



ELITE TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CARSON, CA

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

All riders who want to compete at the 2026 Elite Track National Championships must be a United States citizen, have a current UCI/international license issued by USA Cycling or a recognized foreign federation, and have a sporting nationality of USA.

You must present your license to pick up race numbers prior to competition. Riders holding a USA Cycling domestic race license will need to log into their USA Cycling account and upgrade their race license to an International race license. Please note, riders may be required to provide proof of US citizenship prior to your license being valid. If you have any questions, please email membership@usacycling.org for assistance.

Riders must meet all eligibility, licensing, category, and age requirements as indicated in this document.

- Men Elite – racing age of 17 or older
- Women Elite – racing age of 17 or older

All registered competitors are subject to anti-doping testing and, if chosen for drug testing, are required to comply with the applicable regulations. Noncompliance or refusing to be tested will result in the same penalties as a doping violation.

CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS

At the time of registration, all athletes MUST hold the minimum required category for their respective races as noted below.

As a member of USA Cycling, your license allows for promotion to higher categories according to certain guidelines. Upgrades can be based on either experience or points, depending on the level and license type. Please see [Policy VIII Race Category Upgrading and Downgrading](#) for information. If you would like to request an upgrade, please see [upgrade instructions here](#).

Acknowledging the lack of upgrade points for athletes who exclusively or primary race sprints, USA Cycling will allow riders who do not meet category restrictions to petition for an exception to compete in the sprints or keirin ONLY. Such riders must provide a detailed race resume showing progress in category and racing experience.

Riders must provide proof of progress within sprint events and racing proficiency. Riders must submit proof of progress by no later than July 31, 2026, using this [form](#). This must be done before registering. If a rider registers without an approved petition and does not meet category requirements at the time of the event, they will not be allowed to compete. USA Cycling staff will review petitions and respond to the email address submitted.

TIME TRIAL EVENTS

Men	Open to ALL categories
Women	Open to ALL categories

MASS START and SPRINT EVENTS

Men	Restricted to track categories 1-2
Women	Restricted to track categories 1-3

TEAM EVENTS

Men	Open to ALL categories
Women	Open to ALL categories

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Kilometer Time Trial

The time trial will be ridden as a final. *No category restrictions.*

Individual Pursuit

The individual pursuit will be 4 km. The top 4 riders, based on time, in the qualifying round will advance to the finals - 3 vs 4 and 1 vs 2. *No category restrictions.*

Sprint

The Sprint will be seeded by a 200 m flying start time trial. The UCI World Championship sprint format will be used, with modifications as needed to accommodate the field size.

Keirin

The Keirin will consist of 7 laps on a 250 m track. The pacer will leave the track with 3-laps to go.

Points Race

The Points Race will have sprints every 5 laps on a 333 m track.

If the number of riders exceeds the track limit, a qualifying Points Race will be used as noted below. An equal number of riders shall be eliminated from each heat, at a minimum of 2 riders per heat, among the riders who have started the race.

- **Men** – 30 km, 120-laps, 12 sprints
- **Women** – 20 km, 80-laps, 8 sprints

If the number of riders exceed the track limit, qualifying heats will be used as follows:

- **Men** – 15 km, 60-laps, 6 sprints
- **Women** – 10 km, 40-laps, 4 sprints

Scratch Race

The Scratch Race will be 10 km.

If the number of riders exceed the track limit, qualifying heats will be 7.5 km. An equal number of riders shall be eliminated from each heat, at a minimum of 2 riders per heat, among the riders who have started the race.

Elimination Race

The Elimination Race will sprint every second lap on a 250 m track.

If the number of riders exceeds the track limit, a qualifying Scratch Race of 7.5 km will be used. An equal number of riders shall be eliminated from each heat, at a minimum of 2 riders per heat, among the riders who have started the race.

Omnium

The Omnium consists of four events over one day with distances as shown below. Riders failing to start in one of the events will not be allowed to compete in the subsequent events and will be placed last in the competition as did not finish (DNF).

If the number of riders exceeds the track limit, a qualifying Points Race will be used as noted in the Points Race section above. An equal number of riders shall be eliminated from each heat, at a minimum of 2 riders per heat, among the riders who have started the race.

Event	Men	Women
Scratch Race	10 km	10 km
Tempo Race	10 km	10 km
Elimination		

Points Race	25 km	20 km
Team Pursuit		
The Team Pursuit will be 4 km, and each team is required to have four riders to start. The top 4 teams, based on time, in the qualifying round will advance to the finals - 3 vs 4 and 1 vs 2. <i>No category restrictions.</i>		
Team Sprint		
The Team Sprint will be 3-laps, and each team is required to have three riders. The top 4 teams, based on time, in the qualifying round will advance to the finals - 3 vs 4 and 1 vs 2. <i>No category restrictions.</i>		

REGULATION INFORMATION

All races are conducted under UCI regulations, including UCI equipment regulations, for all events. The UCI regulations can be found [HERE](#). Any exceptions are noted under the individual races above.

Equipment Requirements

All UCI rules for bicycles AND components will be in force for those seeking time trail records in their classes. For more information, reference Part 1, Section 3 of the [UCI Regulations](#) or review this link, [UCI Equipment page](#), with detailed information on equipment, verification and measurements of the bicycle that you will encounter.

NATIONAL and WORLD RECORDS

All National and World Records must have anti-doping testing to be certified.

- *National Records* will be submitted by the PCP to the USA Cycling Technical Director.
- *World Records* will be submitted by the PCP to the UCI. It is the responsibility of the rider setting the record to obtain a copy of the completed record application(s) and maintain a copy of the cover of their anti-doping form for UCI.