



Petition for Exception to Category Placement

The category placement system assigns student-athletes in race categories based on their MCA race history, or in the athlete's age or grade 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.

To request placement in a different category from that assigned, submit this form. 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.** Petitions must include objective evidence such as race results or other skill and performance focused metrics demonstrating that the student-athlete's ability and performance fit the requested category.

Middle school racers may only petition into the freshman category. Student-athletes may only petition into categories that are 1 lap longer or shorter 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.

First Name:	Last Name:	Age:
Team:		Grade:
Parent/Guardian Name:	*Coach's Name:	
Parent/Guardian E-mail or Phone	Coach E-mail or Phone	
Assigned Category (check one) ☐ Middle School ☐ Freshman ☐ JV2 ☐ JV3 ☐ Varsity	Petitioning Category (check one) ☐ Freshman ☐ JV3 ☐ Varsity ☐ JV2 (petition down only)	



List your **non**-MCA races and results for the past 9 months. Please include race name & date, category raced & place within the overall category, e.g: MNMTBS Gamehaven Grind, May 10, 2026, Men's Sport, 5th place. If none, leave blank.

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

*Coach's recommendations and comments

Coach's Signature/Date

Student-Athlete Signature/Date

*Coach should be the head coach of your team.

Email completed & signed form to: petitions@minnesotacycling.org