



COLLEGIATE TRACK
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Communique 1
September 9, 2026

Chief Referee Announcement

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS:

Chief Referee – Noreen Landis-Tyson

Starter – Sam Alpert

Judge Referee – Matt Martinez

Secretary – Claire Sanderson (All changes to composition of teams and scratches from races must be given to the Secretary)

Chief Judge – Liana Engle (All protests concerning results must be given to the Chief Judge)

Additional Commissaires: Kerry Balding, Joseph Althoff, Gary Bavolar, Ken Hart

GENERAL:

- In general, the track will be open 2 hours before the session begins for load in and 1 hour before the session starts for warm-up. The track will close 10 minutes before racing begins.
- This race is conducted under USAC Rules
- Helmets, in good condition, conforming with USA Cycling's Policy I, Helmets (DOT, CPSC or CEN), must be worn at all times while on the bike, including warm-up and warm-down. (Not required for stationary trainers/rollers).
- No equipment will be allowed on the track safety zone.
- Ice vests are not allowed to be worn on the track or safety zone.
- Start lists and results can be found at TrackTiming.Live.

Bib Numbers: Because there can be many riders with the same kit racing at the same time, it is important that numbers be placed correctly. Numbers may not be trimmed or folded. Riders presenting themselves at the line without the proper numbers, with their numbers trimmed, or with their numbers folded or unreadable may have their start refused. **In massed start events, the numbers must be placed on the outer layer of clothing and number pockets may not be used.** Number pockets may be used in time trial events except the 200m time trial for spring qualifying.

For races where 2 hip numbers are required, please place them so that one hip number is on the left side positioned horizontally for the photo finish and the other number positioned on the right side horizontally for the announcer and the spectators outside of the track. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure the number is visible. The following numbers are required to be worn in the various disciplines

- Pursuit and Timed Disciplines: 1 number in the center of the back or 2 hip numbers.
- All other events, including the 200m qualifying for sprints: 2 hip numbers.

SCHEDULE:

Any changes to the race schedule will be published the preceding day and may include the cancellation of heats or rounds if none are needed. Distances for heats are those published in the schedule.

For those events where seeding is based on a timed qualification, riders withdrawing after qualifications and before the first heats are established will be replaced by the next fastest rider. All withdrawals must be promptly reported to the race secretary.

ONLY RIDERS WHO ARE RACING IN THE SESSION WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE TRACK DURING THE WARM-UP PERIODS FOR THAT SESSION.

Standing starts during warm-up are permitted on the home straight only under the following circumstances:

- one rider at a time (1x1),
- in the sprinter's lane, and
- only with the someone stationed in corner 4, signaling with a red flag to the other riders on the track.

EVENT CONDUCT: All events will be run under USAC regulations.

- **Start Procedures for Time Trials:** Riders will be held by an official or volunteer for all timed events. The starting procedure is as follows: once the rider is on the bike and states that they are ready, the countdown clock will start at 15 seconds. If there are riders on both sides, the clock will start once both riders have indicated that they are ready.
- **Team events:** Teams are expected to provide a holder for their riders. If the team is not able to provide holders, please let the secretary know at least 30 min before the session.
- **Delaying the Program:** Please watch the schedule and keep from delaying the program. Any rider delaying the program may be assessed a warning or fine.
- **Collegiate Coed Team Sprint** is a six-lap race that follows the Team Sprint format, with the following exceptions:
 1. Each team must field a minimum of two and a maximum of six riders with at least one woman and no more than four men per team;
 2. A woman must lead the team for a minimum of two laps;
 3. There shall be only one team on the track at a time;
 4. The event will be limited to mass-start legal bikes.

AWARDS & CEREMONIES:

National Champions and Medals. Medals will be awarded to the top five finishers in each event. Riders are required to participate in the awards ceremonies and must report at the appropriate time wearing only team/club competition clothing. Please refer to the technical guide for more information on the Collegiate Individual and Team Omnium scoring.

ANTIDOPING:

Testing will be conducted by USADA for this event in accordance with USADA regulations.