



Kentucky Open Road Racing Series

2025 Series Guide Book



Race #1
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Welcome Message

Hey! I am Gary Bentley, aka Smoker Speed(as of this I have been smoke free for 4 months) aka Ricky Dale. I'm an avid cyclist and lover of all things Kentucky. This race series has become my baby over the past three years and I owe all of this to each and every person who has supported me whether it was a sponsorship, volunteering, or my buddy Keegan of Turtleback for being willing to give me a chance by hosting these events. However, none of this would happen without you, the participant.

We are still a small grassroots series, but I am doing everything I can to grow the series and the sport. I not only want this to grow into a premier racing series for the state but more importantly the rural communities. My goal is to grow cycling in more rural areas of Kentucky and create a thriving race scene for all cyclists. As we grow and change there will be pains, errors, and mistakes. I am always accepting of advice and criticism. Just come to me in a peaceful manner and we will talk about any issues you have.

Some new things for 2025 are the sanctioning of races with USA Cycling and INKY Cycling. I am also increasing the amount of work going into marketin, promotion, and signage in the regional area. I am working on having the races live streamed on YouTube and working directly with Race Penguin for a fully interactive app with live scoring updates and other information. Just stay tuned. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube!





Race Day Schedule

Racer Check In and Parking



Schedule

Racer Check In 7:30 AM-9:30 AM (Racers coming in to town early may pickup their numbers and check in on Friday evening at Turtleback Ridge Brewing- TBA)

Pre Race Meeting and Announcements at 9:45-9:50 AM (All racers expected to be in staging at this time. Anyone driving to feed zone or course marshalls must exit the start area at this time)

Men's Pro/1/2/3 Wave 10:00AM all consecutive waves following at intervals determined on race morning. Wave Schedule will be posted on social media Friday before the race and posted at racer check in.

Awards will follow as each wave is completed and results are available. 59 mile waves have a time limit of 3.5 hours. Any finish after this time will not be considered for official results. After party and celebration will last until the taproom closes and the food vendors are sold out.

Rules Scoring

Race Penguin/USA Cycling

Beginning in 2025, we have hired Race Penguin Cycling to handle our scoring and timing for all of our races. Race Penguin brings a professional and high quality timing and scoring specialty to our events. We will use chip timing on a sticker style seat post tag as well as each rider wearing two bib numbers per USAC standards. USAC and Race Penguin will make the final decision on all results and scoring. Bib Numbers are to be placed on the right side and the lower left side. Visit the USAC website to see a visual of how to place these.

We are a race series therefore each race will earn racers points for their category in the series. Points are earned 1st-20, 2nd-17, 3rd-15, 4th-14, and consecutively following. After the first race all participants have the opportunity to change to a lower classification if they did not place in the top 50% of their category. No racer will be permitted to step down after Race #2.



Rules

All racers are to abide by USA Cycling rules for road racing and to compete in a respectful manner to all other cyclists, volunteers, community members, and traffic.

Our events are hosted on roads that are open to traffic. All riders are expected to follow the rules of the road. If riders are caught crossing the yellow line or riding in a manner that endangers them or anyone else they will be disqualified. We will have volunteers at all intersections to help manage and direct traffic but it is ultimately the riders responsibility to verify that it is safe for them to travel through an intersection.

Race #1 Route



Starting Loop

All waves will start and finish at the entrance to Turtleback Ridge. The starting loop is a 21 mile route that will bring racers to the four way intersection just below the brewery. Riders will then make a slight right hand variance to continue climbing into the next loop. This route is shared in the notes of the registration page

Race Loop

This is a shorter 17 mile loop that travels north towards the Robertson County School on Route 616/Mt Pleasant Rd.

Mens Novice/5, Women's 4/5, U18, and Non Binary Categories will complete this loop one time. So, when you climb 1029 for the second time to the 4 Way Intersection you will turn left towards the finish line.

Men's P/1/2/3, 3/4, 4/5, Women's 1/2/3/4, Masters, and U23 will do this loop twice before turning left towards the finish line.

it is each racers responsibility to know when they have completed their laps and make their way to the finish at the correct time. We will be manually scoring riders during their laps in order to prevent accidental course shortage, but will not be responsible if you get a DQ

Route Files

All routes are posted in the notes section of the registration page. We also have full combined loop routes for all categories. It is highly recommended that you preview the course files, study them, and install the route into your bicycles head unit.

Neutral Support



SAG/Mechanical Support

We always strive to provide the best atmosphere as we can. We will always provide some form of mechanical support and emergency pickup for those who need it. This varies race to race based on registration numbers.

Race 1 will have Broomwagon Bikes driving sag on the start loop and staging at Robertson County School after that. We encourage all racers to carry minor flat repair and other tools as it may be more timely to make your own repair than to wait on mechanical support to get to your location. If you require mechanical help or need to be picked up you will have to call the mechanic on standby and give them your location. The contact information for mechanical support will be posted at racer check in.

we are looking at the option of hiring a second mobile service but will have to make that decision based on finding.

Medical Emergency

Any medical emergency should be handled by 911. If you come across a racer or you need emergency medical help call 911 and if possible text or call the race director at 502-542-1837. We have the Robertson County EMS on speed dial and they are located on course. We will have first aid supplies on hand for any minor injuries or scrapes.

Feedzones

The main feedzone for teams will be at the Robertson County School which is on course and has ample parking. Anyone driving to this feedzone must leave the race start before 9:45am and will have to re enter on the Northeast Entrance of the brewery. The course start/finish area will be closed during the duration of the race.

The second option is to walk down to the four way intersection for feed. There is no parking there. There will be traffic so you must be extremely cautious and cannot hinder the flow of traffic or interfere with the race.



Awards Celebration

Awards

Awards and podium photos will follow each category completion when results have been verified and confirmed. Please be patient as this can sometimes take longer than expected. The podiums and backdrop will be setup all day, we encourage everyone to take a photo opportunity and share it on social media and tag us!

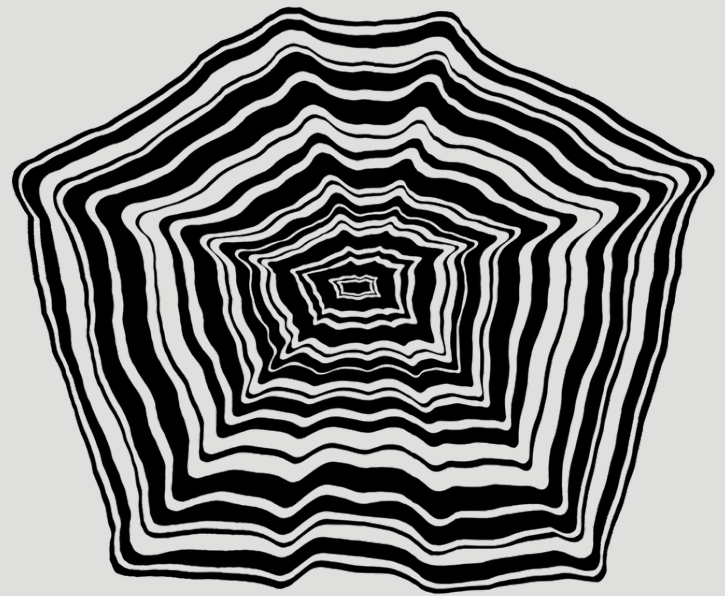
Food

Fodder, our food vendor will be setup and ready to serve by 12pm. I will post the menu on our social media as soon as it's available. They do accept cash and card.

Celebration

As always our after party will be at the taproom and will run until closing or until we run out of food and beer.

Meet Our Hosts



Turtleback Ridge Brewery



Keegan McGee

Keegan is the brainchild behind Turtleback Ridge Brewery and grew up on the family farm where we all congregate and hangout. I consider Keegan a good friend and can't thank him enough for the work he puts in to making this place special for us and going out of his way to accommodate our needs. He's been a huge supporter of our series and we should all give him a big hug on race day!



Fodder

Our wonderful food vendors. Bringing us delicious meals for the carnivore, vegan and everyone in between. Show them all the love and tip them well. While they claim to love serving at all of our races, I know we can be a hungry handful at time. Follow them on Instagram @apocketfulloffodder. Menu will be posted to social media accounts as soon as possible.



The Farm

Turtleback Ridge is a family farm, a community of good people, and it takes a big village to bring it all together. You would be surprised to know how many of the people you meet on race day, that put in hard work on a daily basis to keep this place as beautiful as it is. Be respectful of their farm, don't litter, and if you see some trash, just pick it up and put it in the right place. We should all treat this place as if it's our own. Show the family love and support. Let them know how grateful we are to have a place to come and race our bicycles.



N+1 Bikes is not only our title sponsor, but also giving away a 2025 Cannondale Super Six Evo at the end of the series. All racers and volunteers will be entered to win



Chris Carville stepped up as our sprint sponsor and helped cover the cost of our course signage and marketing

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Ketoneaid is our awards sponsor providing product for all of our podium finishers



Long Run Business Services was the first business to reach out to help. They helped us secure our USAC Sanctioning



Josh and Greg at Bespoke have been great to partner with through shared promotion and marketing



Edge Nutrition stepped up as our official hydration sponsor providing drink mix for all racers at check in and also product for our awards ceremony