

Valley of the Sun
February 13-15, 2026
Phoenix, AZ
Communique' 2

Remember to sign in for the road race stage. Riders failing to sign in for the road race stage as required by rule 3H6(a) may incur a \$20 penalty per 8A5(l).

Two numbers are required for the road race. All numbers must be placed as shown in the technical guide. In addition, race numbers may not be obscured by hair or other accessories. Race numbers may not be folded, cut, or altered. (Rule 1J7b). Any race numbers which are not easily scored will be ignored and when fixed it will result in a 20 second penalty or \$30 fine per rule 8A1n.

Men Cat 5 40+ rider #274 used a time trial bike. Rider penalized 3 minutes for not following the rules for time trials in the technical guide.

Women's Pro/1/2/ riders #636 and #639 both of Tag Cycling Race Team, your time trial times were adjusted based on the numbers you were wearing. Please make sure that you are wearing the correct numbers for the road race and criterium.

Warning to rider #69 for not following officials' instruction of when to start. Rider was late to the start and put a foot down but did not wait for the race official to tell him to start.

Regarding the situation with emergency vehicles on the course for approximately 20 minutes and its' impact upon the riders. The race jury has decided that no time adjustments will be made according to the road closure rule 3B3(e). Only those riders who were instructed to come to a complete stop by a race official have had their times adjusted.

Public urination by two different individuals was observed when there were port-a-potties nearby. The 1st offence penalty per rule 8A5(m) is \$20.

The centerline rule is in effect. Failure to comply will result in time penalties or disqualification per rule 8B1(a). You will encounter oncoming traffic on Hwy 187 and 87.

Do not litter. Dispose of trash and water bottles in the feed zone or at the start line. Littering is subject to a \$100 fine for the first offense per rule 8B5(c).

If you do not have wheels in the wheel support vehicle for your field, be prepared to fix your own wheels. Neutral support is provided by Elite Racing Services.

Sitting on the bicycle's top tube ("super tuck") and using the forearms as a point of support on the handlebar ("puppy paws") is prohibited per rule 111(k) and subject to time penalties or disqualification per rule 8B1(g).

Two-way radios can only be used by Category 2 and above in road races (Rule 1J6). Use of any audio devices including phones, headphones of all types (in-ear or jawbone type) during a race is prohibited. Using any audio devices during a race is subject to a fine per rule 8A1(p).

For fields that are scored on time, you must complete the entire road race. Riders who do not complete the road race for any reason will be marked as DNF and will not be eligible to start the criterium.

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Chief Referee