



**MINNESOTA CYCLING ASSOCIATION  
CATEGORY PLACEMENT  
PETITION FOR EXCEPTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The category placement system assigns student-athletes in race categories based on their MCA race history, or in the athlete’s age-based category if they have no MCA race history. Category placement is grounded in safety, placing athletes in the category where they are most likely to be with riders of similar ability and pace.

Use this form if you have non-MCA race results or other evidence that demonstrates you can safely ride and finish within the proscribed lap time for a higher category, OR you have consistently demonstrated by MCA finish times within your first two races in a season that you should be placed in a higher category. This form should be completed after consultation between a student-athlete, the athlete’s parent/guardian, and the athlete’s coach. This form must be submitted by the coach.

A student-athlete’s grade level standing alone is not a sufficient justification for a category exception, e.g., a senior who desires to race varsity for their last MCA season with no supporting race results will generally not qualify for an exception.

Middle school racers may only petition into the freshman category. Student-athletes may only petition into categories that are 1 lap longer than their current category placement barring exceptional circumstances and/or overwhelming race-based evidence that an increase of more than 1 lap is developmentally appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding category placement or the use of this petition, please email: [petitions@minnesotacycling.org](mailto:petitions@minnesotacycling.org).

First Name	Last Name	Age
Team		Grade
Parent E-mail		*Coach’s Name
Parent/Guardian Name		Parent/Guardian Phone
Assigned Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> JV2 <input type="checkbox"/> JV3 <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity		Petitioning Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> JV3 <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity



List all your non-MCA races and results for this last season.

List any other evidence-based reasons or circumstances that argue in favor of an exception.

\*Coach's recommendations and comments

Coach's Name/Phone

Coach's Signature/Date

Athlete's Signature/Date

\*Coach should be the head coach of your team. If you don't have a coach, then contact the MCA director and a coaching advisor will be assigned. An adult or parent who is involved with the athlete's cycling progress may be appointed as that advisor.

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