions of the United States.
 <b>National Series</b>	For riders who want to compete against other riders in their respective age and skill class across the country. This is the highest level of racing in the USA.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

### Local Earned Award Program (LEAP) - *The first step to local program development*

The Local Earned Award Program is open to all riders at your track. Rookies, Novices, Experts, Girls and Cruisers will all receive LEAP points by proficiency each time they race your track. Each NBL track must run a minimum of 15 NBL-sanctioned local races in one season to be eligible to participate in the LEAP Program. A rider who races at least eight (8) local point class races at a track will be eligible for awards based on the criteria below. LEAP points will be published in each issue of the BMX Today and listed by track. The NBL is the only BMX-sanctioning body to promote and provide a track series for local tracks at no cost to the track.

#### LEAP Plate:

The LEAP Plate is a number plate that can be earned just by racing at a local track. The NBL awards LEAP Plates to the top 10 Rookies, Novices and Experts, and to the top 5 Girls and Cruisers at each track. LEAP Plates are based on a total point series beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year. Riders will be awarded based on their proficiency as of Dec. 31 each year. A rider may earn a LEAP Plate from more than one track. This plate and number can only be used at the track where it is earned.



#### LEAP Hoodie:

The LEAP Hooded Sweatshirt can be earned just by racing at a local track. The NBL awards a hooded sweatshirt (Hoodie) to the top points rider in Rookie, Novice, Expert, Girl and Cruiser. Hoodies are awarded based on a total points series beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year. Riders will be awarded based on their proficiency as of Dec. 31 of each year. A rider may earn a hooded sweatshirt from more than one track.

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## How the LEAP Program Can Help Your Track:

The LEAP Program will, without a doubt, be one of the strongest tools for NBL tracks to promote and increase local membership. The LEAP Program was created to give riders something to race for without having to travel, and increase participation at your track. With the incentive of great awards, like number plates and hoodies, the program almost promotes itself.

## High Points Series

NBL riders can race anywhere in the USA and points will go back to their home state. This series is designed to encourage riders to race at every given opportunity to accumulate points. This applies to all levels of competition: local, state, regional and national. See **page 4** for a points allocation chart.

## Awards:

The High Points winner in each state will receive the #1 plate that he or she can ride anywhere in the country. The winner will also receive a FREE one-year NBL membership license. The High Points Series will also award plates to the riders who place second and third overall in the state rankings. The #1, #2, and #3 plates will be a sought after, one-of-a-kind designed number plate in gold, silver and bronze.

## State Points Series

Each State has a series of qualifiers and a championship race to determine State Champions in each respective age class and proficiency. Each state also sets additional qualification criteria for their program. All State qualifiers are double points, while the State Championship race is triple points. The State series is a great way to promote your track to the rest of your State, host a larger event, and to give your local riders an opportunity to compete against new competition.

## Regional Points Series

The NBL Regional Program is a four-part program consisting of the following:

1. Regional Letterman Jacket Series
2. National Qualifier
3. Regional Championship Number Plate Series
4. U.S. Open

### 1. Regional Letterman Jacket Series:

- The Top 10 qualified riders in Expert, Novice and Rookie and the Top 5 qualified riders in Cruisers and Girls from each region will receive an NBL Letterman Jacket!
- The Regional Letterman Jacket Series is a total points series, in which point totals include all four Regional Championship Races, US Open Race, and all Regional Races.
- Riders must race a minimum of four Regional Races to qualify.
- Regional Races will be single Regional Letterman Jacket Series points.

### 2. National Qualifier:

- Two of your best scores in any combination of the following races can count towards your NBL National Number: The Regional Championship Race, the US Open, and all Regional races.
- These scores will be single National Points.

## HIGH POINTS PLATES



Gold



Silver



Bronze

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## 3. Regional Championship Number Plate Series Awards:

- All qualified riders who race their Regional Championship Race will receive a number plate and number.
- Number plates will be awarded to all riders in each age group in Cruiser, Girls, Expert, Novice and Rookie.



### QUALIFICATIONS:

- The point season for the Regional Championship Number Plate Series begins in September and ends with the Grand National.
- Race at any race in the country and your points will be recorded to the region in which you live!
- Points from Local, State (on a local and state level, points are accrued from races held from January 1 to August 31), Regional and National Races plus the Regional Championship Race will determine the Regional Championship Plate Winners!
- Riders can only race in the Regional Championship race in the region they live in. You must race the Regional Championship held in your Region to get the number plate and regional ranking!
- Riders must race in a minimum of 10 NBL races (any type or combination from local to national) to qualify for the Championship race.
- To determine the Regional Championship Number Plate Series Ranking, a riders following races will be counted:
  - 10 best single point races
  - 4 best double point races
  - 4 best triple point races
  - 6 best quadruple point races

Total of 24 races plus Regional Championship Race

- Regional Championship Number Plates can be used anywhere in the country, at any NBL track, at any Event!

## 4. U.S. Open:

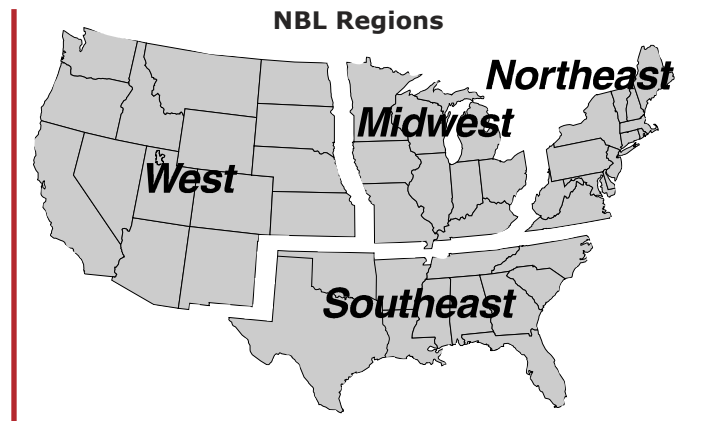
- To be eligible to enter this event, all riders must race at least one (1) Regional event
- Event will be held Friday before the Thanksgiving National
- Spectacular awards for all who make the main event!
- The 1st-place rider in each age class and proficiency will receive a U.S. Open Jacket at the race!

*How does the Regional Program Benefit my Track?*

No matter which region your track is in, the Regional

Program is going to encourage riders to race often to improve their standings. The Regional Championship Number Plate Series was created with the local track in mind. Just like the LEAP Program, the more the riders know about the program the more successful it will be for your track. You are the primary educator for new riders, and for your success it is important to teach them the points programs.

As explained in the aforementioned information, 10 of the 24 total races that count in this series are from local races. NBL will calculate a rider's 10 best local scores so this will encourage more participation at the local level. Qualified riders are now eligible to race the Regional Championship and are guaranteed to earn a Regional Championship Number Plate.



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## National Points Series

This is the highest level of series racing in the NBL. Earning the National number one plate is the pinnacle of racing in America. Riders can earn the highly coveted National #1 Plate while racing against riders of their same age and proficiency. Riders can qualify for final rankings and awards by racing a preset number of events that culminate at the NBL Grand National each year.



## Elite Level Racing

The NBL offers a lucrative level of racing for riders who are eligible to race in the Junior, Elite, Masters and Super-Ex classes with generous prize money payouts and high levels of exposure. The NBL Elite Series is America's premier level of racing and many of the top riders have gone on to compete successfully on the International level. For more information, see our website or any issue of BMX Today Magazine.

## Multi-Point Races - Generating more interest for your track

Each season, your track will have the opportunity to host two multi-point events, in addition to any State Races, Pre-National/Regional Races or Regional/National Races each calendar year.

### 1. Double Points Local Race:

Each track may host one double-point local race during the calendar year. The points count towards their LEAP standings.

### 2. Bob Warnicke Scholarship Quadruple Points Race:

Each track will host one of these events each year. The Bob Warnicke Scholarship Race is a very special event in which the proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for NBL members. In 2005, \$32,188 was collected from NBL tracks for members from all over the country. These races provide the track the opportunity to host a large event, while benefiting the scholarship fund.



RACE EVENT	POINTS EARNED	LEAP /STATE / REGIONAL POINTS
Local Race	Single points	Single points
Local Double Point race	Double points	Double points
State Qualifiers race	State points	Double points
State Championships	State points	Triple points
Pre-National/Regional Race	Triple points	Triple points
Bob Warnicke Scholarship Race	Quadruple points	Quadruple points
Regional National Race	Single Regional/National points	Quadruple points
National Race	Single National Points	Quadruple points
NBL Grand National race	Single National Points	Quadruple points
US Open race	Single Regional/National points	Quadruple points
President's Cup race	State points	Quadruple State High points