



COLLEGIATE TRACK

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEPT 12–15, 2024 BREINIGSVILLE, PA

COMMUNIQUÉ 1

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Chief Referee – Chris Clark

Starter – Dave Fowlkes

Judge Referee – Sallie Urffer

Secretary – Leslie Ramsay

Chief Judge – Roberta Kates

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.

Any questions concerning the Collegiate Omnium should be directed to Vanessa Drummond vdrummond@usacycling.org of USA Cycling.

GENERAL

- **Daily information** will be distributed to participants in nightly emails. Generally, the track will be open for Equipment Load In 2 hours before racing begins; warm-up on the track begins 60 minutes before racing begins; and warm-up on the track will end 10 minutes before racing begins. Once the track gate on the home straight is closed, and the warm-up session has begun, crossing of the track is prohibited. You must then use the bridge to enter the infield.
- **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.

- Riders may not wear headphones attached to devices such as radios, music players, telephone, etc., while riding on the track.
- 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 infield pass holders are supervised by the officials, 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, or 2 hip numbers as described in the next section. All competitors will be handheld for Pursuits and Timed Disciplines.
- All other events, **including the 200m TT qualifying event for sprint seeding:** 2 hip numbers. Competitors shall place the numbers so that one number is positioned horizontally on each side of the rider: the inside number is for photo finish, and the outside number is for spectators outside of the track.

WEATHER

If there is a delay due to rain, the organization will communicate the plan for resuming competition. USA Cycling will use its best efforts to complete the program, even if rain is intermittent.

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, Leslie Ramsay, located in the infield.

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 re-pass their opponent during the heat. The penalty for re-passing an opponent after a pass has taken place is disqualification.
 - For all timed events drafting is not permitted and riders may be disqualified per regulation.
 - 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.
 - All riders in timed events will be hand-held. Neutral holders will be provided for the individual timed events. Riders may not use their own holder 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 officials.
- 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 events**, riders shall enter the track on the back straight, and shall exit the track on the home straight. In ALL events, riders shall avoid multiple cool down laps on the track apron, and instead shall use the cool down circle, riding in the direction of the track (counter-clockwise). While taking cool down laps riders must exit the track on the front straight **prior to** reaching the judging/timing area.
 - 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.
 - The pit for mass start races is located on the back straight between turns two and three.
 - 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 including weather, the commissaires’ panel shall determine the duration of the interruption. The restart of the race will be handled in accordance with USA Cycling rules.
- Antidoping Testing may be conducted by USADA in accordance with their regulations.