



Race Communiqué #1

18 February 2026

General Announcements:

Riders need to be self-sufficient; the race organization does not provide water.

Per USAC Rule 1J7(b), numbers **may not be placed inside** of pockets or behind any material which reduces their visibility. However, during the time trial, riders may place both their unaltered, visible, and always readable numbers in clear pockets. **Both race numbers must be worn for all stages, including the Time Trial.** Any race numbers which are not easily scored will be ignored and when fixed may result in a 20 second penalty (Stage), or 5 points penalty (Omnium), and/or a \$30 fine.

Stage Race Tie Breaker Clarification - Stage 1 and Stage 4 will be counted in the sum of the placings. Therefore, ties in GC shall be broken in the following order until the tie is broken:

1. Adding in the fractions of a second from the time trials (i.e. Stage 1 Prologue)
2. The sum of the placings in all stages.
3. Highest place in the last stage ridden.

Time Trial:

Know your start time. Riders should be in the staging area at least fifteen minutes before their scheduled start time.

No Time Trial bikes allowed. Only bicycles and equipment conforming to USA Cycling massed-start road race bicycles may be used. Time trial helmets are allowed. The use of forearms ("puppy paws") as a point of support on the handlebar is strictly forbidden. If in doubt, do not place your forearms on the handlebars.

Riders should exercise caution through the S-turn, 350 meters after that start.

Racing riders must always keep to the right of the path. Returning riders should respect the race in progress by staying to the right of the chalk line.

Returning riders will dismount and walk behind the results and timing stage to not interfere with finishing riders. **DO NOT RE-CROSS THE FINISH LINE.** Returning riders will exit the course before the S-curve.

Please follow signs for rider parking. From Tangerine Farms Road, turn left into Gladden Farms Community Park and follow the signs.

Official Contact Information:

- Chief Referee : Karla Gendler
- Chief Judge : Mitch Beckner
- Direct all questions and protests to tbcofficials2026@gmail.com