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TECHNICAL GUIDE



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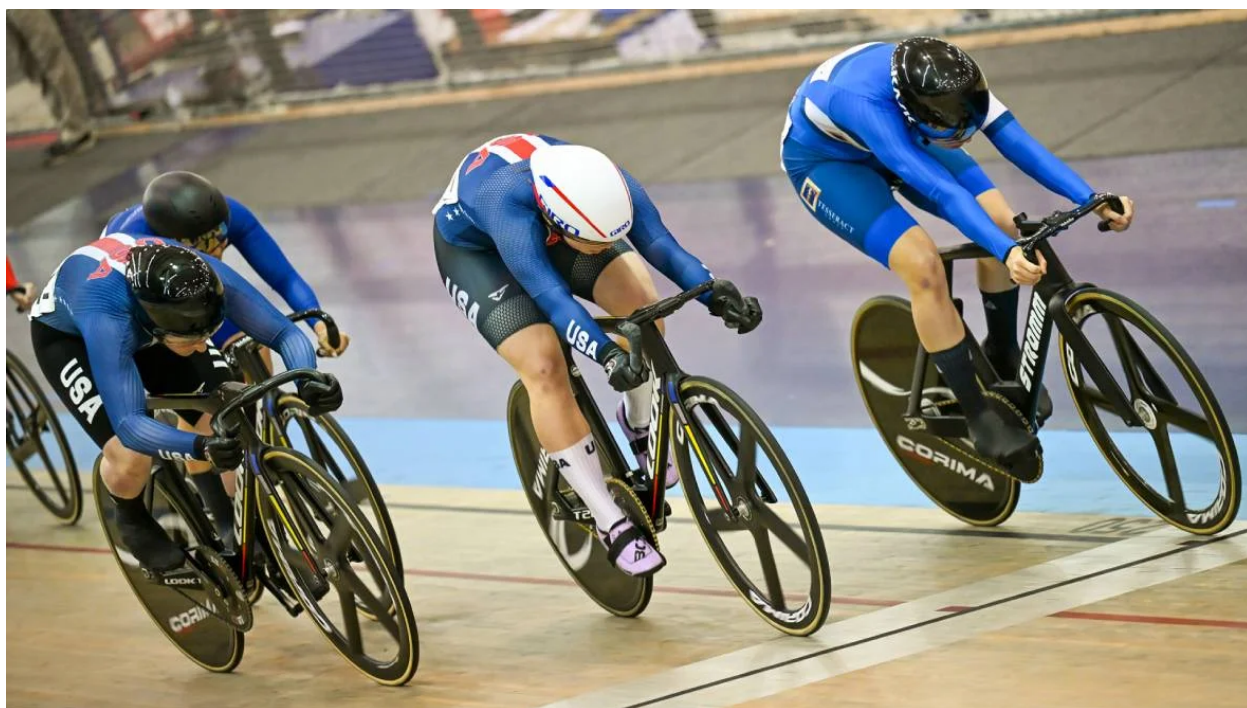


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The VELO Sports Center is located on the 125-acre Dignity Health Sports Park complex in the city of Carson, CA.

The VELO Sports Center is a 100,000 square foot, \$15 million specially designed 250- meter indoor wood bicycle racing track. The VELO Sports Center is also a part of Dignity Health Sports Park's partnership with the USOPC as an Official U.S. Olympic Training Site and is a home track to USA Cycling's national track cycling program. The VELO Sports Center hosts training and international competitions for the world's elite cyclists, as well as classes open to the public, at any skill level.



As America's largest indoor velodrome, VELO sports center is committed to the growth of the sport of cycling. Youth, beginner, intermediate, and advanced training programs are available to those curious about cycling or for any aspiring Olympic and World Championship athletes. You can visit the website here: <https://www.dignityhealthsportspark.com/about/venues/velodrome>



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EVENT INFORMATION

SCHEDULE

The [event schedule](#) and other information may be found on the [event website](#).

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

All events will be run under UCI Regulations. Athletes must present your UCI compliant bicycle to the Bike Control area for measurement prior to the start of all events.

[Eligibility Guide Here](#)

TEAM AREAS

Cabin area inside the velodrome will be first come, first serve. Space is limited and cabins must be shared. Please be respectful with other competitors and smaller teams. Tents will not be allowed in the velodrome.



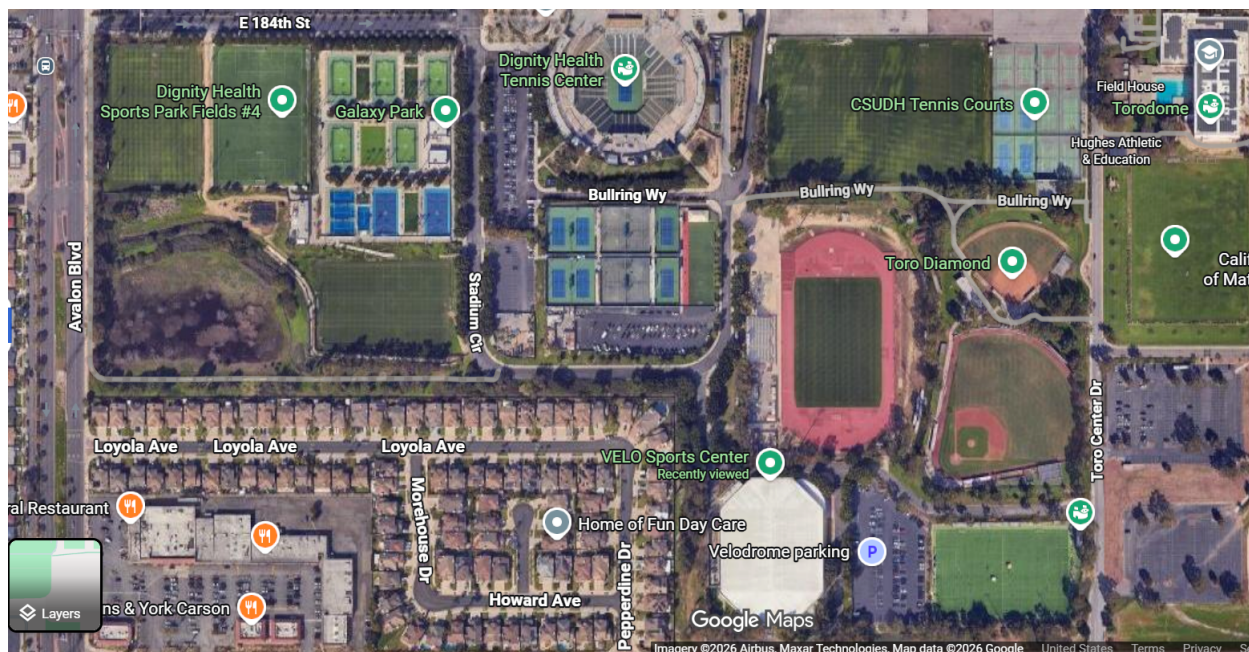
INFIELD PASSES

Every racer's bib number will grant them access to the infield. Infield passes for coaches and team staff are available for purchase on BikeReg for \$100 for the entire event. Upon arrival at the venue, you will receive a wristband granting access to the infield. Please be aware the infield pass recipient will undergo screening in the SafeSport Disciplinary Database, and we strongly advise ensuring your SafeSport and MAAPP certifications are up to date.

PARKING

Parking is on a first come, first serve basis. Please park only in designated parking spaces.

There is a track and field event on the grounds on Saturday, August 22 that may affect parking from 5 PM onward.



RESULTS PROTOCOL & AWARDS CEREMONY

Results will be posted online after each race at www.tracktiming.live. The protest period is 15-minutes after posting, after which time they become FINAL. Results will also be posted to the USA Cycling website. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each event. A National Champion's jersey will be presented for all categories with at least one official finisher. A National Champions jersey will also be presented to the highest placed U23 racer per event. Awards will



be presented at scheduled ceremonies, please pay attention to the timeline for the proper time of your award ceremony.

All riders required to participate in the awards ceremonies at USA Cycling National Championships must report at the appropriate time and shall appear wearing only team/club racing clothing identical to that worn in the competition unless stated otherwise in the technical guide for the event or noted below. Competition clothing is defined as: racing kit, cycling or athletic shoes, without hats or sunglasses or other forms of headwear. Unattached riders may only wear uniforms that display manufacturers' logos. After official presentations, athletes are free to have photographs taken with hats and other forms of headwear, glasses, bicycles, etc.

Under no circumstance, shall a rider wear a prior National Champions jersey at the event or to the podium for the presentation.

LOCAL INFO

ACCOMMODATIONS

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Carson

[2 Civic Plaza, Carson, California, 90745, USA](#)

HOSPITAL

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
1000 W Carson St, Torrance, CA 90502

MEDICAL ON-SITE

A paramedics team will be on-site inside the velodrome when the track is open for riding. The track will be open between sessions until 1pm.

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

USA Cycling's Code of Conduct ("Code") is intended to advance the mission of USA Cycling, protect the safety and well-being of individuals who associate with USA Cycling, and to ensure that all individuals who associate with USA Cycling conduct themselves with integrity, maintain a high standard of conduct, and promote the Olympic & Paralympic values, spirit, and ideals. The full policy may be found [HERE](#).



FAN CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

USA Cycling is committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience at USA Cycling events. The Fan Code of Conduct is intended to address conduct that is inconsistent with these goals and detracts from the event experience. The Fan Code of Conduct is applicable to all attendees of USA Cycling sanctioned events, whether as a spectator, participant, or otherwise. The full policy may be found [HERE](#).

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Status updates, and if needed, revised schedules, will be communicated to the affected parties through a variety of methods:

- Posting at the venue at pre-designated notice areas.
- An e-mail and/or text message update will be sent directly to registered athletes/participants by USA Cycling
- USA Cycling will utilize its social media platforms to provide outreach to spectators and volunteers, participants
- Venue announcements will be used in the case of on-site modifications and notifications, using Public Address System and posted materials at Race Office/Awards Stage.
- Credentialed media will be provided with updates through USA Cycling communications staff.

This event is a USA Cycling Gran Fondo National Championships Qualifier

Your result in this event can qualify you for the USA Cycling Gran Fondo National Championships. The 2026 #GFNats will be held on September 20 at Gran Fondo Maryland in Frederick, MD. In addition to qualifying through results and participation in Gran Fondo National Series events, cyclists can qualify for #GFNats by finishing in the top three in any Amateur or Masters National Championship, or any State or Regional Championship. For complete qualification criteria, visit:

[//www.granfondonationalseries.com/gran-fondo-national-championship](https://www.granfondonationalseries.com/gran-fondo-national-championship)



To help create and foster a safe environment that is free from misconduct and abuse at all USA Cycling events, please review USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program [Policies](#), including reporting [requirements](#) and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ([MAAPP](#)). All Participants at USA Cycling sanctioned events must abide by these policies.

Prohibited Conduct

All Participants at this event are expected to refrain from engaging in Prohibited Conduct as defined by the US Center for SafeSport [Code](#). Prohibited Conduct includes but is not limited to the following: sexual misconduct, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, bullying, harassment, hazing, and violations of the MAAPP.

MAAPP

These policies have been adopted by USA Cycling to establish clear boundaries between participants in cycling and to reduce isolated one-on-one interactions between minors and adults in cycling and apply during all USA Cycling events, including before, during and returning from the event. Please familiarize yourself with USA Cycling's [MAAPP](#).

Reporting Requirements

Adult Participants are required to report violations of USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program, including violations of the [MAAPP](#). The mandatory reporting requirements apply to Adult Participants, but USA Cycling encourages anyone who becomes aware of, or experiences misconduct or abuse, to report those allegations. While USA Cycling is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants, the organization can't address behaviors or problems it is unaware of, so your engagement in reporting is instrumental in ensuring safety for all.

Report suspected or known incidents of *sexual misconduct* directly to the US Center for SafeSport: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>

Report *other forms of misconduct*, including physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, and MAAPP violations, to USA Cycling: <https://usacycling.org/safesport/report-other-misconduct>



This competition is subject to anti-doping rules, and competitors may be selected for in-competition testing. Keep reading to learn more about anti-doping rules and expectations.

What is clean sport?

Clean sport means that athletes have the opportunity to compete on a fair and level playing field free from the influence of performance-enhancing substances and methods.

How do we protect clean sport?

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is charged with managing the anti-doping program for all United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), recognized sport national governing bodies, their athletes, and events, and this program encompasses in-competition and out-of-competition testing, results management processes, drug reference resources, and athlete education.

What substances and methods are prohibited?

As a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, USADA tests for substances and methods found on the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List. Athletes can check prescription and over-the-counter medications and ingredients on [GlobalDRO.com](https://www.globaldro.com) to determine the prohibited status. Be aware that even everyday products, such as those used to treat acne and altitude sickness, may contain prohibited substances. In many cases, athletes can consider alternative but similar treatment options that do not contain prohibited substances.

Do I need a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to use a prohibited substance or method?

There may be a time during an athlete's career when they have a legitimate medical need to use a prohibited substance or method. USADA can grant a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in these situations in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency's International Standard for TUEs. The TUE application process is thorough and designed to balance the need to provide athletes with access to critical medical care while protecting the rights of clean athletes to compete on a level playing field.

Whether an athlete needs a TUE for the use of a prohibited medication or method depends on the athlete's competition level and the Prohibited List category of the treatment. Athletes can



submit a [TUE Pre-Check Form](#) to USADA to determine if a TUE is required before using the prohibited substance.

Can I use prohibited medications and treatments if they are prescribed by a physician?

No, having a prescription does not permit the use of prohibited substances or methods. Athletes should submit a [TUE Pre-Check Form](#) to USADA to determine if they need a TUE before using a prohibited substance.

What if I've started using my medication but do not have a TUE?

First and foremost, we encourage athletes to consider their health first and athletic competition second. If you have a medical condition for which you have been prescribed a prohibited substance, medication, or method, consult with your medical provider. Depending on your competition level and the prohibited status of the substance, medication, or method, if you compete without a TUE, are tested, and your sample is positive for the prohibited substance, you could be at risk of having committed an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV), which may result in a sanction and public announcement. However, it may also be possible to receive a retroactive TUE depending on the circumstances.

Are supplements safe to use?

Dietary supplements are risky because they could contain ingredients that can cause a positive anti-doping test and/or health problems, and in some cases, those ingredients aren't listed on the label. Dietary supplements are regulated in a post-market fashion, which means that no regulatory body approves the accuracy of the label or safety of the contents before they are sold to consumers. As such, no dietary supplement can be guaranteed to be 100 percent risk-free. If athletes choose to use supplements despite the risks, USADA has always recommended that athletes use only dietary supplements that have been certified by a third-party program that tests for substances prohibited in sport. USADA currently recognizes NSF Certified for Sport® as the program best suited for athletes to reduce the risk from supplements. Learn more at USADA's [Supplement Connect](#) resource.

What kind of testing should I expect?

Athletes selected for testing are subject to both urine and blood testing. The sample collection process is designed to protect both the integrity of the sample as well as the rights of athletes. The Doping Control Officer (DCO) will make the process as comfortable and consistent as possible, and there can be modifications to the process for athletes with impairments. When USADA tests an athlete, who is a minor (under the age of 18),

USADA urges a minor athlete to appoint a representative to accompany them at all times during the sample collection process, including in the washroom area. The representative will not witness the passing of the sample unless authorized by the athlete and of the same gender as the athlete (unless the representative is a parent). Additionally, the DCO will have a second



sample collection person present throughout the sample collection process. Learn more about the [sample collection process and athletes' rights and responsibilities here](#).

Ineligibility

Athletes who have notified USADA, their National Governing Body, and their International Federation of their retirement from sport are not eligible to participate in this competition. Anyone serving a suspension for an anti-doping rule violation is also not eligible to compete.