



MASTERS & PARACYCLING TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Communique 1
August 4, 2026

Commissaires for the event:

President of the Panel: Chris Clark

Secretary: Noreen Landis-Tyson

Starter: Elspeth Huyett

Judge Referee: Sallie Urffer

Chief Judge: Claire Sanderson

Assistant Judge: Emma Weiss

Assistant Referees: Marcie Weiss, Steve Crews, Tim Sherrill

GENERAL

- Registration and Packet Pick up is from 7:30 AM to 1:00 each day at the velodrome. Riders must pick up their packet by 1:00 PM the day before their first race. Riders wishing to add a race must do so by 1:00 PM the day before. Session schedules, start lists and results can be found at <https://tracktiming.live/>
- Track hours: The track will open for warm-up each morning at 8:00 AM until 10 minutes before the start of racing. Once the morning session is complete, the track will be open until 10 minutes before the start of the afternoon session for warmup.
- Withdrawals: Any withdrawals must be reported to the Race Secretary (Noreen Landis-Tyson) as soon as they are known.
- Team Sprint and Team Pursuit team makeup: The makeup of the team must be confirmed with the Race Secretary (Noreen Landis-Tyson) by 1:00 PM the day before the event. All changes of status (e.g., changes to composition of teams, or withdrawals from any event) must be given to the Secretary a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of each respective event.
- All protests concerning results must be given to the Chief Judge, Claire Sanderson
- No equipment is allowed on the safety zone of the track.
- Start Lists, Results and Communiques can be found at TrackTiming.Live.
- **Helmets**, in good condition, and conforming with USA Cycling's "Policy I: Helmets" (DOT, CPSC, or CEN), must be worn and securely fastened while on the bike. Helmets are not required while riding stationary trainers or rollers.
- During all track events, EXCEPT the **Individual Pursuit** and **Team Pursuit**, all team staff shall remain on the infield (off the safety zone and the track).

- Riders may carry no object on them or on their bicycles that could drop onto the track. Electronic devices with a display must be hidden from the rider's sight so that it cannot be read by the rider while riding.
- Road bicycles are never allowed on the safety zone or on the track surface.
- All riders, managers, coaches, mechanics, and other individuals are supervised by the Commissaires, and conduct follows USA Cycling regulations. Inappropriate conduct may result in removal from the infield or the facility.
- **Bib Numbers:** Identification Numbers (Bibs) may neither be folded nor altered. Riders presenting themselves at the line without the proper numbers, with their numbers trimmed, or folded, may have their start refused. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their identification number is visible, legible, and readable at all times.

Per USA Cycling regulation 1J7 the placement of numbers in a pocket or behind any material that reduces visibility is prohibited.

During competition, the following provisions shall apply to Identification Numbers required to be worn in the various events.

- **Pursuits** (Individual and Team) and **Timed Disciplines** (TT and Team Sprint): 1 number in the center of the back.
- All other events, **including the 200m TT qualifying event for sprint seeding**: 2 hip numbers are required. Competitors shall place the numbers so that one number is positioned horizontally on each side of the rider.

SCHEDULE

- Registration / packet pick-up is open daily according to the published schedules. Riders competing in an event must register no later than 12:00 PM the day before the event.
- Any changes to the race schedule will be published as soon as practicable and may include the cancellation of heats or rounds if none are needed. Distances for heats are those published on the schedule.
- Heats will be published and announced. Riders may not delay competition. Untimely reporting, not reporting as scheduled or taking too much time to prepare may be penalized with warnings and / or fines.
- For those events where seeding is based on a timed qualification, any riders withdrawing after qualification has been completed and before the first heats are established will be replaced by the next fastest rider. Promptly report all withdrawals to the race secretary, Noreen Landis-Tyson.

EVENT CONDUCT

- Timed Events
 - The **Individual Pursuit** will be ridden as a final under qualifying rules. As such all riders must ride for a time regardless of whether a catch takes place. In the event of a catch, all riders are reminded that once a rider has been overtaken the passed rider may not repass their opponent during the heat. The penalty for repassing an opponent after a pass has taken place is disqualification.
 - For all timed events drafting is not permitted and riders may be disqualified per regulations.
 - Restarts only apply to RECOGNIZED MISHAPS. This includes a crash, puncture or breakage of an essential component. A pulled foot or pulled wheel IS NOT a recognized mishap and a restart will not be granted.
 - A start gate will be provided for individual timed events. A 15 second countdown clock will be used for this competition.
 - **Time Trials** and **Individual Pursuits** will be run as two-up heats.
 - The **Team Sprint** and **Team Pursuit** will be ridden as a one-up heat with riders starting in the home straight.
 - During pursuit events one coach per rider / team is permitted in the safety zone. In the event of a crash or recognized mishap specific support staff may be permitted access to the safety zone at the discretion of the Commissaires.
- Mass Start Events
 - If fields exceed the track limit of 36 riders for mass start events, heats will take place to determine those riders who will advance to the final. Distances of heats and finals will be published in the event schedule.
 - For all mass start races riders who are pulled by an official will be placed in the results for the event being contested. Riders who voluntarily withdraw will not be placed in the results.
 - During mass start events all support staff must remain off the safety zone and the track surface. In the event of a crash or recognized mishap specific support staff may be permitted access to the safety zone at the discretion of the officials.

- For the **Points Race** sprint intervals on this 333.3 meter track will occur every five (5) laps per USA Cycling regulation 2M1.(b). If the specified distance for this race cannot be divided evenly by the sprint interval, the “additional” laps shall be ridden prior to the first sprint.
- Race Stoppages: If the race is stopped for any reason, the commissaires’ panel shall determine the duration of the interruption. The restart of the race will be handled in accordance with USA Cycling rules.
- Potential Masters Best Performance/World Records: Riders who plan to set a Masters Best Performance/World Record must have their bike checked both before and after their race. Riders are required to be tested by USADA immediately after the race so must coordinate BEFORE their race with Bonnie Walker, USA Cycling Technical Director – located at Bike Check -- so that a Doping Control Officer is available. It is the rider’s responsibility to arrange for Doping Control with Bonnie and to pay for the costs associated with the test. If a rider fails to coordinate with Bonnie well before their race, the rider runs the risk that USADA will not be available and the rider’s record cannot be ratified.