

**Valley of the Sun**  
**February 13-15, 2026**  
**Phoenix, AZ**  
**Communique' 3**

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

Please make sure that your numbers are not folded. Folded numbers are not easily scored and will result in a 20 second penalty or \$30 fine per rule 8A1(n).

Neutral support is provided by Elite Racing Services.

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. **\*\* Addendum** to Protest regarding this ruling: After further review, the race jury stands by the application of time bonuses due to rider neutralization/stoppage by race officials. However, the time awarded to each of the riders will be decreased by 30 seconds after the two motor officials involved at the incident scene reviewed their race documentation.

Rider #419, Ray Mercado, please see me before the start of your race regarding the start of the road race.

Rider #336, Garrett Raymond, please see me before the start of your race.

**Warnings:**

Rider #643, failure to observe center line rule.

**Penalties:**

Rider #780, littering

Riders 797, 716 and 715, public urination

Tracy Barclay  
Chief Referee