



FEBRUARY 23-25

TECHNICAL GUIDE

A USA Cycling Stage Race Event 11320

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WELCOME TO THE 36TH ANNUAL TUCSON BICYCLE CLASSIC

Southern Arizona's Premier Three-Day USA Cycling Stage Race

The Tucson Bicycle Classic returns for its 36th season!

We're proud to continue to offer equal prize lists for Men and Women. TBC is also one of the few events in the country that boasts equal race distances for Men and Women across all categories, providing one of the few truly equal racing opportunities for women's events.

This race is a stage race based on accumulated time. Each rider receives a time in General Classification (GC) for each stage, on which the prize payouts and awards are based. Daily GC jerseys are awarded to each grouping racing together. "Best" sub-category winners on GC also receive awards after the last stage. However, similar to last year Novice riders are not required to start or finish every stage. This is to encourage new riders to give road racing a try. Also, we know that many of our amateur riders work and cannot take time off for the TT stage. Such riders are allowed to DNS the TT stage but with a significant time penalty. Details are spelled out in this Tech Guide.

For 2024, we begin racing with a new course in the Town of Marana, which we know you'll like:

Stage 1 Marana Time Trial Prologue: A short 8 km prologue to set the stage for the GC competition.

Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race: A 33 km (20.5 mi) loop featuring 300 m (1000 ft) of climbing per lap and a long, straight uphill finish.

Stage 3 Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental: A 6.8 km (4.2 mi) circuit; 224 ft of climbing per lap with a finish by beautiful Naranja Park.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Arizona. An incredible amount of work has been done by our dedicated race staff to make this event happen. Staging an event like the TBC is remarkably complicated. We hope you enjoy the race and please say thanks to a staff member if you have the opportunity. And be sure to visit and support our local businesses and race sponsors. Without our wonderful sponsors – the TBC would not happen.

Marco Colbert – Race Director

[Tucson Bicycle Classic](https://www.tucsonbicycleclassic.com)

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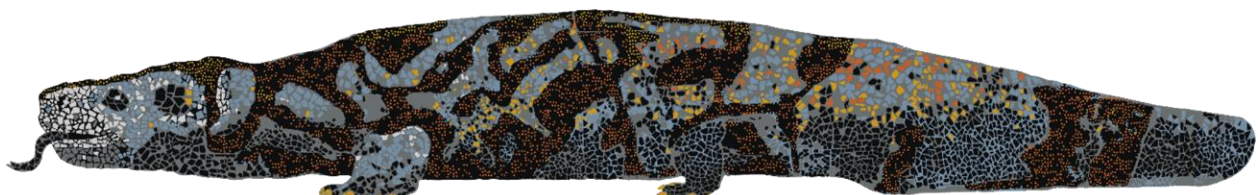


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STAFF

Race Director – Marco Colbert
Crew Chief – Tom Schuler
Assistant Crew Chief – Carl Newberg
Technical/Teams Director – [Dorothy Abbott](#)
Volunteer Coordinator – Sean Pantellere
Webmaster – Craig Harding
Marketing/Media Director – Bekah Collins,
Good News Communications
Podium – Beth Rice
Race Committee:
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Tom Collins
Host Housing – Paul Wiederhold
Announcer – Brad Sohner
Women’s New Racer Program – Lauren Hall,
Ava Hachman, Mallory MacRostie

TIMING AND RESULTS

RaceDay Event Management

PRO NEUTRAL SUPPORT

Elite Racing Service

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Assistant Referees:

James Abbott

Tim Burgess

Motor Referees:

Kurt Kearcher – Lead

Tom Gonzales

Albert Faria

Trish Black

Chief Judge – Mitchell (Mitch) Beckner

Assistant Judges:

Lukretia (Lucky) Beasley

RACE HEADQUARTERS

The official race headquarters for packet pickup and team manager meeting is:

Tucson Endurance Performance Center
7231 E Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85710
Ph# [\(520\) 305-1176](tel:5203051176)

HOST HOUSING

Please visit the Racer Info>Find a Host tab on our [website](#). Fill out and submit the form; if there is availability you will be matched with a potential host. Pro fields have priority. Meals and transportation are not included with host housing. Host housing is limited.

HOST HOTELS

For more details, please visit the Racer Info>Hotels tab on our [website](#).

Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa

245 E Ina Rd., Tucson, AZ 85704
(520) 297-1151

Holiday Inn Express Oro Valley

11075 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85737
(520) 544-2100

Fairfield Inn and Suites

10150 N. Oracle Rd., Oro Valley, AZ 85737
(520) 202-4000

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

15000 N Secret Springs Dr., Marana, AZ 85658
(520) 572-3000

Hampton Inn & Suites Tucson Marana

6300 W Marana Center Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85742
(520) 572-1010

SCHEDULE

Normal online [registration](#) closes at midnight Mountain Time on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**. Late registration is available at 20% surcharge from February 16, 2024, until midnight Mountain Time February 18, 2024. There is no registration after February 18, 2024, and category changes must be made prior to close of online registration. No exceptions.

Thursday, February 22

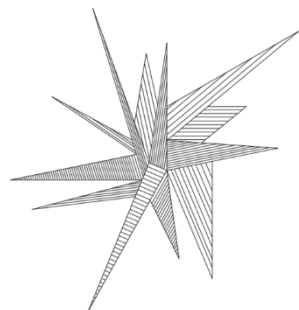
At [Race Headquarters](#):

- Pro Categories Packet/Bib Pickup 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Amateur Categories Packet/Bib Pickup 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Pro Categories Team Manager Meeting 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday, February 23, 2024 Marana Time Trial Prologue

| Start Time (estimated) | Field | Categories |
|------------------------|-------|---|
| 9:05 | A | Wom: Cat 4/N; Jr 13-18 Cat 4/N; 60+, 70+ Open |
| 9:30 | B | Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open |
| 9:55 | C | Men Novice |
| 10:15 | D | Men: Cat 4; Jr 13-18 Cat 4 |
| 11:00 | E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open |
| 11:40 | F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 |
| 12:15 | G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 |
| 12:45 | H | Men Cat 2/3 |
| 13:45 | I | Wom Pro/1/2 |
| 14:25 | J | Men Pro/1/2 |

TIMES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY! Actual start times may be earlier. They will be emailed and posted online at the latest Thursday after the close of packet pickup.



THE METEOR

Saturday, February 24, 2024 Sahuarita Road Race

| Start | Field | Categories | Wave |
|-------|-------|--|------|
| 8:00 | J | Men Pro/1/2 | 1.1 |
| 8:03 | D | Men: Cat 4, Jr 13-18 Cat 4 | 1.2 |
| 8:06 | E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | 1.3 |
| 8:09 | C | Men Novice | 1.4 |
| 8:11 | A | Wom: 4/N, Jr 13-18, Cat 4/N; 60+, 70+ Open | 1.5 |
| 11:40 | H | Men Cat 2/3 | 2.1 |
| 11:45 | G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | 2.2 |
| 11:49 | F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | 2.3 |
| 11:52 | I | Wom Pro/1/2 | 2.4 |
| 11:57 | B | Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open | 2.5 |

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental

| Start | Field | Categories | Laps |
|-------|-------|---|------|
| 8:00 | D | Men: Cat 4; Jr 13-18 Cat 4 | 6 |
| 8:03 | G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | 6 |
| 9:15 | F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | 6 |
| 9:20 | E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | 6 |
| 10:35 | B | Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open | 6 |
| 10:40 | A | Wom: Cat 4/N, Jr 13-18 Cat 4/N; 60+, 70+ Open | 6 |
| 11:55 | BREAK | | |
| 12:30 | I | Wom Pro/1/2 | 11 |
| 12:33 | C | Men Novice | 6 |
| 14:45 | J | Men Pro/1/2 | 11 |
| 14:50 | H | Men Cat 2/3 | 8 |

RACE REGULATIONS SUMMARY

The Tucson Bicycle Classic is a three-day USA Cycling sanctioned stage race held under USA Cycling Permit #2024-8383, Event 11320. The USA Cycling regulations and scale of penalties apply. All races are subject to USADA [Antidoping](#) regulations.

The Tucson Bicycle Classic is a timed stage race. The winner of the General Classification is the rider with the best overall time.

Amateur riders failing to start the Prologue will be allowed to start the next stage provided they receive permission in advance from the [Chief Referee](#). They will be assigned a time that is twice the time of the slowest rider in their group. This time will effectively remove the rider from winning the overall General Classification jersey(s) but will allow them to continue in the Stage Race.

REGISTRATION

Registration is online at [BikeReg](#) only and closes at **12:01 am** MST on Monday, February 19, 2024. Fees include the daily USA Cycling surcharge. Arizona sales tax, additional optional insurance, and the BikeReg service fee are extra.

Entry Fees: As indicated on BikeReg. **No race day registration or race day category changes permitted**, however, entrants may modify their race category online through the close of registration, provided they are eligible to enter the category, the Team Limit is not exceeded, and any difference in entry fees are paid. Transfer of entries to other persons is not permitted. Races go rain or shine - **no refunds**; your entry is your commitment to race.

Optional event registration insurance may be purchased via BikeReg during online registration.

ELIGIBILITY

All racers must have a valid USA Cycling license, or a license from a governing body that is a member of the UCI. A standard USA Cycling event waiver must be signed by all riders. Alternately, three one-day licenses may be purchased for USA-based riders without a current USA Cycling license. See <https://membership.usacycling.org/one-day/11320>. Any entrant under 18 also requires a parent's or guardian's signature on the waiver.

The race is "Team Limited" per USAC 3H2:

- Pro fields: a maximum of 10 riders per team.
- Other fields: a maximum of 10 riders per team.

Foreign Riders: All foreign riders at the 2024 Tucson Bicycle Classic will need an international race license that is in good standing with their national Federation and a Foreign Permission Letter from their national Federation that permits the rider to race in the United States during the dates February 23-25, 2024. The letter must also specify one of the following:

- The rider is covered by medical insurance for racing in the United States.
- The rider is not covered by medical insurance for racing in the United States and will provide proof of such coverage.

If no Foreign Permission Letter is provided, the rider understands and agrees that they shall solely be responsible for any medical costs and/or claims and for purchase of any medical insurance desired that will cover them while participating in the Tucson Bicycle Classic.

See [Appendix II](#) for the form sample.

PACKET PICKUP/CONFIRMATION

Thursday evening at the [race headquarters](#):

- Pros: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Amateurs: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Friday (last resort) pickup: at LEAST 1 hour before your assigned start, at the venue

You must present your racing license at this time. Novice riders may race on three one-day licenses for \$45 purchased online at [BikeReg](#). Team managers may pick up numbers for their whole team with the proper rider racing licenses, foreign permission letters, and insurance proof as required.

TEAM MANAGER MEETING

Thursday evening at the [race headquarters](#) from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. If a team manager is not available, Pro category riders are highly encouraged to send a representative for their team. Important information will be covered. This meeting is mandatory to be eligible to have a car in the Sahuarita RR Caravan. Team cars are not permitted on Sunday's circuit course.

LEADERS JERSEY

Verge Sport is the Official Custom Cycling Apparel Sponsor of the 2024 Tucson Bicycle Classic.

General Classification (GC) Leader's jerseys will be provided to each of the Field leaders (excluding Novice Men) on GC after each stage. This jersey must be worn in the next stage. A location for the Team placard is reserved on these jerseys.

"Best" sub-categories as listed under [Awards/Podium](#) will be awarded at the conclusion of the final stage of racing. Ages are based on a rider's racing age on 12/31 of the current year.



RACE NUMBERS

Racers will be provided with two bib numbers. Both bib numbers must be worn all three days, including the Marana Time Trial.

Numbers are to be worn on the right and left sides of jersey as illustrated, attached with pins. They must be *clearly visible*. **Riders with long hair - please braid and/or put the hair in a bun.**

Lost, cut, or damaged bib numbers must be replaced through the Technical Director. A replacement fee of \$10 for body. Hand-written replacements are not permitted.

GOOD PLACEMENT



- Body number on the side panel, easy to read
- Right side number on the side of the jersey
- Left side number on or above jersey pocket in orientation as shown

BAD PLACEMENT



- Too high for camera and officials to read. If another rider blocked the bike number, this rider may not be scored.

DOPING CONTROLS

(DOPERS SUCK!!)

Doping controls are under the jurisdiction of USADA. Chaperones will notify riders to be tested after the finish of each stage. Attempting to evade the chaperones may be grounds for a “positive” test. Numbers of riders selected to be tested will **not be posted** for public viewing.

See [Appendix I.](#) for more information on doping control regulations.

TIMING, GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

Timing follows USA Cycling regulations 3H4(b), using electronic timing. A new time is assigned when there is a difference of one second or more between the back of the rear wheel of the last rider in a group and the front of the front wheel of the first rider of the following group.

General Classification is determined by the sum of the times (discarding fractions of a second) in all stages including the Marana Time Trial, subtracting time bonuses, and adding time penalties.

Ties: Ties in General Classification shall be broken in the following order until the tie is broken:

- 1) Adding in the fractions of a second from the time trials
- 2) The sum of the placings in Stages 2 and 3
- 3) Highest place in the last stage ridden

Bonuses: Time bonuses will be awarded as defined in the Stage details and tables, with intermediate time bonuses of 3” – 2” – 1” for select categories and finishing time bonuses for the road and circuit race of 10” – 6” – 4” for all categories (by group). Bonuses are only taken into consideration for the individual general classification.

Hill Climb finishes: None of the road stages end in a hill climb finish for purposes of USA Cycling 3H6(c)(ii). In cases of application of the 3K rule, the Race Jury shall decide.

Time Limits: Riders not finishing by the time the sweep vehicle arrives at the Finish line will be deemed to have abandoned (DNF) the race and may not continue the next stage. (Exception: Novice Groups)

Lapped and Overtaken Riders: A **lapped rider** or one who has fallen too far behind and considered to be out of contention *may* be called off the course by the Chief Referee or their designated race official. They will be given a finish time calculated by the Chief Judge.

Riders on different laps or in different fields may not give or receive pace from one another. A lapped rider must not interfere in any bonus sprint or finishing sprint and must ride sufficient laps at the end to cover the entire distance to qualify for a prize. They will be given a finish time calculated by the Chief Judge.

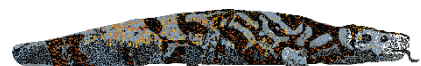
SIGN-IN

Signing in is required for both the Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race and the Stage 3 Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental. Sign-in closes 10 minutes before race’s assigned start. At the Marana Time Trial your start is your sign-in.

Failure to sign in may result in penalties according to USAC 8A5(L):

1ST offense -- \$20 FINE

2nd offense -- \$50 FINE AND DSQ



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

A sweep vehicle will provide transportation to the finish line but will not provide mechanical assistance. Drafting of support vehicles is prohibited and is subject to time penalties, relegation, and/or disqualification (depending on the severity).

Amateur Fields:

Stationary mechanical support is offered through local bike shops at the start area of each race. See stage details for location.

Amateur Fields Stages 2 & 3: On-course support is wheels in/wheels out. Completely fill out and use the wheel tags that are attached to your bib numbers. Remove wheels from wheel bags prior to dropping them off at the designated locations. In case of a flat, the wheel tag will be pulled from the wheel and inserted into your exchanged wheel.

Wheels will be returned to the same general area as drop-off after each wave of racing. Tucson Bicycle Classic is not responsible for missing or left-behind wheels. Unclaimed equipment after the conclusion of Stage 3 will be donated to a Junior racing program.

Pro Fields Stages 2 & 3: Neutral Support is provided by **Elite Racing Service** by means of one car. Neutral service technicians will be clearly identifiable by the words ELITE on their uniforms and vehicles (automobiles and motorcycles) both before and in-race. Neutral service includes simple mechanical repairs, limited loaner wheels, or loaned race bicycles (crash victims: provide bicycle frame size, approx. saddle height, and pedal type to technician).

Technicians will have limited access to 12- and 11-speed Shimano/SRAM/Campagnolo compatible wheels (rim-brake wheels and disc brake wheels with 140/160 rotors available) in the event of flat tires or wheel failure. These wheels are provided on a first come, first serve basis per race.

Riders who are issued loaner equipment will have their race registration credentials noted and be solely responsible for the return of loaner equipment **immediately** following the completion of their event (at the finish-line area). This equipment is needed to support the next wave of races.

Questions or unique equipment concerns are to be addressed with Elite Racing Service before their event. mike@eliteracingservice.com

Pro Field Team Vehicles – Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race: A maximum of six team vehicles will be allowed on the Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race to provide **mechanical assistance only**. **Feeding from cars is prohibited.** Eligibility: A team representative who will be in the team vehicle must be present at the Thursday Team Manager Meeting. Vehicles exceeding 1.66 meters in height will be at the back of the caravan, according to height. **Rear mounted bike racks and tinted or wrapped windows are prohibited.**

Eligible team cars will be numbered according to the best rider on the team in General Classification. Caravan team vehicles must be in the staging area at least 40 minutes before the start of the waves of riders, clearly identified with the team's name, and equipped with a radio (see below). They be numbered by the race organization in the front and rear windows. **Car numbers are to be picked up at rider sign-in.** They are to be placed on the windows: front – passenger side and rear - driver side. In addition, the "Team" banner must be taped to the front and rear windows.

Pro Field Team Support – Stage 3 Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental: Teams will be permitted to set up in the designated stationary support location. Wheels and/or bicycles may be exchanged in this area. Team cars are not permitted on the course.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Per USAC 1J6, Radio communications are permitted only in the Pro fields during the road race, and all fields during the Prologue. Audio playback devices are prohibited in all races.

Pro Fields Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race: Handheld radios will be distributed to the team cars allowed in the caravan who are staged by 7:15 am (wave 1) and 10:45 am (wave 2). Radios must be returned *immediately* after the finish of Wave 1 to be used for the Wave 2 race.

CENTER LINE REGULATIONS

The USA Cycling “Center Line Rule” is in effect the entire race for all categories, Marana Time Trial Included. Exceptions, if any, will be announced on the Starting Line. Penalties may include time penalties, relegation to last place for stage, or possible disqualification and/or suspension for Center Line Rule Violations. **Riders may encounter oncoming traffic during Stages 2 and 3.**

MIXING OF FIELDS

Racers may *only* work with and take pace from riders in their field. This includes riders in a break-away or riders falling off the back. Know your race numbers and the 100's number series that you start with. The severity of the penalty corresponds to the severity of the offense.

RESPECT FOR CYCLING'S IMAGE

Littering: You are guests here! Littering will not be tolerated. Pack it in/Pack it out. If witnessed by a police officer, offenders may be ticketed in addition to fine sanctions as called for in the regulations. In egregious cases, offenders may be disqualified from the race. If a specific rider cannot be identified the team may be fined. Green zones where bottles may be deposited are in the feed zones.

Public urination is not tolerated. Portable toilets are provided. If witnessed by a police officer, offenders may be ticketed. USAC 8A5(M): 1ST -- \$50-100, 2ND -- \$200 AND DSQ.

RESULTS

Provisional results for the top 10 in each field will be posted onsite after Stages 2 and 3. Final field results for each Stage and General Classification will be posted [online](#). In addition, field results will be emailed to participants at the email address provided through BikeReg.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

This constitutes formal notice that any or all images of entrants in the race or onsite at the race venue may be used by the promoter and its agents for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes. By entering to race, each entrant gives consent for use of his/her name and photographic likeness to the promoter and its agents.

DRONES: County laws prohibit the flying of drones near or over any open roadways in Pima County jurisdiction. However, drones may be used to film the event within closed roads. Use of drones is subject to FAA regulations and requirements. Please do not fly directly over the course at any location during racing.

PROTESTS

Protests concerning the order of finish or timing are lodged with the Chief Judge via [email](#) or in person. Protests concerning other sporting aspects are to be lodged with the Chief Referee via [email](#) or in person. (See list of officials.) Text messaging is *not* an acceptable form of protest.

Protests for the Time Trial Prologue and Stage 2 must be received at least one hour before the start of the next stage. Protests for the final stage must be lodged within 15 minutes of the posting of the results. Past that time the results may be reviewed but no changes to the prize list will be made.

AWARDS/PODIUM

Riders are to appear for podium photos in racing attire. Street shoes are ok. Bare headed or cap. No sunglasses.

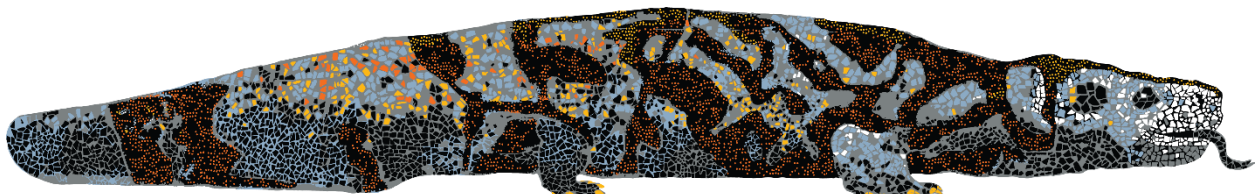
Stage 1 Marana Time Trial Prologue: See [Stage Details](#). No podium. GC leader jerseys will be handed out at Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race sign-in.

Stage 2 Sahuarita Road Race: See [Stage Details](#) for awards time and location. A podium will be held for each field:

- Top three stage finishers for each field
- GC Leaders

Stage 3 Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental: See [Stage Details](#) for awards time and location. The following riders are required to present themselves for awards presentation:

- 1) Top three stage finishers for each field
- 2) Top three of the field General Classification
- 3) Top three "best" rider on GC:
 - Jr Girls Cat 4/N
 - A. 13-14
 - B. 15-16
 - C. 17-18
 - Women 70+ Open
 - Women 60+ Open
 - Women 50+ Open
 - Women 40+ Open
 - Women Pro/1/2 U24
 - Jr Boys Cat 4
 - A. 13-14
 - B. 15-16
 - C. 17-18
 - Men 65+ Open
 - Men 70+ Open
 - Men Pro/1/2 U23



HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CARE

In case of an emergency call 9-1-1. Local area hospitals have been advised of the event. Medical services will be available on site at locations indicated in the stage details or by ambulance services.

STAGE 1 – Marana Time Trial Prologue

Non-critical: Northwest Emergency Center Marana – 5.5 miles from venue
6350 W. Marana Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85742
520-579-6040

Northwest Medical Center – 13 miles from venue
6200 N. La Cholla Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85741
520-742-7000

Trauma Center: Banner University Medical Center – 20 miles from venue
1625 N. Campbell Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719

STAGE 2 – Sahuarita Road Race

Non-critical: Northwest Medical Center Sahuarita – 8 miles from venue
16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
520-416-7100

Trauma center: Banner University Medical Center South – 28 miles from venue
2800 E. Ajo Way
Tucson, AZ 85713
520-874-2000

Trauma center: Banner University Medical Center Tucson – 32 miles from venue
1625 N. Campbell Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719
520-694-0111

STAGE 3 – Oro Valley Circuit Race p/b Rutledge Dental

Oro Valley Hospital – 3 miles from venue
1551 E Tangerine Rd.
Oro Valley, AZ 85755
520-901-3500

Trauma Center: Banner University Medical Center Tucson – 32 miles from venue
1625 N. Campbell Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719
520-694-0111

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

Rider categories are as indicated below. Where riders race together in a field, they are racing for one General Classification result and prize list. However, separate jerseys and medals will be awarded as indicated below. See the footnotes below the table for more detailed information.

| Field | Categories | * Best | Jerseys Awarded | | | | GC Prizes | GC Places |
|-------|--|---|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | | GC TT | GC RR | GC CR | Best | | |
| A | Women: Cat 4/N; Jr Girls 13-18 Cat 4/N; 60+, 70+ Open | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$500 | 5 (comb.) |
| | Jr Girls Cat 4/N | Best Jr 13-14 Best Jr 15-16 Best Jr 17-18 | | | | | Medals | 3 3 3 |
| | Women 60+ Open | Best 60-69 | | | | 1 | | |
| | Women 70+ Open | Best 70+ | | | | 1 | | |
| B | Women: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$750 | 8 (comb.) |
| | Women 40+ Open | Best 40-49 | | | | 1 | | |
| | Women 50+ Open | Best 50+ | | | | 1 | | |
| C | Men Novice | | Medals | Medals | Medals | | | |
| D | Men: Cat 4; Jr Boys 13-18 Cat 4 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$500 | 5 (comb.) |
| | Jr Boys Cat 4 | Best Jr 13-14 Best Jr 15-16 Best Jr 17-18 | | | | | Medals | 3 3 3 |
| | Men 60+ Open | Best 65-69 | | | | 1 | | |
| | Men 70+ Open | Best 70+ | | | | 1 | | |
| E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$500 | 5 (comb.) |
| | Men 65+ Open | Best 65-69 | | | | 1 | | |
| | Men 70+ Open | Best 70+ | | | | 1 | | |
| F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$500 | 5 |
| G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$500 | 5 |
| H | Men Cat 2/3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$750 | 8 |
| I | Women Pro/1/2, U24 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$3,000 | 15 (comb.) |
| | Pro/1/2 U24 | Best U24 | | | | 1 | | |
| J | Men Pro/1/2, U23 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | \$3,000 | 15 (comb.) |
| | Pro/1/2 U23 | Best U23 | | | | 1 | | |
| | TOTALS | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | \$10,000 | |

GC Leader Jersey for first place on GC for the field (combined color grouping)

* Best subcategory awards based on GC will be presented at the end of Stage 3

PRIZE LIST DISTRIBUTION

The Tucson Bicycle Classic has worked hard to ensure we have equal prize lists for Men and Women. The breakdown per place is detailed in the table below based on total prize list, with categories racing in a field receiving a single prize list and General Classification, as indicated in the table above. The prize list distribution for the total prize lists is found in the table below.

Payout will be available at the race venue tent 15 minutes after the results of the Final General Classification have been posted and made final. Prizes not claimed within 90 days of the end of the 2024 Tucson Bicycle Classic will be voided and forfeited to the race organizer. No exceptions. Riders in contention for prizes or awards who cannot be present for the final awards ceremony must inform the race organizer in advance to receive permission. Failure to attend official awards ceremonies is subject to forfeiture of prizes.

Tax forms: Pro/1/2 Men and Women riders winning > \$600 must complete the appropriate IRS form before receiving their prize payment. The form will be available at pay-out, or you may bring a completed form with you. US Citizens: [IRS Form W-9](#). Foreigners: [Form W-8BEN](#).

Nonresident aliens receiving cash prizes must submit Form W-8BEN and may be subject to 30% US federal tax withholding.

PRIZE LIST DISTRIBUTION BY TOTAL PRIZES

| PLACE | \$3,000 Prize List | \$750 Prize List | \$500 Prize List | No Cash Prizes |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | \$ 900 | \$225 | \$210 | Medal |
| 2 | \$ 450 | \$125 | \$110 | Medal |
| 3 | \$ 300 | \$100 | \$ 70 | Medal |
| 4 | \$ 250 | \$ 80 | \$ 60 | |
| 5 | \$ 180 | \$ 70 | \$ 50 | |
| 6 | \$ 150 | \$ 60 | | |
| 7 | \$ 125 | \$ 50 | | |
| 8 | \$ 110 | \$ 40 | | |
| 9 | \$ 100 | | | |
| 10 | \$ 90 | | | |
| 11 | \$ 80 | | | |
| 12 | \$ 75 | | | |
| 13 | \$ 70 | | | |
| 14 | \$ 60 | | | |
| 15 | \$ 60 | | | |
| TOTAL | \$3,000 | \$750 | \$500 | - |

STAGE 1: MARANA TIME TRIAL PROLOGUE RACE DETAILS

Course: A short, flat 8 km out-and-back time trial to set the stage for the GC competition.

Sign-in: Your start is your sign in for the Marana TT Prologue

Schedule: The times in the table are a *general guideline*. Actual start times depend on the number of registered riders in each category. Refer to your actual assigned start time posted after the close of registration. Starts are under the control of the Chief Referee according to USA Cycling regulations.

Starts: The order of starts is set by the race organizer. The defending Champion (Pros) may be started last in their group. Starts will be on 30-second start intervals with 5-10 minutes between race categories. *Riders are to be in the ready area 15 minutes before their appointed start.* Riders will not be hailed to the start. **Know your start time.**

MARANA TIME TRIAL STARTING ORDER WITH ESTIMATED START TIMES

| Start Time (estimated) | Field | Categories | Start Time (estimated) | Field | Categories |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 9:05 | A | Wom: 4/N; Jr 13-18 4/N; 60+, 70+ Open | 11:40 | F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 |
| 9:30 | B | Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open | 12:15 | G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 |
| 9:55 | C | Men Novice | 12:45 | H | Men Cat 2/3 |
| 10:15 | D | Men: Cat 4; Jr 13-18 Cat 4 | 13:45 | I | Women Pro/1/2 |
| 11:00 | E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | 14:25 | J | Men Pro/1/2 |

Amateur Categories Equipment: No Time Trial bikes allowed. Only bicycles conforming to USA Cycling massed-start road race bicycles may be used. Aero equipment is limited to helmets and wheels that are otherwise permitted in a massed-start event. No time trial bars or handlebar extensions are permitted. Bicycles may be weighed to comply for road bicycles.

Pro Categories Equipment: ONLY Pro/1/2 Men and Pro/1/2/3 Women categories may use time trial equipment provided it has no fairings, no wheel covers, or triathlon equipment that would not be permitted in a UCI time trial. Extreme positioning of the saddle and/or handlebar extensions is not permitted. Questions on equipment are to be lodged with the [Chief Referee](#) prior to the start of the time trial stage.

Marana Time Trial Prologue: Stage 1 is run as a Prologue. The results are used to determine the Individual General Classification. Any rider who suffers a mishap during the prologue and is unable to complete the distance shall be permitted to race the following day, shall be placed last and given the time of the last rider completing the course in their category. The Chief Referee must be notified of the mishap.

Amateur riders failing to start the Prologue will be allowed to start the next stage provided they receive permission in advance from the [Chief Referee](#). They will be assigned a time that is twice the time of the slowest rider in their group.

Doping Control: Notified by chaperones at the Finish Line.

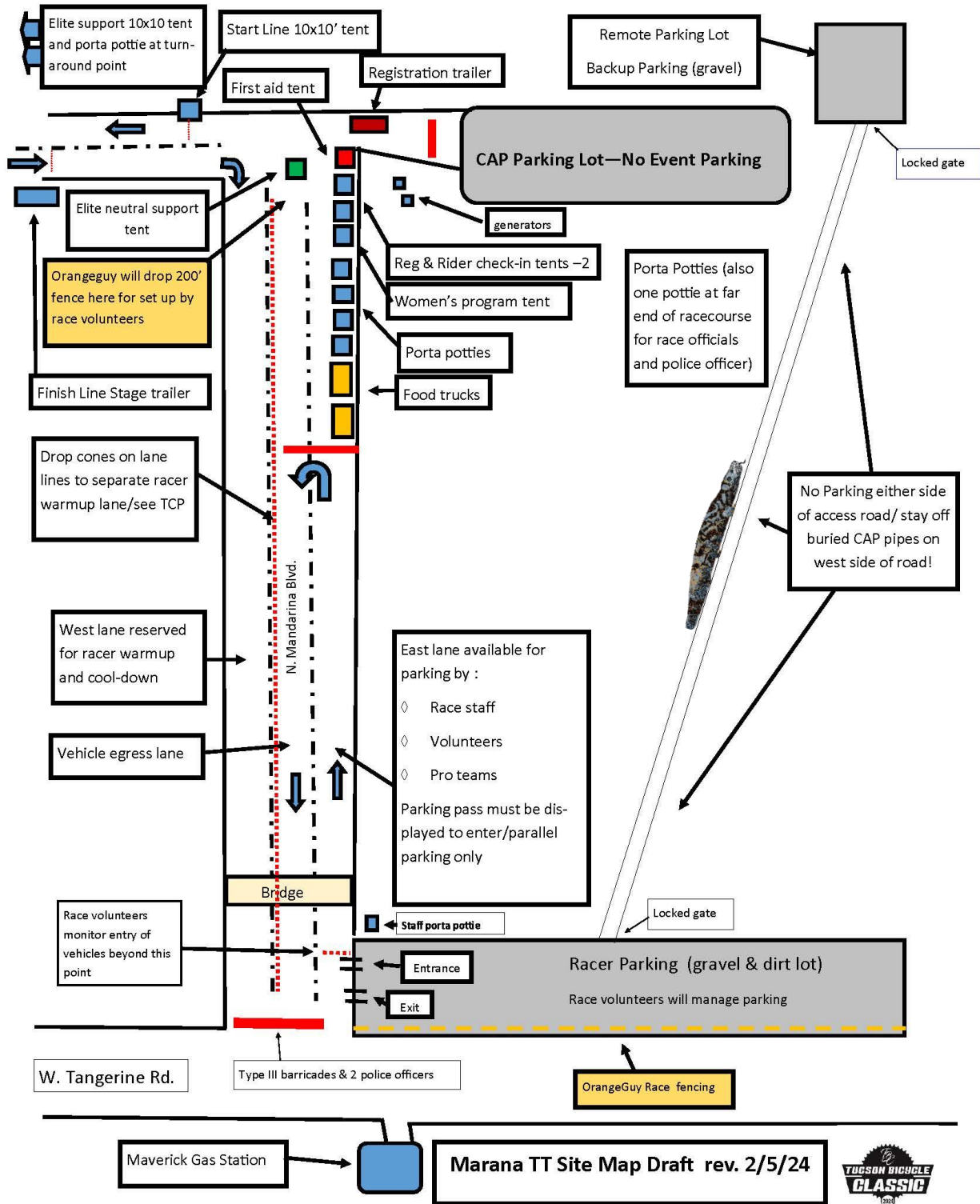
Medical: Near the Start line.

Driving Directions to the Start: Set your GPS to the intersection of [W Tangerine Rd and N Mandarinina Blvd](#) in Marana, AZ.

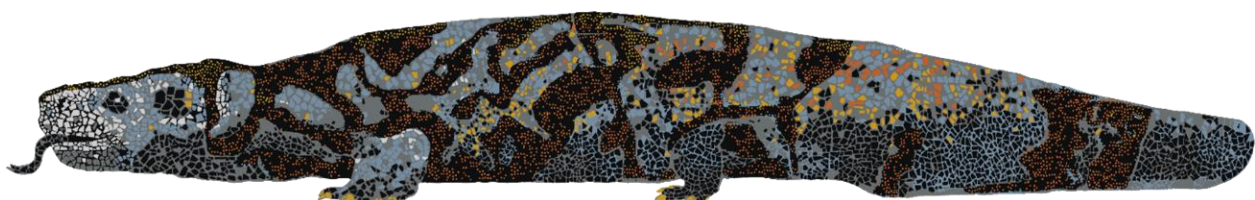
Parking: Enter racer parking lot via N Mandarinina Blvd. See Locator Map below.

Podium: None. Field GC leaders pick up their jersey at sign-in for Stage 2. The top 3 finishers in each Field will receive a call-up to the front row for the start of Stage 2.

MARANA TIME TRIAL START/FINISH LOCATOR MAP



MARANA TIME TRIAL COURSE MAP



STAGE 2: SAHUARITA ROAD RACE DETAILS

Course: A challenging 20.5-mile loop with approx. 1,000' of climbing, including a solid, sustained climb, rollers, flats and a rapid descent. Three of the four roads are lightly traveled. Most of the vehicular traffic will be on La Cañada and at the beginning of Duval Mine Rd. The RR track crossing at Duval Mine and Mission intersection has been rebuilt, take care, nonetheless. The Start/Finish is uphill and straight, excellent for spectating. It is a short walk from the intersection of Duval Mine Road and Continental Road. No parking at the finish line.

Sign-in: At the Start – see Start Locator Map. Open one hour before and closes 10 minutes before assigned Start time.

Starts: Riders stage in order by groups **on Continental Road** south of Duval Mine Road. Lead and follow vehicles will be staged in the lot next to Sign-in and will take their place prior to the start of each field. The start is neutral until all riders have safely turned onto Duval Mine Rd. The course runs clockwise.

Time Bonuses: Intermediate bonuses at the finish of each Bonus Lap as listed in the chart below: 3", 2", 1". Finish bonuses for all fields: 10", 6", 4". Times are based on the estimated average speed of the race leaders.

LEADER PROJECTED FINISH PER LAP

| Wave | Field | Categories | Start | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Lap 3 | Lap 4 | Bonus Lap # | Total Laps | Mi. | Est. MPH |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|------|----------|
| 1.1 | J | Men Pro/1/2 | 8:00 | 8:46 | 9:32 | 10:18 | 11:04 | 1, 3, F | 4 | 82 | 26.7 |
| 1.2 | D | Men: Cat 4; Jr 13-18 Cat 4 | 8:03 | 8:53 | 9:44 | | | 1, F | 2 | 41 | 24.3 |
| 1.3 | E | Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | 8:06 | 9:01 | 9:56 | 10:52 | | 1, F | 3 | 61.5 | 22.2 |
| 1.4 | C | Men Novice | 8:09 | 9:05 | 10:01 | | | 1, F | 2 | 41 | 21.8 |
| 1.5 | A | Wom: 4N; Jr 13-18 4N, 60+, 70+ Open | 8:11 | 9:13 | 10:15 | | | 1, F | 2 | 41 | 19.8 |
| 2.1 | H | Men Cat 2/3 | 11:40 | 12:25 | 13:11 | 13:57 | | 1, F | 3 | 61.5 | 26.9 |
| 2.2 | G | Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | 11:45 | 12:34 | 13:23 | 14:13 | | 1, F | 3 | 61.5 | 24.9 |
| 2.3 | F | Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | 11:49 | 12:39 | 13:30 | 14:20 | | 1, F | 3 | 61.5 | 24.3 |
| 2.4 | I | Wom Pro/1/2 | 11:52 | 12:48 | 13:45 | 14:42 | 15:39 | 1, 3, F | 4 | 82 | 21.6 |
| 2.5 | B | Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ Open | 11:57 | 12:54 | 13:51 | 14:49 | | 1, F | 3 | 61.5 | 21.4 |

Course Directions: From the Start on Duval Mine Mission, Helmet Peak, La Cañada, Duval Mine. Approximate distance 21 miles. **NOTE: Use only the right-hand lane on La Cañada Dr.**

Directions to the Start: From Interstate 19 take Exit 63, W. Continental Road and head west approximately 6 km (3 to 3.5 miles) to parking area. **Avoid the Sahuarita and Duval Mine exits** as these will put you on the course!

Feed zone: Feeding from the feed zone is allowed on all but the first lap of each race. The feed zone is near the intersection of Helmet Peak Rd and W Sahuarita Rd. See the course map.

Directions to Feed Zone: Traffic going on course clockwise to the feed zone must leave at least 15 minutes before the first race in the wave (7:45 am or 10:25). Past these times, only counterclockwise traffic will be permitted. Parking is on the NE of the corner in a small gravel lot. Please do not park vehicles on the course itself.

Finish: Riders will have the full width of the road for the final 200M of the race. “Jumping” across the centerline before the designated flagged location are subject to penalties which may range from relegation to last on the stage and a 2:00 time penalty up to Disqualification and recommendation for suspension (for especially dangerous moves, as determined by the Race Jury).

Doping Control: Notified by chaperones at the Finish Line.

Medical: At the Finish tent.

Parking: Continental Road only (see map).

NO PARKING whatsoever in Start/Sign-In area from Thursday through Saturday. Non-staff vehicles and/or campers may be fined and towed. Access to the course from Continental Rd only. Continental may be open to two-way traffic. Please do not block the road.

Podium/Awards: In the Start area. See Start Locator Map. Top 3 riders in each field are requested to report to the podium area at least 10 minutes before the following times. Awards are to begin no sooner than:

10:00 – Men: Cat 4; Jr field

10:15 – Men Novice

10:30 – Wom: 4/N; Jr; 60+, 70+ field

11:05 – Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ field

11:20 – Men Pro/1/2

14:15 – Men Cat 2/3

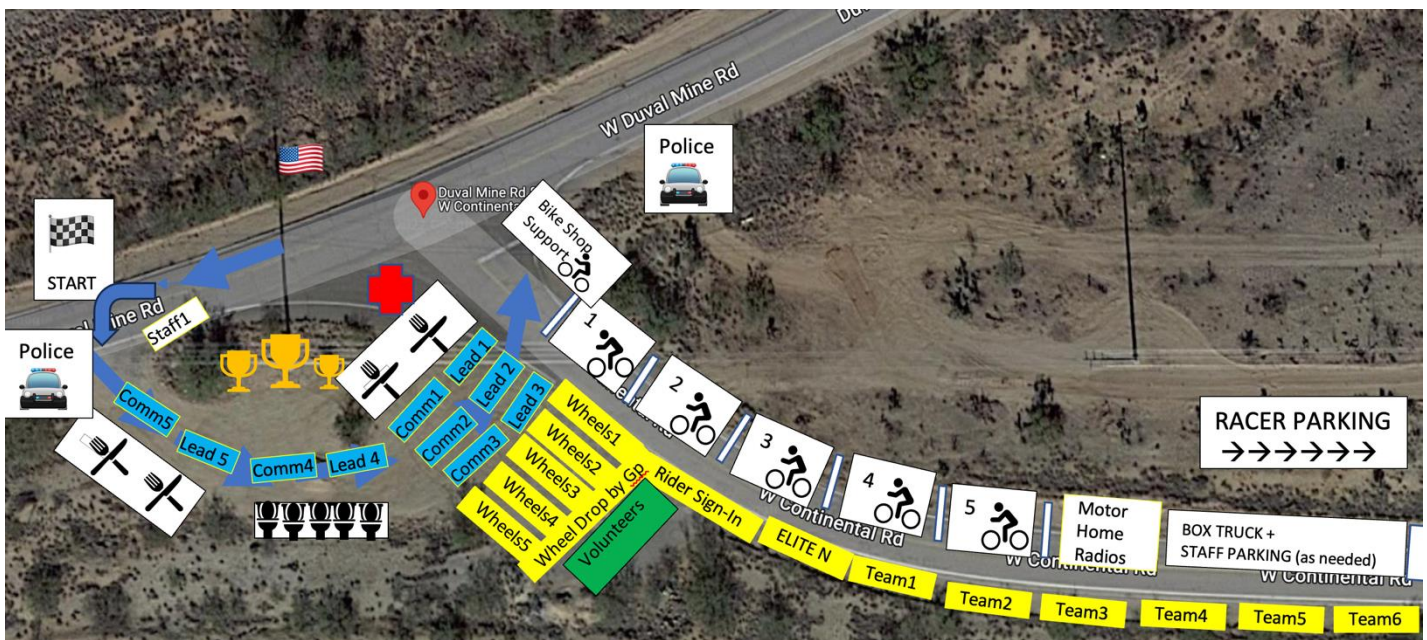
14:30 – Men 40+ Cat 1-4

14:35 – Men 50+ Cat 1-4

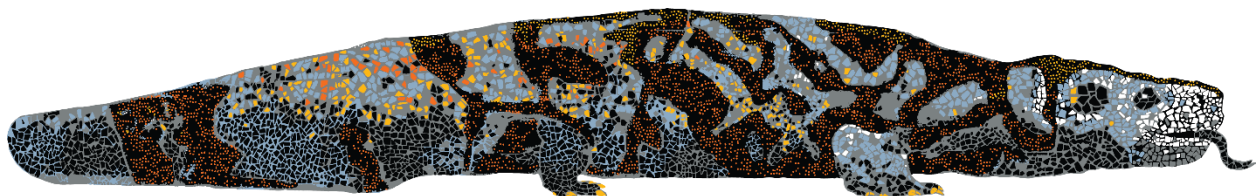
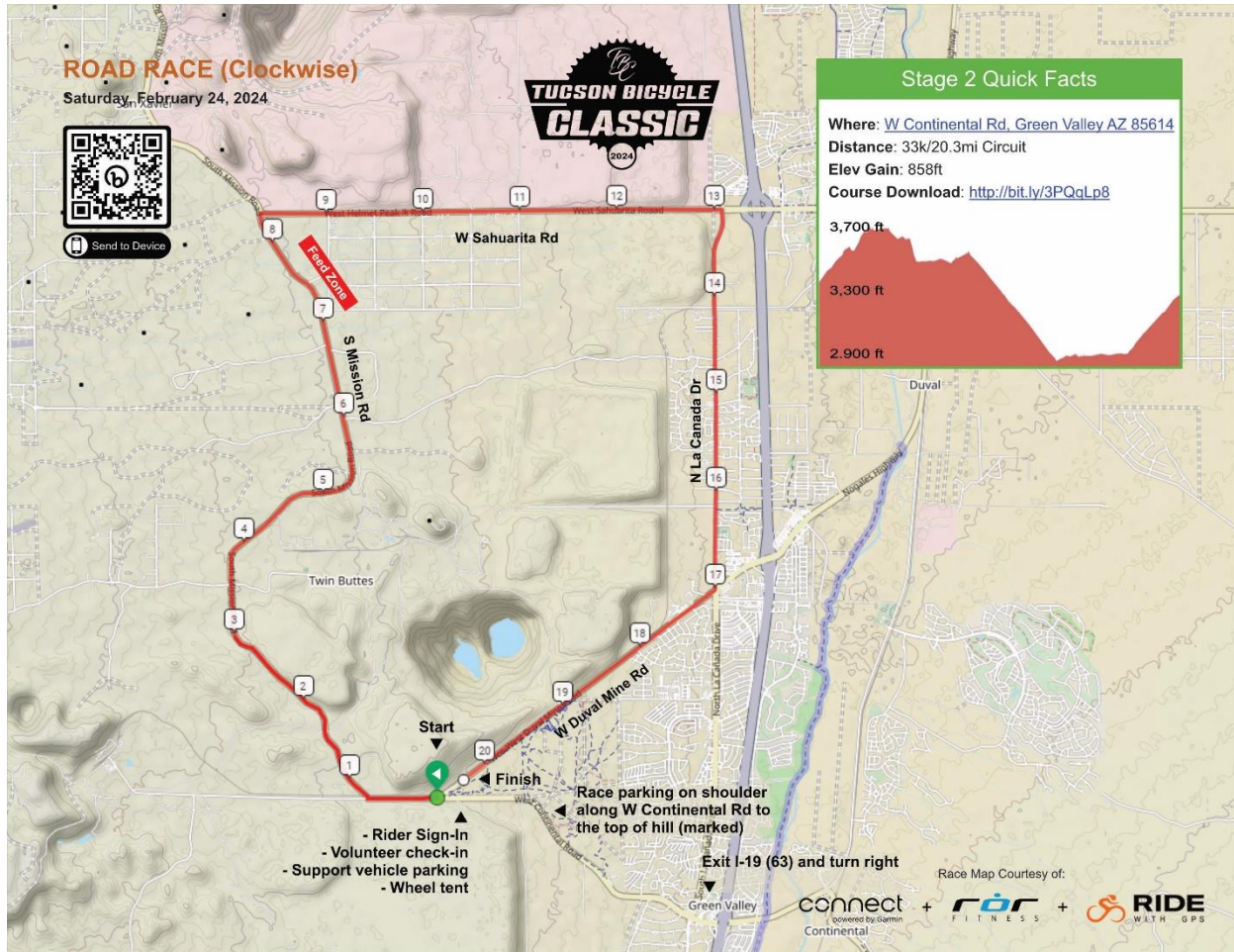
15:05 – Wom: Cat 3, 40+, 50+ field

15:55 – Wom Pro/1/2

SAHUARITA ROAD RACE - START & STAGING LOCATOR MAP (Numbers with cyclists and Wheels indicate order within each wave.)



SAHUARITA ROAD RACE COURSE MAP



STAGE 3: ORO VALLEY CIRCUIT RACE p/b RUTLEDGE DENTAL RACE DETAILS

Course: 6.8 km (4.2 miles) with 224 feet of climbing per lap. The last turn before approaching the finish is fast and slightly downhill. Know your skills and abilities. Don't exceed them! **Riders must race within the coned racecourse enclosure at all times. Any rider who goes outside of the cones will be DQed.**

Staging: In Naranja Park on Musette Dr.

Sign-in: Staging area organization tent.

Starts: Start times are dependent upon timing of previous race finishes.

Time bonuses: Intermediate bonuses at the finish of each Bonus Lap as listed in the chart below: 3", 2", 1". Finish bonuses for all fields: 10", 6", 4".

LEADER PROJECTED FINISH PER LAP

| Field Categories | Start | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Lap 3 | Lap 4 | Lap 5 | Lap 6 | Lap 7 | Lap 8 | Lap 9 | Lap 10 | Lap 11 | Bonus Lap # | Mi | Est Time | Est. MPH |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------------|----|----------|----------|
| D Men: Cat 4; Jr | 8:00 | 8:09 | 8:19 | 8:28 | 8:38 | 8:47 | 8:57 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 0:57 | 26.3 |
| G Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | 8:03 | 8:13 | 8:23 | 8:33 | 8:43 | 8:53 | 9:03 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:00 | 24.8 |
| F Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | 9:15 | 9:25 | 9:35 | 9:46 | 9:56 | 10:07 | 10:17 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:02 | 24.1 |
| E Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ | 9:20 | 9:30 | 9:40 | 9:51 | 10:01 | 10:12 | 10:22 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:02 | 24.1 |
| B Wom: Cat 3; 40+, 50+ | 10:35 | 10:47 | 10:59 | 11:11 | 11:23 | 11:35 | 11:47 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:12 | 21.0 |
| A Wom: 4/N; Jr: 60+, 70+ | 10:40 | 10:52 | 11:05 | 11:17 | 11:30 | 11:42 | 11:55 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:15 | 20.1 |
| BREAK | 12:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0:30 |
| I Wom Pro/1/2 | 12:30 | 12:40 | 12:51 | 13:02 | 13:13 | 13:24 | 13:35 | 13:46 | 13:56 | 14:07 | 14:18 | 14:29 | 3,6,9, F | 46 | 1:59 | 23.2 |
| C Men Novice | 12:33 | 12:44 | 12:55 | 13:07 | 13:18 | 13:30 | 13:41 | | | | | | 3, F | 25 | 1:08 | 22.0 |
| J Men Pro/1/2 | 14:45 | 14:54 | 15:03 | 15:13 | 15:22 | 15:31 | 15:41 | 15:50 | 16:00 | 16:09 | 16:18 | 16:28 | 3,6,9, F | 46 | 1:43 | 26.9 |
| H Men Cat 2/3 | 14:50 | 14:59 | 15:08 | 15:18 | 15:27 | 15:36 | 15:46 | 15:55 | 16:04 | | | | 3, 6, F | 34 | 1:24 | 27.0 |

Doping Control: Notified by chaperones at the Finish Line.

Medical: Near the Finish line.

Feed Zone: There will be no Feed Zone unless announced in advance by the Chief Referee. The provisional feed zone is located about 200 m west of the entrance into Naranja Park on the uphill. Provisionally allowed feeding is prohibited on the first 4 laps and last lap.

Directions to the Start: Naranja Park, 810 W Naranja Dr, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

The **only** access is from the west via N La Cañada Dr to W Naranja Dr. Park entrance is at Musette Dr. Please Note: due to limited availability, a TBC parking pass is required for any vehicle entrance into Naranja Park. Free parking is available at the Oro Valley Public Library.

Racer Parking: refer to Locator Map below. Parking pass is required; available at Packet Pickup.

Alternative Parking: Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W Naranja Dr, Oro Valley 85737

Pro Teams/Support Parking: Limited parking for Pro teams or those with support items is available at Naranja Park (see locator map). A TBC parking pass will be distributed at Packet Pickup and **MUST** be displayed for vehicles to enter the park at Musette Dr. Police will be restricting all vehicle access to the park to TBC parking pass holders only.

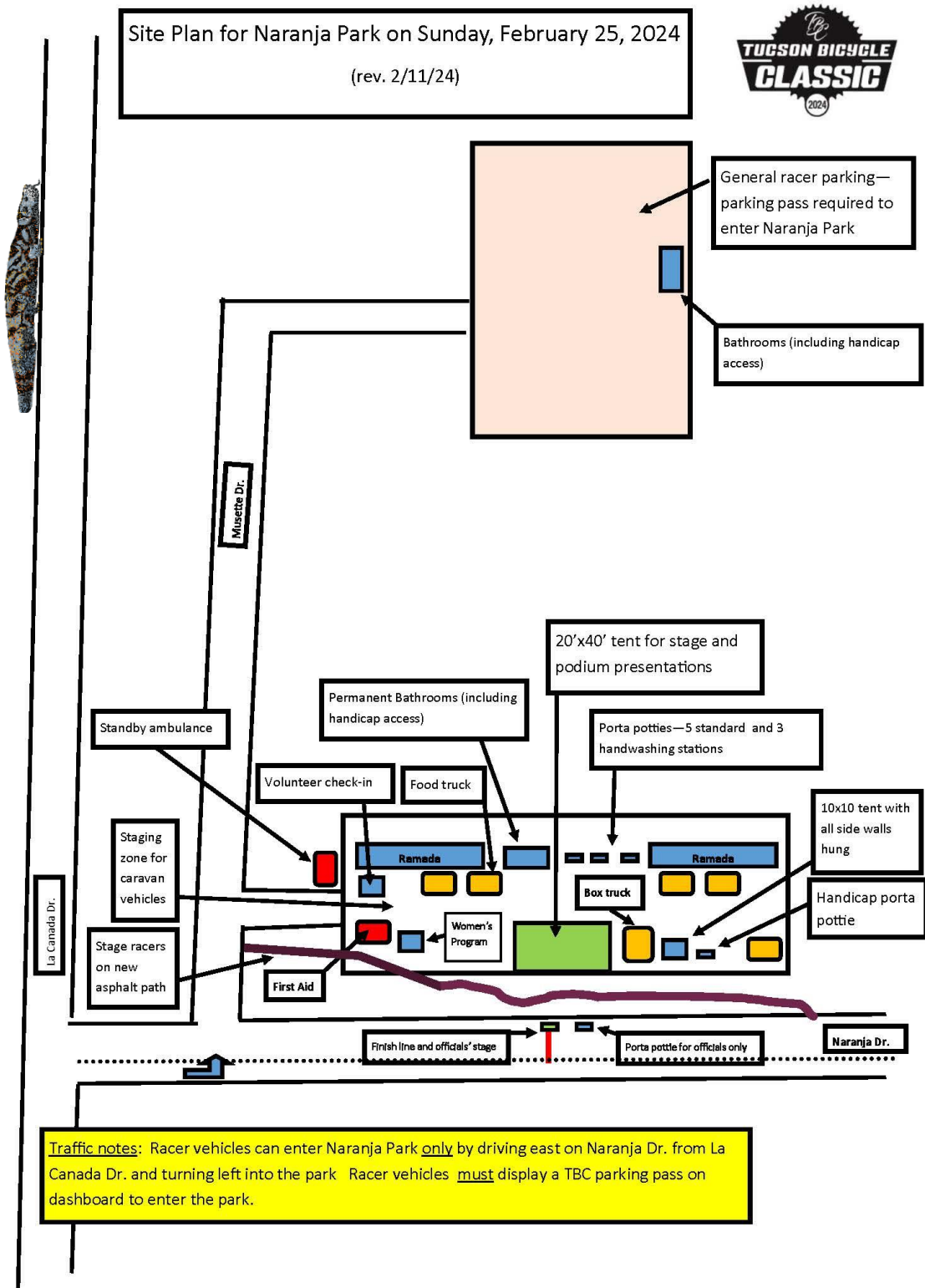
Wheels & Support: Elite Racing Service will support the Pro fields primarily, and secondarily to amateur waves not racing at the same time (wave) as the Pros. Tucson Endurance Performance Center will provide stationary support in a wheel pit past the feed zone. Teams and riders may leave wheels and offer support at that location in addition to the designated zone past the Finish Line.

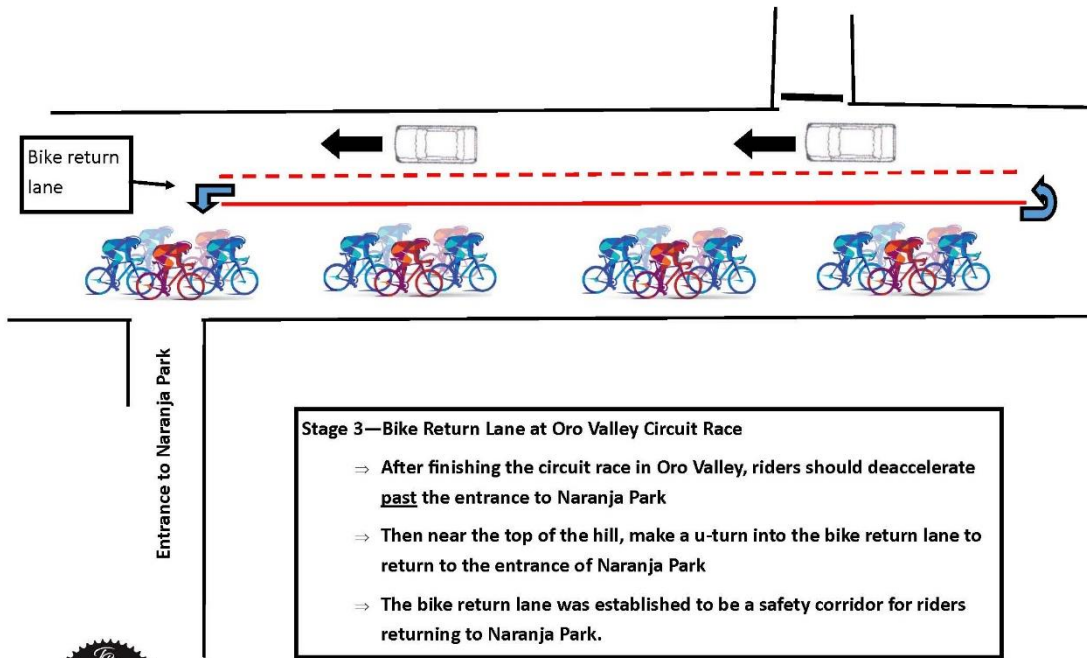
Podium/Awards: See [Awards](#) for more details. Final awards are presented at the podium in the large tent. Riders are requested to report to the podium area at least 10 minutes before the following times. Awards are to begin no sooner than:

| | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Men: Cat 4; Jr 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Cat 4 | 9:15 | Wom: Cat 4/N, Jr 13-14, 15-16, 17-18; 60+, 70+ Open | 12:20 |
| Men 40+ Cat 1-4 | 9:30 | Men Novice | 1:55 |
| Men 50+ Cat 1-4 | 10:30 | Women Pro/1/2, U24 | 2:45 |
| Men: 60+, 65+, 70+ Open | 10:35 | Men Cat 2/3 | 4:20 |
| Wom: Cat 3, 40+, 50+ Open | 12:05 | Men Pro/1/2, U23 | 4:45 |

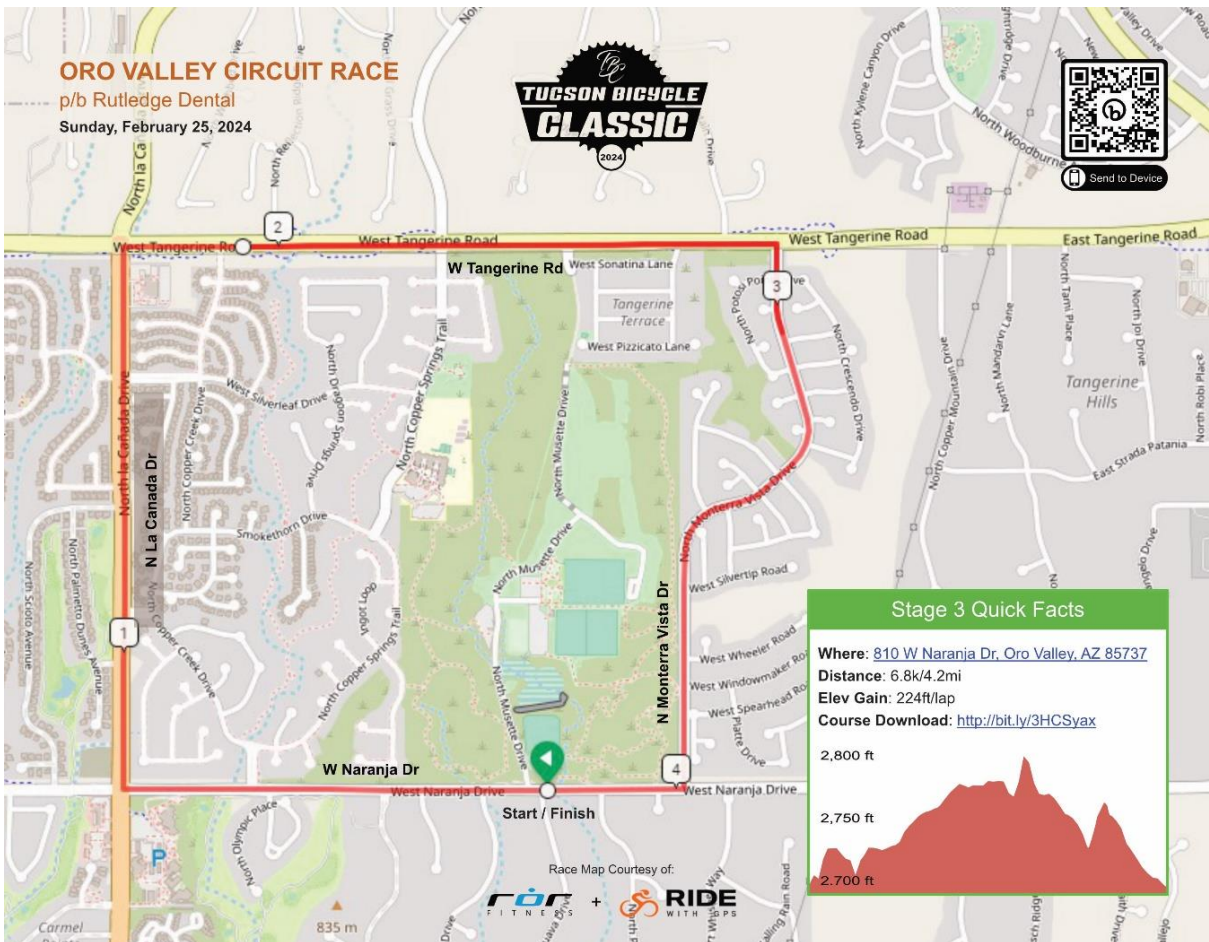


ORO VALLEY CIRCUIT RACE p/b RUTLEDGE DENTAL START/FINISH LOCATOR MAPS (not to scale)



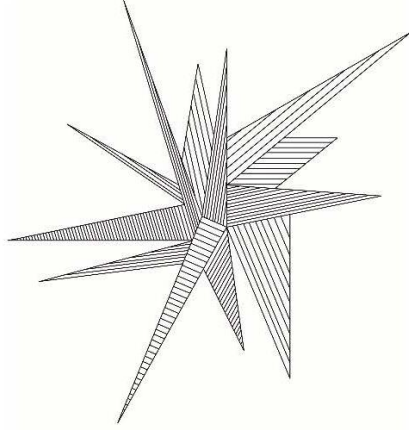


ORO VALLEY CIRCUIT RACE p/b RUTLEDGE DENTAL COURSE MAP

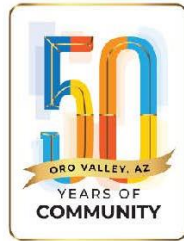


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APPENDIX I. DRUG TESTING

INFORMATION REGARDING DRUG TESTING

SELECTION OF RIDERS FOR DOPING CONTROL

By registering to compete at this event you have consented to be subject to drug testing and adhere to the penalties associated with an anti-doping rules violation. All registered competitors are subject to testing and, if chosen for drug testing, are required to comply with the applicable rules. Noncompliance or refusing to be tested will result in the same penalties as a doping violation.

NOTIFICATION OF ATHLETES

When the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”) is conducting testing at your race the cyclists selected for doping control will be notified and escorted by a chaperone to the Doping Control Station. USADA plans to have chaperones available to locate and escort all cyclists selected for testing.

APPLICABLE RULES

USADA will conduct testing in accordance with its Protocol. A copy of and additional information concerning the USADA Protocols are available online at <https://www.usada.org/athletes/testing>.

“Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection after notification as authorized in applicable anti-doping rules or otherwise evading sample collection” is an anti-doping rule violation.

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

The United States Anti-Doping Agency is the independent anti-doping agency for the Olympic Movement in the United States. USADA is dedicated to eliminating the practice of doping in sport, preserving the well-being of sport and ensuring the health of athletes through drug testing, research initiatives and educational programs.

PROHIBITED CLASSES FOR EVENT TESTING

USADA will test for the classes of substances and methods prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Code. For in-competition testing urine samples are tested for the following categories of substances: anabolic agents, hormones, beta-2 agonists, anti-estrogenic substances, diuretics, stimulants, narcotics, cannabinoids (i.e. marijuana), glucocorticosteroids, alcohol and beta-blockers; additionally, the following methods such as blood doping, gene doping and pharmacological, chemical and physical manipulation are also prohibited.

For more detailed information or a non-exclusive list of substances within each category listed above, visit the USADA web site at <https://www.usada.org/wp-content/uploads/wallet-card.pdf> for the USADA Wallet Card.

Further information about the drug testing, the protection of your rights and the status of specific medications on the 2024 WADA Prohibited List is available from the USADA Drug Reference On-Line at <http://www.usantidoping.org/dro> When in doubt athletes should check with these resources.

Please remember that even over-the-counter or prescription medications can contain a banned substance that could cause a positive test result and a doping offense. Dietary/nutritional supplements including vitamins, minerals and amino acids are completely at the athlete’s risk, even if the supplements are labeled ‘approved’ or ‘verified.’ If you take dietary/nutritional supplements you may test positive for a prohibited substance which is not disclosed on the product label. This would result in a doping violation and sanction. Always check with your team doctor or the USADA Drug Reference Line before taking any medication.

DOPERS SUCK!

APPENDIX II. FOREIGN PERMISSION LETTER

To whom it may concern:

The following rider is a currently licensed member in good standing of the _____ and is granted permission to race in the United States of America from _____ through _____.

Name:
UCI ID:
Nation:
Team /Club:
Category:
Class:

The Cycling Federation further certifies (check one):

- The rider is covered by medical insurance for racing in the country(ies) specified above.
- The rider is not covered by medical insurance for racing in the country(ies) specified above and will provide proof of additional insurance.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Note: This document is to appear on Federation letterhead. It may be emailed or presented as a printed version. All fields above are to be completed. It is to be signed.