



**July 9 & 10, 2016**

**Race Manual**

## Welcome

Dear Giro del Cielo Competitor:

Skylands Cycling is pleased to welcome you to the 12th annual Giro del Cielo Stage Race. This race started as a Stage race to develop women's cycling and has grown over the years to include a number of men's fields. This year we have made a number of changes to provide a better race and experience for all.

- **Over \$1000 in prizes for each category**
- **\$500 Team GC prize for each category**
- **Prizes 3 deep for each stage**
- **Prizes 5 deep for GC**
- **Cat 3 women will be scored separately in W123 race**
- **Prizes for the top Cat 3 Woman in each stage and GC**

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your experience at our event more enjoyable. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or by email. We sincerely hope you enjoy your weekend in Sussex County.

### General Rules and Regulations

The Giro del Cielo Stage Race is sanctioned and permitted by USA Cycling. All rules and regulations in the 2015 USA Cycling Rulebook are applicable to the races in this event. General liability and rider accident insurance coverage is provided through USA Cycling.

FEEDING: There will be no feeding or water hand-ups from the side of the road allowed during any event.

HELMETS: All competitors must wear an approved and securely fastened helmet whenever mounted on a bicycle. USA Cycling rules provide for a \$20 fine and disqualification for failing to wear a helmet.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT: There is no support for the time trial during the event. A wheel pit will be available for the Criterium and riders may supply wheels for the follow car in the Road Race.

RACE NUMBERS: Each rider will be assigned two numbers for use in all three stages. For all stages, the number must be placed vertically on the **Right and Left** sides, over the rib cage. It is the rider's responsibility to correctly position her number. Numbers may not be crumpled or folded.

SIGN-IN: All riders must sign in before the start of the Criterium and Road Race.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Any rider using profane language, expressing anger or hostility toward another rider, official, coach or spectator, or otherwise engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification without warning.

RULE ENFORCEMENT: The rules of this event have been established to promote and ensure a fair competition, a sportsmanlike environment, and a positive and rewarding experience for all competitors and their families. In the event that strict enforcement of any rule would be inconsistent with these goals, the chief referee may in his or her discretion enforce these rules in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of this event.

CATEGORIES: The promoter reserves the right to combine categories

TEAMS: To be considered for the Team GC prize, there must be a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 6 riders per team

## General Race Information

### REGISTRATION

The race is Pre-registration only.

There is a field limit of 100 riders in W123, M123, M3 and M45+, 75 riders for W4 and M4/5 for the stage race.

All riders must have a current, valid USA CYCLING license in their possession at time of registration. A completed release will be ready for signing at registration.

### LITTERING

Please do not litter at any of the venues. Avoid throwing bar wrappers, water bottles or other debris on the ground. Please be considerate of our hosts, the venue owners, and help protect the environment.

### MEDICAL FACILITIES

First aid supplies will be present at the three venues and Emergency medical personnel will be on call. Newton Memorial Hospital is located on High St/Rt. 94 in Newton, New Jersey, approximately 6 miles from the criterium and road race venues.

### RESULTS

Results for each stage will be posted as soon as possible and no later than one hour from the completion of each event. Each rider is responsible for checking her result in a timely manner to make sure it is accurate. **All protests for individual events must be made to the chief judge within 15 minutes of posting, after which the results will become final and will not be changed.** Overall individual results will be posted within one hour of the completion of the final stage on July 10, 2016. **Any protests of overall results or scoring must be made to the race director or chief judge within 15 minutes of posting, after which the results will become final and will not be changed.**

### POSTING LOCATIONS

- Final results for the Time Trial will be posted at or near the start/finish line at the Criterium.
- Final results for the Criterium will be posted at or near the start/finish line at The Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, New Jersey following the completion of each race and the next morning at or near the start/finish line at the Road Race. Current overall standings will also be posted after the last event of the Criterium and in the morning at or near the start/finish line at the Road Race.
- Final results for the Road Race and final overall standings will be posted at or near the start/finish line at the Road Race and at [www.skylandscycling.com](http://www.skylandscycling.com)

### PRIZE PRESENTATION

Prizes for each individual stage will be awarded immediately following the protest period. Overall prizes will be awarded immediately following the final stage awards. Riders placing in any stage or general classification are asked to report to the results area in person for the award ceremony and photos following each event.

### PRIZE LISTS

The top 3 finishers of each stage for each category will receive cash prizes. There will also be cash and merchandise prizes in the criterium and road race. Individual championships will be awarded in each classification based on total points earned. The top 5 overall finishers in each category will receive cash and/or merchandise. The top Cat 3 woman in each stage and the overall GC of the W123 competition will receive cash prizes.

#### Prize List (Cash) for Each Stage

Place	M123	M45+	M3	M4/5	W123	W4
1st place	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
2nd place	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
3rd place	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Stage Total	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150

**Prize List (Cash) for General Classification**

Place	M123	M45+	M3	M4/5	W123	W4
1st place	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
2nd place	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
3rd place	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
4th place	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
5th place	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
<b>GC Total</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$330</b>

**GC Team**

1st place	500	500	500	500	500	500
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**PRIMES**

Primes will be provided in the form of cash, merchandise and **general classification points**. Primes will be announced by the ringing of a bell on the lap prior to the prime lap.

**GENERAL CLASSIFICATION POINTS DISTRIBUTION**

Points will be assigned to the first 15 GC finishers in each stage towards the General Classification:

*If a GC rider places 7<sup>th</sup> but is the 5<sup>th</sup> stage racer, 5<sup>th</sup> place points will be awarded to that rider.*

<b>Points Distribution for Each Stage</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	25 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	14 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	12 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	9 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	8 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	7 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	6 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	5 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
13 <sup>th</sup>	3 points
14 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
15 <sup>th</sup>	1 points
>16 <sup>th</sup>	½ point

**GENERAL CLASSIFICATION TEAM COMPETITION**

There must be a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 6 riders per team to be eligible for the Team GC. The points scored from the top 3 riders from each team, in each stage, will be totaled for the Team competition. Ties will be broken by totaling the number of 1st place finishes, then 2nd place finishes, then 3rd place finishes, etc., until a clear winner is established.

## BREAKING TIES

In the event that two or more riders are listed in the official results with the same time (or place), both riders will be given the point value of the highest place, and no rider will be given the point value of the lower place(s). For example, if two riders tie for third in a race, each of the riders will be given the points for third place, and no rider will be given points for fourth place.

While the stage race is in progress, all riders with the same total points will be given the same place in the standings. At the end of the stage race, if two (or more) riders are tied for any place, ties are broken by totaling the number of 1st place finishes, then 2nd place finishes, then 3rd place finishes, etc., until a clear winner is established.

## Individual Stage Rules

### Time Trial

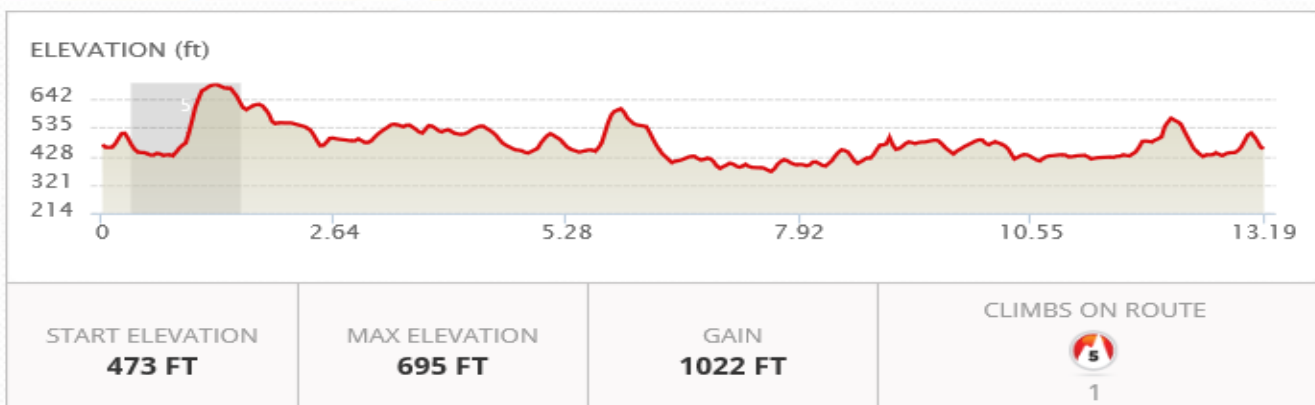
Saturday, July 9, 2016

The time trial route is the original Old Mine Rd TT course and will be a 13 mile rolling loop starting from the Walpack Inn along Old Mine Rd and returning on Walpack Flatbrook Rd to the Walpack Inn. <http://yhoo.it/1Ij74i1>

The road will be open to cars during the race, so riders should ride on the right side of the road at all times. Registration will be at the Walpack Inn.

**The first rider will start at 8:00 AM. Riders will start at thirty (30) second intervals.** Start times will be emailed the day before, and made available at registration on Saturday, July 9. Riders will start in the following order M123, M45+, M3, M4/5, W123, W4. It is each rider's responsibility to know their start time and to be at the start area on time. Results will be calculated based on the assigned start time, even if the rider is late.

Riders may warm up on Route 615, East of the Walpack Inn.



**criterium**

Saturday, July 9, 2016

The criterium will take place on a 1.4 mile loop at The Sussex County Fairgrounds, Plains Rd, Augusta, New Jersey.

Race distances and approximate start times are:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Approx. Start Time</b>
Men 123	20	28	12:00 PM
Men 45+	15	21	1:15 PM
Men 3	15	21	2:15 PM
Men 4/5	11	16	3:15 PM
Women 123	13	19	4:00 PM
Women 4	11	16	5:00 PM

Each race will begin with a neutral lap, which will count toward the lap total. There will be prizes for intermediate sprints (primes). In the event of a breakaway, the officials will announce whether the prime is for the breakaway or the field. It is each rider's responsibility to be aware of the start time of her race and be at the starting line on time.

The officials may direct out-of-contention riders to withdraw from the race and leave the course, in the interest of safety. Any rider so directed must do so immediately, in a sportsmanlike manner. Such riders will be placed in the finish order and will be permitted to participate in the remaining stages of the event.

There will be a wheel pit near the start/finish. Any rider experiencing a flat tire or other mechanical problem as defined by the USA CYCLING rules will be allowed one free lap, until there are 4 or less laps remaining. Riders receiving free laps are not eligible for intermediate sprint prizes. Riders may warm up on the course in between races.

## Road Race

Sunday, July 10, 2016

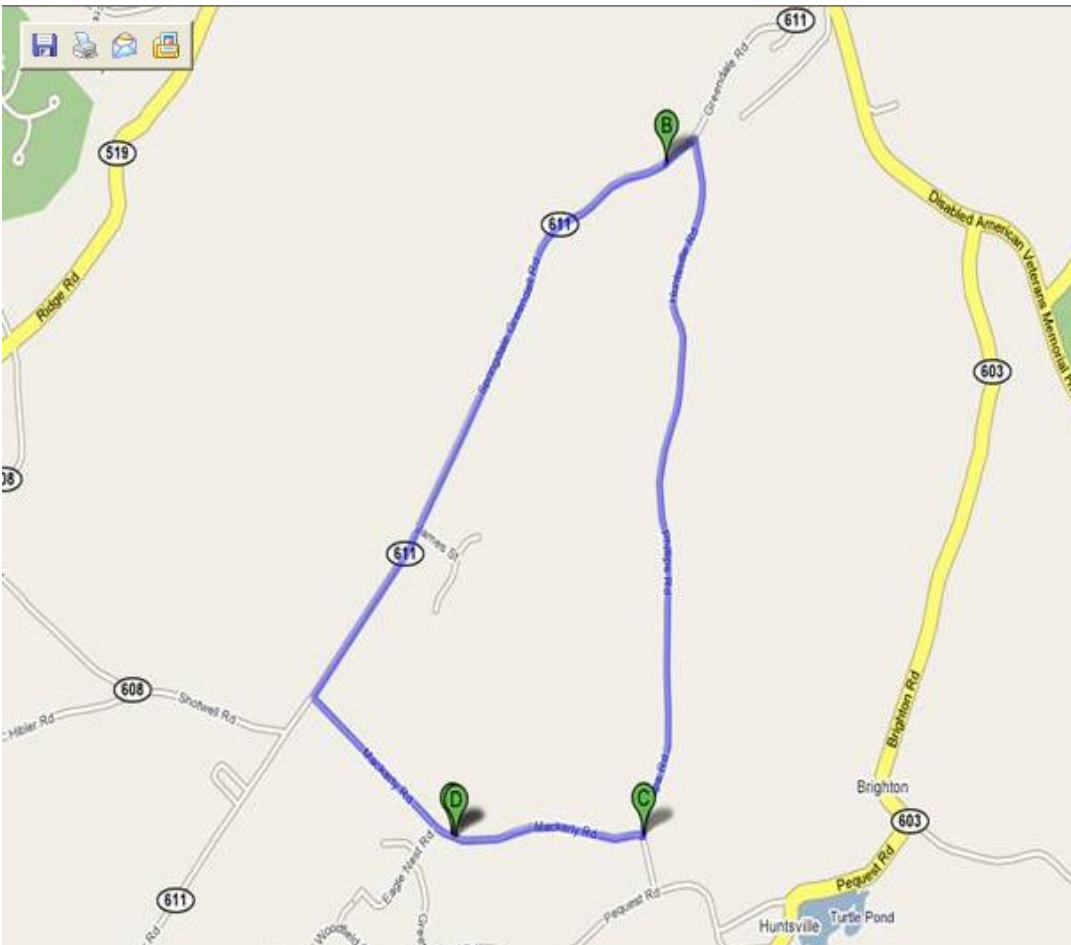
The road race will take place on a 5.5 mile road course through Sussex County, NJ. The Staging/Parking area is at the Great Divide Campground, 68 Phillips Road, Newton, NJ 07860.

Roads are not closed to traffic. Yellow line rule is in effect! Any rider violating the yellow line rule is subject to disqualification.

Race distances and approximate start times are:

Category	Laps	Distance	Start Time
Men 123	10	57	8:00 AM
Men 45+	8	46	8:05 AM
Men 3	9	51	10:15 AM
Men 4/5	6	34	10:20 AM
Women 123	7	40	12:15 PM
Women 4	5	29	12:20 PM

There will be lead and follow vehicles for each event. Riders may place wheels in the follow vehicle. Any rider experiencing a flat tire or other mechanical problem will have to catch the field. There is no free lap.



## Nearby Hotels and Motels (PL=Pool, P=Pets, R=Restaurant)

- **The Great Divide Campground** (the start/finish for the RR), **PL, P**, [www.campthegreatdivide.com](http://www.campthegreatdivide.com),

*(Special rental rates for bike racers this weekend, cabins sleep 4, 6 or 8)*

- **Comfort Suites** - 20 Miles, Mt. Olive-Budd Lake, NJ - phone: 973-448-7500
- **Courtyard by Marriott** - 20 Miles, PL, R, Mt. Arlington, NJ - phone: 973-770-2000
- **Crystal Springs Resort** - 15 Miles, Vernon, NJ - phone: 973-827-5996
- **Days Inn** - 20 Miles, PL, P, Netcong, NJ - phone: 973-347-5100
- **Econo Lodge** - 10 Miles, P, R, Newton, NJ - phone: 973-383-3922
- **Hilton Garden Inn** - 20 Miles, PL, FC, Rockaway, NJ - phone: 973-328-0600
- **Homewood Suites**- 2 Commerce Center Dr, Dover, NJ 07801- phone: 973-989-8899
- **Holiday Inn Express** - 5 Miles, Newton, NJ - phone: 973-940-8888
- **Holiday Inn Express** - 20 Miles, Mt Arlington, NJ - phone: 973-770-7880
- **Legends Resort** - 15 Miles, PL, R, Vernon, NJ - phone: 973-827-6000
- **Mountain Creek & Appalachian Hotel** - 18 Miles, Vernon, NJ - phone: 888-767-0762
- **The Inn at Panther Valley** - 20 Miles, R, Allamuchy, NJ - phone: 908- 852-6000
- **Wyndham Garden Hotel** - 20 Miles, PL, R, Mt. Olive, NJ - phone: 973-448-1100



## **Directions**

- **Directions to Time Trial  
(Old Mine Rd)**

*Google Walpack Inn, National Park Service Road 615, Walpack Township, this is the registration area and start of the TT.*

- **Directions from Time Trial to Criterium  
(Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ 07822)**

*Follow Rt. 615 to Rt. 206.*

*Turn right and follow Rt. 206 south for 6.9 miles.*

*Turn left at traffic light on Plains Rd.*

*Entrance to the Sussex Fairgrounds Park is 1/2 mile on right.*

- **Directions to Road Race  
(Start/Finish at the Great Divide Campground)**

*Google "68 Phillips Road Newton, NJ 07860". Parking will be to the right of the main entrance of the Great Divide Campground.*