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DAILY RACE COMMUNIQUÉ

OFFICIALS' COMMUNIQUE #3

Glen Ellyn - July 18, 2026

Protests concerning the official results should be addressed to the **Chief Judge, Ann Martens**, either by email (click here: [Ann Martens, Chief Judge](#)) or see her in person on the Finishing stage. Other protests should be addressed to [PCP Jared Ferber](#). Bib pick up each day is at the side window of the large white motorhome "Command Center" near the Finish Line.

Pre-Rides: Do not enter any of the courses for inspection, pre-ride or warm up from any location other than the Start/Finish area, and then only when the Announcer informs you the course is open. (8A5(f) Non-competitor on course). Riders who enter the course before the announcer invites them on will be disqualified and not allowed to race.

Bib Numbers: Do not trim, fold or otherwise deface your racing number. Numbers are to be worn on the outside of clothing and may not be placed inside of pockets or behind any material that reduces their visibility. [USAC Rule 1J7 (b)] See page 4 of the Technical Guide for proper number placement.

This year USAC has defined Mishaps that allow a free lap in a crit as:

10. Mishaps. A recognized mishap shall be considered a legitimate fall, a puncture, or the breakage of an essential part of the bicycle. All other incidents are

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considered unrecognized mishaps. (*This includes dropped chains, seat posts etc. Language in italics is not part of the rule.*)

Reminder:

8A1(p) Forbids the use of mobile phones or audio entertainment devices during the race. This includes bone induction type headphones like Shokz. **Note that the use of these devices during a race will result in both disqualification and fines.** It is okay to wear them during pre-ride but they must be removed prior to racing.

Community Events: Riders need to understand the importance of the community rides that are a key part of every Grit Race, and the pauses for traffic movement. We are guests in these communities; it is very important that we give these events the respect they deserve in order for these events to be welcomed back. **Racers observed on course during community rides will not be allowed to start in their next race (DSQ).**

Racer Corral: Please pay attention to where the racer corral. It is located at a Chicago Grit tent and is where all racers should be entering the course for staging and pre-ride. The intent is to leave the course crossings clear for spectators. Racers will be directed to the corral in the event they try to enter staging without first being at the corral.

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The following sanctions were assessed:

8A1(n) Number invisible, badly positioned or covered at finish

8A5(a) Failure to respect instruction of commissaires or race administration

1J7(b) [...] Numbers may not be folded, trimmed, or otherwise defaced.[...] (*The color bars on the bib numbers are to be visible at all times.*)

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8A5(a) Failure to respect instruction of commissaires or race administration

8A5(f) Non competitor on course during a race (*failure to properly register for the race*). (Penalty registration fee must be paid to the Registrar within 24 hours.)

MP12 1 Justin Williams L39ION of Los Angels 10005511196 DSQ & 2X Registration Fee

MP12 37 Tim Smith Chaney Windows & Doors 556263 DSQ & 2X Registration Fee

The Race Commissaires, Jared Ferber – PCP

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FROM RACE DIRECTOR - WINFIELD CRITERIUM & SUMMERFEST

Personal Tents: All team tents must be properly weighted (and not tied to any fire hydrants, etc). Tents will be inspected by the fire dept (especially in Lombard). Those failing compliance must be taken down.

Weather: Be self-sufficient and bring plenty of water. ChicagoGRIT cannot provide water for participants and/or spectators. ChicagoGRIT staff and host city officials continue to monitor the AQI daily. The forecast for tomorrow is currently acceptable for racing to continue. Schedule changes, if needed, will be sent out via the ChicagoGRIT Info WhatsApp Group.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/DQZucHcvNiVBkQZQHacqeh?mode=gi_t

Parking: Rider parking in lots **north** of the railroad tracks. There is absolutely no rider parking south of the railroad tracks – especially on Beecher Ave.

Marc Colbert – Race Director