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2026 Chicago Grit presented by SRAM

The 14th season of Chicago Grit is here. We'll be honest. We love and celebrate American crit racing. It's gritty! All ten of our terrific venues from last year are back in 2026. That tells you that our community partners love crit racing, too.

We are so honored that SRAM returns as our presenting sponsor for another season. You will see a lot of activity by SRAM's world headquarters on the last day of Grit in Fulton Market. Please check it out. Like us, the folks at SRAM are passionate about cycling.

It takes a small army of staff, officials and volunteers, and a lot of effort, to produce an event like Chicago Grit. Please say thanks to a staff member if you have the chance. One and all - we think there's nothing in the world like American crit racing.

Race hard and have fun.



Race Director
Chicago Grit

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OVERVIEW

FRIDAY, JULY 17	West Dundee River Challenge West Dundee, IL
SATURDAY, JULY 18	The Ray Whalen Builders Tour of Lake Ellyn Glen Ellyn, IL
SUNDAY, JULY 19	Winfield Criterium and Summerfest Winfield, IL
MONDAY, JULY 20	Tighthead Mundelein Grand Prix Mundelein, IL
TUESDAY, JULY 21	Lombard Cycling Classic Lombard, IL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22	Cycle Brookfield Criterium Brookfield, IL
THURSDAY, JULY 23	Northbrook Grand Prix Northbrook, IL
FRIDAY, JULY 24	Elgin Classic in Memory of Dennis Jurs Elgin, IL
SATURDAY, JULY 25	Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium Lake Bluff, IL
SUNDAY, JULY 26	Fulton Market Grand Prix // ACC (Pro Men & Women) Chicago, IL

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Article I. Event

Chicago Grit is held under USA Cycling Sanction# 15799. The USA Cycling rules and scale of penalties solely apply. USA Cycling officials will be responsible for all start/finishes, rulings, and determining end results and scoring. For more info: www.usacycling.org.

The 2026 event includes one ACC (American Criterium Cup) race – Fulton Market on July 26, 2026. The ACC event is open only to Men Category Pro-1-2 and Women Category Pro-1-2. Other category events also take place on the ACC date. The ACC regulations are applicable to the Pro races in Fulton Market. See [ACC Series Regulations](#).

Article II. Organization

Chicago Grit is produced by:

Prairie State Cycling Series LLC

Email: info@chicago-grit.com

Web: <https://chicago-grit.com/>

Article III. Entry

Eligibility: Riders may only race in the category as stated on their USA Cycling or UCI-affiliated Federation license. The Standard USA Cycling Event Waiver must be signed by all riders. Minors must also have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver.

Foreign Permission Letter: *USAC 1H8. Registration (a) In order to compete in USA Cycling races, riders must present a valid racing license from USA Cycling or an international license from another national federation that is affiliated with the UCI, along with any required documentation from a foreign federation. Riders must present their "Foreign Permission Letter" a bib pickup and proof of insurance coverage while racing (exception: UCI-CAN licenses). The letter must also specify one of the following:*

- The rider is covered by medical insurance for racing in the United States; or
- The rider is not covered by medical insurance for racing in the United States.

If no Foreign Permission Letter is provided, or if the rider is not covered by medical insurance for racing in the United States, by competing at Chicago Grit the rider understands and agrees that he/she shall solely be responsible for any medical costs and/or claims and for purchase of any medical insurance desired that will cover them while participating in Chicago Grit.

American Criterium Cup: The ACC events are open ONLY to Men Pro-1-2 and Women Pro-1-2. Field sizes are limited to 150 riders per ACC field.

- **Teams:** (USAC 1H3 and 1H4(d)) The ACC categories are limited to a **maximum of six (6) riders per team**. There are no team limits for any other pro or amateur category.
- **Juniors:** The Renaissance Financial Junior Series is applicable only to the Men Cat 2/3 and Women Cat 2/3 races.

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Article IV. Registration

Your race entry is your commitment to compete in Chicago Grit. Registration is on-line only.

[Click HERE to Register Online](#)

On-line registration closes 90 minutes prior to the start of each race. Field limits will be strictly enforced.

Entry Fees: Discount pre-registration entry incentives are provided for entry by specified dates as indicated. All entry fees now include mandatory USA Cycling daily rider surcharge.

ENTRY FEES	NOW – 5/14/26		5/15/26 – 6/14/26		6/15/26 – 7/13/26		7/14/26 – 7/26/26	
	Daily Price	10-Pack Special* (10 for the price of 9)	Daily Price	10-Pack Special* (10 for the price of 9)	Daily Price	10-Pack Special* (10 for the price of 9)	Daily Price	10-Pack Special* (10 for the price of 9)
Men/Women Pro/1/2	\$75	\$685	\$80	\$730	\$90	\$820	\$105	\$955
ACC race 7/26/26	\$85	(incl ACC race)	\$90	(incl ACC race)	\$100	(incl ACC race)	\$115	(incl ACC race)
Men Novice, Women Cat 4/N	\$65	\$585	\$70	\$630	\$70	\$630	\$75	\$675
All Other Amateurs	\$65	\$585	\$70	\$630	\$80	\$720	\$90	\$810
‡ JR discounts vary per category, see below (racing age <19)								

‡ **Junior discounts** applied automatically in BikeReg per the following:

M Novice, W Cat 4/N races = 50% off

M Cat 4, W Cat 3/4 races = 30% off

All other races = 20% off

NO REFUNDS!! No exceptions. No refunds for races cancelled due to severe weather (including poor air quality) or other acts of nature. Riders may transfer their entry to another race or rider through 11:59 pm on Sunday before the first event. There is no charge to change your own race you've entered. Transfers to another rider are subject to a \$25 administration fee per race. Under appropriate circumstances, the promoter may issue a credit for a portion of the entry fee paid, which credit can be applied towards the 2027 event.

Article V. Identification

All forms of identification issued to riders must be used and placed in the prescribed manner. **DO NOT cut your bib numbers.** Cut numbers must be replaced.

Bib Numbers: Bib numbers are to be picked up at Registration prior to one hour before the start of your race. Two bib numbers will be issued per rider according to the Category entered. Bib numbers are to be placed on the body in "USA Criterium style" so they can be read by our photo finish cameras. **Numbers are not to be obscured by hair, vests, or other coverings.**

The same numbers will be used for the entire series. **A \$20 per set administration fee will be charged for any replacement bib numbers.** Hand-written paper numbers are NOT acceptable.



Bib Number Placement

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Article VI. Results and Protests

Juniors: Best Junior Women Cat 4/Novice, Best Junior Men Novice and Best Junior Men Cat 4 top three omnium results will be recognized on the final day.

Masters: Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ Mini-Series July 17–21: Results will be combined for daily prize list and USA Cycling results. Results will be separated for omnium points. **The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Mini-Series July 22–26:** Results will be combined for daily prize list and USA Cycling results. Results will be separated for daily podium top three and winner's jersey, omnium points, and [USA Masters Cup](#) points.

Results will be posted on the Results tab of our [website](#).

Protests concerning the order of finish are to be lodged with the Chief Judge within 15 minutes of the posted time, after which the results applying towards the omnium and prizes shall be considered final. Protests concerning omnium results are to be directed to the Chief Judge within 1 hour of the start of the next day's race for the category.

Protests concerning the sporting aspects are to be directed to the President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) within 5 minutes of the finish of the race in question. Such protests are to be accompanied by a \$20 deposit, which will be returned to the protester if the decision taken is found to be in their favor.

Article VII. Omniums

Several omniums will be scored during Chicago Grit. Riders do not need to participate in all races to be eligible for omnium points and prizes. Protests concerning the omnium placings are to be directed to the Chief Judge.

Each race series has its own omnium. For combined fields, refer above to [Results and Protests](#).

Scoring: Omnium points will be awarded according to the table in [Appendix 1](#). Rankings are determined in order of the sum of the points earned at the end of the series.

New for 2026, all race series, apart from the Men Novice, will have a daily mid-race sprint lap where **bonus** omnium points will be awarded to the top 5 riders crossing the finish line on the designated lap.

In the case of a tie in total points, the following tiebreakers will apply until the tie is broken:

- a) The most first-place finishes or, if still tied the most second-place finishes, etc.
- b) The highest placing in the last race in which one of the tied riders placed.

DuPage Triple Crown: Sum of mid-race sprint points awarded per the table in [Appendix 1](#) at the following events:

- July 18, Glen Ellyn
- July 19, Winfield
- July 21, Lombard

The following race series have a DuPage Triple Crown mid-race sprint:

- Women Cat 4/N
- Men Cat 3
- Masters 40+ Cat 4/N
- Men Cat 2
- Women Cat 3/4



\$400 and a winner's jersey will be awarded to each of the above race series omnium winners in Lombard.

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Article VIII. Jerseys

Pro-1-2 Chicago Grit Omnium Leader's Jersey

The yellow **Chicago Grit** omnium leader's jersey will be awarded daily to the top ranked rider in the P-1-2 Men's and Women's races. Omnium Leader's jerseys awarded must be worn during the race by the leader.

Chicago Grit Daily Winner's Jersey

A winner's jersey will be awarded in each category daily unless the race category has a sponsored winner's jersey as outlined below. For exceptions, refer to [Results and Protests](#).

The Meteor Masters Mini-Series Jersey

A Meteor jersey will be awarded to the daily winner and overall omnium winner in each category: 40+, 50+, 60+.

SRAM Gritty Jersey

The red SRAM Gritty jersey will be awarded to the grittiest rider of the day, as determined by our intrepid race announcers.

DuPage Triple Crown Jerseys

Categories: Women 4/N, Women 2/3, Men 2, Men 3, Masters 40+. On July 18 (Glen Ellyn), July 19 (Winfield) and July 21 (Lombard) points leaders will receive the white DuPage Triple Crown leader's jersey.



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Article IX. Criteriums

Free Laps may be granted for "recognized" mishaps, according to USA Cycling Regulations. Free laps end at the number of laps closest to 8km remaining.

Primes will be regularly awarded during each race, as listed in the Prize tables. Primes are to be collected immediately after each race. Riders do not need to complete the race to claim primes.

Feeding during criteriums is not allowed, except in extreme heat and only if pre-announced by the President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP).

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Article X. Awards/Podiums

For each race category, the following riders are to present themselves to the awards podium immediately after the finish of their race. Riders failing to attend awards podium are subject to discipline under USA Cycling rules.

Daily:

- Top 3 for each race
 - Top 3 for both 50+ and 60+ in The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 race
- Leaders of the Men/Women P-1-2 Omniums

July 18, 19, and 21 DuPage Triple Crown:

- Points leader/winner for applicable categories

July 21 Mini-Series Omniums: Top 3 in each Chicago Grit Omnium

- Masters 40+ Cat 4/N
- Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3
- Men Cat 2
- Women Cat 3/4
- Men Cat 3

July 26 ACC Junior and Pro Races:

- Top 3 Junior 15-16, 17-18 Boys in Men Cat 2/3 and Girls in Women Cat 2/3
- Pro Men/Women points and sprint leaders in accordance with the [ACC regulations](#).

Final day, July 26: Top 3 in each Chicago Grit Omnium

- Men Novice
- Women Cat 4/N Best JR
- Masters 60+ Cat 1-4
- Men Novice Best JR
- Masters 40+ Cat 1-4
- Men Cat 2/3
- Men Cat 4
- Women Cat 2/3
- Women Pro/1/2
- Men Cat 4 Best JR
- Women Masters 40+
- Men Pro/1/2
- Women Cat 4/N
- Masters 50+ Cat 1-4

Article XI. Neutral Support Services, provided by Event Support Professionals (ESP)

The location of the pit will be communicated daily. Riders may cut the course to report to the pit but may not ride backwards on the course at ANY TIME! Please return any equipment used immediately following the conclusion of the race and be courteous to your neutral mechanics – they could save your race!

Article XII. Doping Controls

Races at Chicago Grit are subject to doping controls under the jurisdiction of USADA. Chaperones will notify riders to be tested after the finish of each stage. Attempting to evade the chaperones may be grounds for a “positive” test. Numbers of riders selected to be tested will not be posted for public viewing. DOPERS SUCK.

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Article XIII. Miscellaneous

Help us make the racing day safe and enjoyable for all participants, spectators, sponsors, community hosts, residents, and business owners by following these guidelines:

- **Do not litter on the course.**
- **Leave the course and surrounding areas better than you found them.**
- Park in designated parking areas or in legal on-street parking. Adhere to specific parking requests in each venue.
- Do not park vehicles, tents or chairs in any roadway or public right of way such as alleys, sidewalks.
- Help medical providers, fire and police keep participants and spectators safe by making sure they always have access onto the course and sidewalks.
- No team tents within 200 meters of the finish line unless prearranged with the promoter. **Designated team tent areas are identified on course maps. Please adhere to directions from race staff regarding tent placement. Any team tents obstructing the sightlines of the race officials must be relocated.**
- Always secure permission from the property owner before parking on or using any private property.

Article XIV. Merchandise

Limited quantities of commemorative **Chicago Grit** merchandise (socks, t-shirts, posters) may be available for purchase near Registration. Additionally, a Borah online team store will be opened to purchase various **Chicago Grit** items.

Article XV. Consent for Photography/Videography

This constitutes formal notice that any and all images of entrants in the race or onsite at the race venue may be used by the promoter and its agents for advertising, trade and any other lawful purposes. Riders not wanting to allow the use of their image can do so by not entering the race. In exchange for entry in the race, each entrant gives consent for use of his/her name and photographic likeness to the promoter and its agents.

Article XVI. SafeSport

Chicago Grit is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participants' physical, emotional, and social development and to ensuring it promotes an environment free from harassment and discrimination. Individuals who engage in misconduct or abuse will be asked to leave the event.

USA Cycling's SafeSport Program is designed to address issues of misconduct when they arise. To report a concern regarding harassment or discrimination, please contact any of the following:

- Marco Colbert, Chicago Grit Race Director: marco@chicago-grit.com
- SafeSport Email: safesport@usacycling.org or
- Kelsey Erickson, USA Cycling SafeSport Director: kerickson@usacycling.org

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West Dundee River Challenge

Day 1 – Friday, July 17

Start/Finish Line: Grafelman Park, 401 Washington St, West Dundee, IL 60118



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:25 AM	10:55 AM	30	75	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:05 AM	11:35 AM	30	120	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	30	75	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N (5-day mini-series)	12:25 PM	12:55 PM	30	75	—	—
Women Cat 3/4 (5-day mini-series)	1:05 PM	1:35 PM	30	120	\$100	\$250/5
Woodfire Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3 (5-day mini-series)	1:45 PM	2:25 PM	40	120	\$100	\$250/5
Men Cat 3 (5-day mini-series)	2:35 PM	3:15 PM	40	120	\$150	\$250/5
Men Cat 2 (5-day mini-series)	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	60	120	\$150	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+
FAMILY BIKE PARADE	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+

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Ray Whalen Builders Tour of Lake Ellyn

Day 2 – Saturday, July 18

Start/Finish Line: Lake Ellyn Park, 645 Lenox Rd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Rider Parking: METRA lot at 478 N Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Category		Start	Finish	Duration (minutes)	Field Limit	Min. Cash Primes	Daily Prizes/Places
Men Novice		10:15 AM	10:45 AM	30	75	—	—
Men Cat 4		10:55 AM	11:25 AM	30	120	—	—
Traffic Interlude		11:25 AM	11:35 AM	10	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N		11:40 AM	12:10 PM	30	75	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N (5-day mini-series)		12:20 PM	12:50 PM	30	75	—	—
Women Cat 3/4 (5-day mini-series)		1:00 PM	1:30 PM	30	120	\$100	\$250/5
Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3 (5-day mini-series)		1:40 PM	2:20 PM	40	120	\$100	\$250/5
FAMILY FUN RIDE		2:25 PM	2:55 PM	30	—	—	—
Traffic Interlude		2:55 PM	3:05 PM	10	—	—	—
Men Cat 3 (5-day mini-series)		3:10 PM	3:50 PM	40	120	\$150	\$250/5
Men Cat 2 (5-day mini-series)		4:00 PM	5:00 PM	60	120	\$150	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2		5:15 PM	6:30 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+
Men Pro/1/2		6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+

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Winfield Criterium and Summerfest

Day 3 – Sunday, July 19

Start/Finish Line: Winfield Rd at Creekside Park, Winfield, IL 60190

Rider Parking: METRA lot at Jewell Rd and Winfield Rd, Winfield, IL 60190



CATEGORY		START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIZES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice		10:15 AM	10:45 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4		10:55 AM	11:25 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	👑	11:35 AM	12:05 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N (5-day mini-series)	👑	12:15 PM	12:45 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Women Cat 3/4 (5-day mini-series)	👑	12:55 PM	1:25 PM	30	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Volunteer Shift Change		1:25 PM	1:35 PM	10	—	—	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3 (5-day mini-series)		1:40 PM	2:20 PM	40	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 3 (5-day mini-series)	👑	2:30 PM	3:10 PM	40	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 2 (5-day mini-series)	👑	3:20 PM	4:20 PM	60	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
Volunteer Shift Change		4:20 PM	4:30 PM	10	—	—	—	—
FAMILY FUN RIDE		4:35 PM	5:05 PM	30	—	—	—	—
Women Pro/1/2		5:15 PM	6:30 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15†
Men Pro/1/2		6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15†

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Tighthead Mundelein Grand Prix

p/b Garden Fresh Market

Day 4 – Monday, July 20

Start/Finish Line: Midland Ave and E Courtland St, Mundelein, IL 60060

Rider Parking: METRA Lot at 205 N Archer Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:25 AM	10:55 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:05 AM	11:35 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N (5-day mini-series)	12:25 PM	12:55 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Women Cat 3/4 (5-day mini-series)	1:05 PM	1:35 PM	30	120	\$200	—	\$250/5
Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3 (5-day mini-series)	1:45 PM	2:25 PM	40	120	\$200	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 3 (5-day mini-series)	2:35 PM	3:15 PM	40	120	\$250	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 2 (5-day mini-series)	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	60	120	\$350	—	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$800	—	\$2,000/15+
FAMILY FUN RIDE	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$800	—	\$2,000/15+

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Lombard Cycling Classic

Day 5 – Tuesday, July 21

Start/Finish Line: S Park Ave and St Charles Rd, Lombard, IL 60148



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIZES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:10 AM	10:40 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	10:50 AM	11:20 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N (5-day mini-series)	12:10 PM	12:40 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Women Cat 3/4 (5-day mini-series)	12:50 PM	1:20 PM	30	120	\$100	\$250/5	\$250/5
Masters 40+ Cat 1/2/3 (5-day mini-series)	1:30 PM	2:10 PM	40	120	\$100	\$250/5	\$250/5
Men Cat 3 (5-day mini-series)	2:20 PM	3:00 PM	40	120	\$150	\$250/5	\$250/5
Men Cat 2 (5-day mini-series)	3:10 PM	4:10 PM	60	120	\$150	\$250/5	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:25 PM	5:40 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+	\$2,000/15+
DUPAGE SPORTS COMMISSION FAMILY FUN RIDE P/B RETRO GLOW CYCLES	5:50 PM	6:35 PM	45	—	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+	\$2,000/15+

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Cycle Brookfield Criterium

Day 6 –Wednesday, July 22

Start/Finish Line: 3720 Grand Blvd, Brookfield, IL 60513



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:25 AM	10:55 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:05 AM	11:35 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	30	75	—	—	—
Traffic Interlude	12:15 PM	12:25 PM	10	—	—	—	—
The Meteor Masters 40+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series)	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	50	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	1:30 PM	2:10 PM	40	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	2:20 PM	3:10 PM	50	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 2/3 (5-day mini-series)	3:20 PM	4:20 PM	60	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
Traffic Interlude	4:20 PM	4:30 PM	10	—	—	—	—
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15+
FAMILY FUN RIDE	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15+

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Northbrook Grand Prix

Day 7 – Thursday, July 23

Start/Finish Line: Shermer Rd and Meadow Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:35 AM	11:05 AM	30	75	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:15 AM	11:45 AM	30	120	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:55 AM	12:25 PM	30	75	—	—
The Meteor Masters 40+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series)	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50	120	\$100	\$250/5
Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	1:35 PM	2:15 PM	40	120	\$150	\$250/5
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	50	120	\$100	\$250/5
Men Cat 2/3 (5-day mini-series)	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	60	120	\$150	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+
FAMILY FUN RIDE	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	\$2,000/15+

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Elgin Classic in Memory of Dennis Jurs Day 8 – Friday, July 24

Start/Finish Line: N Spring St and Cooper Ave, Elgin, IL 60120



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:35 AM	11:05 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:15 AM	11:45 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:55 AM	12:25 PM	30	75	—	—	—
The Meteor Masters 40+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series)	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	1:35 PM	2:15 PM	40	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	50	120	\$100	—	\$250/5
Men Cat 2/3 (5-day mini-series)	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	60	120	\$150	—	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15+
FAMILY FUN RIDE	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250	—	\$2,000/15+

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Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium

Day 9 – Saturday, July 25

Start/Finish Line: Oak Ave and E Scranton Ave, Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Rider Parking: METRA lot at 600 N Sheridan Rd, Lake Bluff, IL 60044



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH	PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Men Novice	10:35 AM	11:05 AM	30	75	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	11:15 AM	11:45 AM	30	120	—	—	—
Women Cat 4/N	11:55 AM	12:25 PM	30	75	—	—	—
The Meteor Masters 40+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series)	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50	120	\$100		\$250/5
Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	1:35 PM	2:15 PM	40	120	\$150		\$250/5
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	50	120	\$100		\$250/5
Men Cat 2/3 (5-day mini-series)	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	60	120	\$150		\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	4:40 PM	5:55 PM	75	150	\$250		\$2,000/15+
<i>FAMILY FUN RIDE</i>	6:05 PM	6:35 PM	30	—	—		—
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	75	150	\$250		\$2,000/15+

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Fulton Market Grand Prix

Day 10 – Sunday, July 26

Start/Finish Line: N Morgan St and W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607



CATEGORY	START	FINISH	DURATION (minutes)	FIELD LIMIT	MIN. CASH PRIMES	DAILY PRIZES/PLACES
Loop Da Loop 5K Run	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60	—	—	—
Men Cat 4	9:10 AM	9:40 AM	30	120	—	—
The Meteor Masters 40+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series)	9:50 AM	10:40 AM	50	120	\$100	\$250/5
Women Cat 2/3, Masters 40+ (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	10:50 AM	11:30 AM	40	120	\$150	\$250/5
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	11:40 AM	12:30 PM	50	120	\$100	\$250/5
JWT/COMMUNITY RIDE	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50	—	—	—
Men Cat 2/3 (5-day mini-series)	1:35 PM	2:35 PM	60	120	\$150	\$250/5
Women Pro/1/2	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	75	150	\$3,000	\$5,000/15+
DIVVY BIKE RACES	4:10 PM	4:40 PM	30	—	—	—
Men Pro/1/2	4:50 PM	6:05 PM	75	150	\$3,000	\$5,000/15+
Women Cat 4/N World Championships	6:20 PM	6:50 PM	30	75	—	—
Men Novice World Championships	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	30	75	—	—

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Appendix 1 Points

Points will be allocated according to the following table:

PLACE	OMNIUM POINTS	
	MID-RACE and TRIPLE CROWN SPRINT	FINISH
1	5	20
2	4	19
3	3	18
4	2	17
5	1	16
6		15
7		14
8		13
9		12
10		11
11		10
12		9
13		8
14		7
15		6
16		5
17		4
18		3
19		2
20		1

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Appendix 2 Prizes

Each day during the series, payouts for primes and prizes will be located near Registration. Hours are daily from 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM with extended hours the final two days of the series.

Total winnings (prizes and primes) of \$600 or more will be reported to the IRS as required by law. The appropriate forms must be presented to pick up prizes. Links to the forms are below.

Cash primes: Cash primes will be available for pick up on the day of each race from 12:30 pm on.

Prize money: One prize check consolidating all daily prize earnings for each rider will be issued at the end of the rider's category series or the rider's last day at the series, whichever is first. Riders wishing to pick up prizes prior to these dates must make prior arrangements with the race organization. Riders who are later disqualified (e.g., positive doping test result) must return any prize winnings to the organizer [USAC 1K2(c)].

Attention Non-US Riders: The following will be deducted from prize checks: IRS 30% withholding applicable to non-resident aliens who have not provided Form 8233 – exemption from withholding.

Prizes and awards (both cash and non-cash) not claimed within 90 days of the end of this year's Chicago Grit series will be voided and returned to the promoter. No exceptions. If a rider in contention for prizes or awards cannot be present on the last day of the series, he/she is encouraged to leave contact information with the stage manager or other race manager.

A team name can be substituted for the payee if desired. Form 1099 will be mailed to those falling under this requirement by January 31 of the following year.

- [Form W-9](#): US citizens and resident aliens.
- [Form W8-BEN](#): Non-resident aliens. Submit Form W-8 BEN when requested by the withholding agent or payer whether you are claiming a reduced rate of, or exemption from, withholding.
- [Form 8233](#): Non-resident alien **EXEMPT from withholding**

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DAILY PRIZE PURSE DISTRIBUTION:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
JULY 17 – JULY 21																
Women Cat 3/4	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Men Cat 3	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Men Cat 2	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Masters 40+ 1/2/3	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
JULY 22 – JULY 26																
Women Cat 2/3, 40+	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Men Cat 2/3	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Masters 40+ 1-4	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
Masters 50/60+ 1-4	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20											\$250
JULY 17 – JULY 25																
Women P/1/2	\$500	\$325	\$230	\$180	\$140	\$110	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$65	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$2,000
Men P/1/2	\$500	\$325	\$230	\$180	\$140	\$110	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$65	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$2,000
JULY 26 ACC																
Women P/1/2	\$1,350	\$875	\$560	\$400	\$325	\$275	\$250	\$225	\$175	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$75	\$60	\$60	\$5,000
Men P/1/2	\$1,350	\$875	\$560	\$400	\$325	\$275	\$250	\$225	\$175	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$75	\$60	\$60	\$5,000

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MINIMUM PRIMES AND OMNIUMS DISTRIBUTION:

	MINIMUM DAILY PRIMES	DAILY PRIZE PURSE	DUPAGE TRIPLE CROWN WINNER	CHICAGO GRIT OMNIUMS					TOTAL PRIZE PURSE FOR ENTIRE SERIES
				1	2	3	4	5	
JULY 17 – JULY 21									
Women Cat 4/N	-	-	\$400						\$400
Masters 40+ Cat 4/N	-	-	\$400						\$400
Women Cat 3/4	\$100	\$250	\$400						\$2,150
Men Cat 3	\$150	\$250	\$400						\$2,400
Men Cat 2	\$150	\$250	\$400						\$2,400
Masters 40+ 1/2/3	\$100	\$250							\$1,750
JULY 22 – JULY 26									
Women Cat 2/3, 40+	\$150	\$250							\$2,000
Men Cat 2/3	\$150	\$250							\$2,000
Meteor Masters 40+ 1-4	\$100	\$250							\$1,750
Meteor Masters 50/60+ 1-4	\$100	\$250							\$1,750
WOMEN P/1/2									
July 17 – July 25	\$250	\$2,000							
July 26 ACC	\$3,000	\$5,000		\$1,200	\$750	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$31,250
July 26 ACC Sprint	\$600								
MEN P/1/2									
July 17 – July 25	\$250	\$2,000							
July 26 ACC	\$3,000	\$5,000		\$1,200	\$750	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$31,250
July 26 ACC Sprint	\$600								
GRAND TOTAL									\$80,700

A heart-felt ***“Thank you!!”*** to these specific race sponsors:

