



**June 21 & 22, 2014**

**Race Manual**

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## Welcome

Dear Giro del Cielo Competitor:

Skylands Cycling is pleased to welcome you to the 10th 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.

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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 2014 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 Cielo Criterium and riders may supply wheels for the follow car in the Veloce 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 circuit 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.

## General Race Information

### REGISTRATION

The race is Pre-registration only, \$100 for the entire stage race for every category of racer.

There is a field limit of 100 riders in W123, 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 June 22, 2014. 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 Montagna di Sole Time Trial will be posted at or near the start/finish line at the Cielo Criterium.
- Final results for the Cielo 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 Veloce Road Race. Current overall standings will also be posted after the last event of the Cielo Criterium and in the morning at or near the start/finish line at the Veloce Road Race.
- Final results for the Veloce Road Race and final overall standings will be posted at or near the start/finish line at the Veloce 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 5 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 10 overall finishers in each category will receive cash and/or merchandise.

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

| Place       | W123  | W4    | M3    | M45+  | M4/5  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1st place   | \$75  | \$75  | \$75  | \$75  | \$75  |
| 2nd place   | \$60  | \$60  | \$60  | \$60  | \$60  |
| 3rd place   | \$50  | \$50  | \$50  | \$50  | \$50  |
| 4th place   | \$40  | \$40  | \$40  | \$40  | \$40  |
| 5th place   | \$30  | \$30  | \$30  | \$30  | \$30  |
| Stage Total | \$255 | \$255 | \$255 | \$255 | \$255 |

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

| <b>Place</b>      | <b>W123</b>  | <b>W4</b>    | <b>M3</b>    | <b>M45+</b>  | <b>M4/5</b>  |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>1st place</b>  | \$150        | \$150        | \$150        | \$150        | \$150        |
| <b>2nd place</b>  | \$125        | \$125        | \$125        | \$125        | \$125        |
| <b>3rd place</b>  | \$100        | \$100        | \$100        | \$100        | \$100        |
| <b>4th place</b>  | \$90         | \$90         | \$90         | \$90         | \$90         |
| <b>5th place</b>  | \$80         | \$80         | \$80         | \$80         | \$80         |
| <b>6th place</b>  | \$70         | \$70         | \$70         | \$70         | \$70         |
| <b>7th place</b>  | \$60         | \$60         | \$60         | \$60         | \$60         |
| <b>8th place</b>  | \$50         | \$50         | \$50         | \$50         | \$50         |
| <b>9th place</b>  | \$40         | \$40         | \$40         | \$40         | \$40         |
| <b>10th place</b> | \$30         | \$30         | \$30         | \$30         | \$30         |
| <b>GC Total</b>   | <b>\$795</b> | <b>\$795</b> | <b>\$795</b> | <b>\$795</b> | <b>\$795</b> |

**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 finishers in each stage towards the General Classification:

| <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  |

## 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

### Montagna di Sole Time Trial

Saturday, June 21, 2014

The time trial will be a 4.6 mile uphill course on Sunrise Mountain Road through the deep woods of Stokes State Forest, with spectacular views of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The grade is mostly gentle, with a few flat sections. The road will be closed to vehicular traffic during the race. Some riders may be returning from the finish while others are still racing the time trial, so riders should ride on the right side of the road at all times.

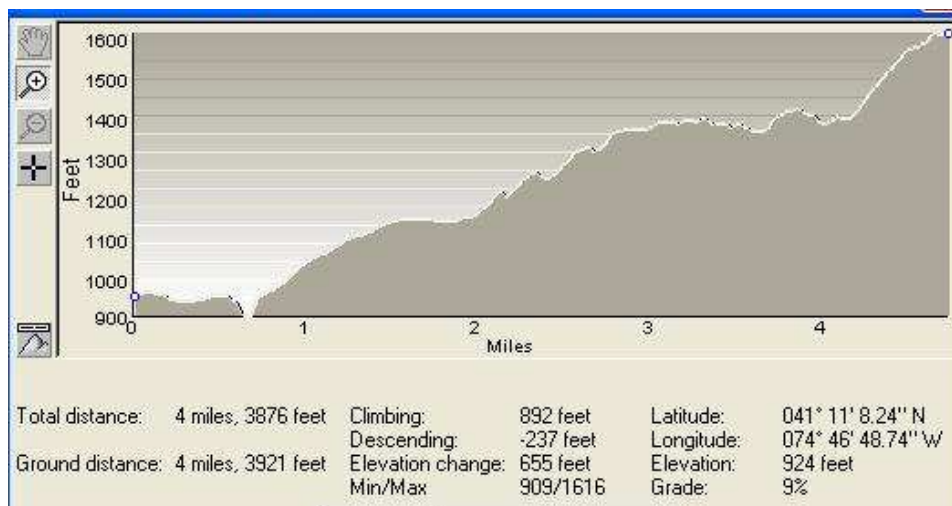
The time trial start will be at the Culver's Gap Parking Area of Stokes State Forest, Rt. 636 and Sunrise Mountain Road, Frankford Township, New Jersey, approximately 1/4 mile from Rt. 206. Registration will be at the same location.

**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, June 21. Riders will start in the following order W123, W4, M3, M45+, M4/5. 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 636.

Rest rooms are located at Park Headquarters, located on Rt. 206, approximately 1/2 mile north of Route 636.

### Course Profile:



## **Cielo Criterium**

Saturday, June 21, 2014

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.<br/>Start Time</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Women 123       | 13          | 19              | 12:00 PM                      |
| Women 4         | 11          | 16              | 12:45 PM                      |
| Men 3           | 14          | 21              | 1:30 PM                       |
| Men 45+         | 13          | 19              | 2:15 PM                       |
| Men 4/5         | 11          | 16              | 3:00 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.

## Veloce Road Race

Sunday, June 22, 2014

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 |
|-----------|------|----------|------------|
| Women 123 | 6    | 33       | 8 AM       |
| Women 4   | 5    | 28       | 8:05 AM    |
| Men 3     | 9    | 50       | 9:30 AM    |
| Men 45+   | 8    | 44       | 9:35 AM    |
| Men 4/5   | 6    | 33       | 11:30 AM   |

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 Trailer rental rates for bike racers this weekend)
- **Best Western Hotel** - 17 Miles, PL, P, R, Matamoras, PA - phone: 570-491-2400
- **Comfort Inn** - 18 Miles, PL, P, R, Port Jervis, NY - phone: 800-228-5150
- **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
- **Days Inn Motel** - 13 Miles, McAfee, NJ - phone: 973-827-4666
- **Econo Lodge** - 10 Miles, P, R, Newton, NJ - phone: 973-383-3922
- **High Point Country Inn** - 15 Miles, PL, P, Colesville, NJ - phone: 973-702-1860
- **Hilton Garden Inn** - 20 Miles, PL, FC, Rockaway, NJ - phone: 973-328-0600
- **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
- **Milford Motel** - 17 Miles, PL, Milford, PA - phone: 570-296-6411
- **Mountain Creek & Appalachian Hotel** - 18 Miles, Vernon, NJ - phone: 888-767-0762
- **Myer Motel** - 17 Miles, P, Milford, PA - phone: 570-296-7223
- **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  
(Sunrise Mountain Rd)**

*Google “Culvers Gap Appalachian Trail Parking, Sandyston, NJ”, this is the registration area and start of the TT.*

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

*Exit Sunrise Mountain Road, turn right to County Road 636 and go 2/10 mile to Rt. 206.*

*Turn left and follow Rt. 206 south for 5 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.*