

the **ROADBO**

Road Race

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Welcome

Frontiers Racing thanks you for racing the 2026 Roadeo. With your participation, you are helping us keep road racing alive in the United States and the Pacific Northwest.

The Roadeo aims to build on the success of the 2024 Pintler Classic Road Race and 2025 Roadeo Stage Race, and aspires to the legacy of the famed Ecology Center Classic. The 2026 Roadeo serves as the only opportunity for Montanans to earn USA Cycling upgrade points in their home state.

Frontiers Racing is a small, community-based, nonprofit team. Putting on a USAC road race is a massive undertaking both in terms of time and finances. The Roadeo would not be possible without thousands of donated man and woman hours and thousands of dollars donated by our extremely generous sponsors. Please keep this in mind when interacting with our race staff and volunteers.

Safety Message

Putting on a road race is very unique in that the racing occurs out in the world at large. This is in stark contrast to other cycling disciplines like mountain biking or cyclocross. As race directors, we cannot control the entirety of the race venue.

We will view the race as a success if everyone walks away in one piece. Please realize that this is just a bike race. It isn't worth your life or the life of your competitor. Make smart decisions out on course and watch out for each other.

Race Contacts

▶ **RACE DIRECTORS**

Ben Grass [303-570-5155]

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▶ **MEDICAL**

Medical Director: Dr. Ben Grass [303-570-5155]

NOTE: CALL 911 first in case of any serious medical emergency

▶ **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Jake Yahrmatter [763-923-8085]

▶ **CHIEF REFEREE**

Sheli Thomas

▶ **TIMING AND RESULTS**

Competitive Timing

<https://competitivetiming.com/events/the-roadeo>

Medical

In the case of a medical emergency, all participants and volunteers are directed to **call 911 as a first step.**

Medical director: Dr. Ben Grass [303-570-5155]

The Rodeo will have on-site medical support. Philipsburg ambulance will be stationed on course on Highway 348. **The fastest way to receive urgent care is to call 911.**

Racers are encouraged to bring a cell phone while racing. Coverage on the back side of the course is poor. In case of emergency there, proceed to the ambulance parked at the bottom of Rock Creek, the Ranch at Rock Creek, or the feed zone.

NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY

Granite County Medical Center
310 S Sansome St
Philipsburg, MT 59858
406-859-3271

Regulations + General Policies

RACE REGULATIONS SUMMARY

The Rodeo is a one-day USA Cycling sanctioned road race held under USA Cycling Permit #15277. The USA Cycling regulations and scale of penalties apply.

REGISTRATION

Registration is online at [BikeReg](#) only and closes at 6:30pm MDT on Thursday, June 11, 2026. Entry fees are as indicated on BikeReg. No race day registration or race-day category changes are permitted. However, entrants may modify their race category online through the close of registration, provided they are eligible to enter the category and any difference in entry fees are paid. Transfer of entries to other persons is permitted via BikeReg. Races go rain or shine—no refunds; your entry is your commitment to race. See pages 12-13 for our detailed cancellation, transfer, deferral, smoke, and wildfire policies.

ELIGIBILITY

All racers must have a valid USA Cycling license, or a license from a governing body that is a member of the UCI. Alternately, one-day licenses may be purchased for USA-based riders without a current annual USA Cycling license—this must be done in advance and can be completed at checkout on [BikeReg](#). A standard USA Cycling event waiver must be signed by all riders. Any entrant under 18 also requires a parent's or guardian's signature on the waiver.

PACKET PICKUP (RACE DAY ONLY)

Saturday, June 13 from 7:30am until 15 minutes before race start

[Zane's Park: 403 Airport Road, Philipsburg, MT 59858](#)

Note: You must present your racing license at packet pickup

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SIGN-IN

Packet pickup is your sign-in and closes 15 minutes before each assigned race start.

CENTER LINE RULE

Riders will encounter oncoming traffic. The USA Cycling “Center Line Rule” is in effect for the entire Road Race for all categories and will be strictly enforced. This includes the dirt sector on Rock Creek Road. Exceptions, if any, will be announced on the Start Line. Penalties may include time penalties, relegation to last place, or possible disqualification and/or suspension for Center Line Rule Violations.

RACE NUMBERS

Racers will be provided with two bib numbers and one saddle tag number; all numbers are required. Bib numbers are to be worn on the right side (along the side seam) and back pocket of the jersey (on or above jersey pocket). All numbers must be clearly visible. Numbers may not be folded, trimmed, or mutilated. Numbers are to be worn on the outside of clothing and may not be placed inside of pockets or behind any material which reduces their visibility. Note: Saddle tag numbers may not match bib numbers.

WATER + TECHNICAL SUPPORT (WHEELS)

Riders must be self-sufficient concerning water and feeding. The Roadeo cannot guarantee water for riders at the venue. Come prepared.

> **Feed Zone:** We will make every effort to have a volunteer-staffed neutral feed zone after the Rock Creek Road dirt sector, open on all laps of racing (see stage details and course maps for feed zone location).

> **Wheels:** If you want wheels in the follow car, drop them off with wheel tags (included at packet pickup) attached and labeled with your contact info. Wheels will be returned to the same general area as drop-off after each wave of racing.

> > > Please understand that our follow car drivers are not mechanics. You are expected to change or repair your wheel yourself with your own tools (if you have a thru-axle, bring a tool for it). A sweep vehicle will provide transportation to the finish line but mechanical assistance is not guaranteed. Drafting of support vehicles is prohibited and is subject to time penalties, relegation and/or disqualification (depending on severity).

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TIMING + RESULTS

Timing and results provided by Competitive Timing. Provisional results will be posted onsite after all stages. Final results will be posted online.

PROTESTS

Protests concerning the order of finish or timing or other sporting aspects are to be lodged with the Chief Referee in person. Text messaging is not an acceptable form of protest. Protests must be lodged within 15 minutes of the posting of the preliminary results. Past that time the results may be reviewed but no changes to the prize list will be made.

AWARDS + PODIUMS

The top five finishers for each category are required to present themselves for awards presentation. Podiums for will be held following majority finishes for each race at Zane's Park in Philipsburg.

PRIZE LIST DISTRIBUTION

Cash prizes are subject to change (+/-) pending final registration numbers.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Men/open 1/2/3	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Women 1/2	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Men/open 4/5	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Women 3/4/5	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Master men/open	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Master women	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Junior men/open	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
Junior women	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25

Race Details: PINTLER CLASSIC COURSE

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Course: The course remains quintessentially Montana and uses the same famed roads of the Ecology Center Classic, but for 2026 we are remixing the Pintler Classic course by running the loop counter-clockwise. Racers will roll out from Philipsburg on beautiful farm roads before tackling a short but steep climb up 348 to stunning panoramic views of the Sapphire Range. After a descending into the Willow Creek valley, racers will tackle the dirt sector on Rock Creek Road, riding through the famed Ranch at Rock Creek. Turning left onto Skalkaho Highway, riders will have the best views yet of the snow-capped Pintlers. One more gradual climb will reveal Philipsburg and Discovery Ski Area as riders descend back towards the finish and make the final turns onto highway 1 and Airport Rd to finish.

Parking: No race parking on Airport Rd. Airport Rd is our finishing straight and must be kept clear. Please park in one of the dirt lots at Zane Murfitt Park.

Sign-in: [Pavilion at Zane Murfitt Park](#) (Philipsburg Town Park)

403 Airport Rd, Philipsburg, MT 59858

> Opens at 7:30am and closes 15 minutes before race start

Schedule: *provisional; categories may be combined or split at directors' discretion*

Start	Categories	Laps
9:00am	Men/open 1/2/3	2 [81.7mi]
9:00am	Men/open 4/5, master men, junior men	1 [41.2mi]
9:20am	Women/open 1/2, women/open 3/4/5, master women, junior women	1 [41.2mi]
> > Awards to follow majority finishes for each race		

Start Notes: Riders will stage 5 minutes before their assigned start times on Airport Rd. The start is neutral until all riders have safely turned onto Highway 348. The course runs counter-clockwise.

Race Numbers (required): Two bib numbers worn on the right side and rear pocket of the jersey (see page 7) and saddle tag number attached to seatpost.

Race Details: PINTLER CLASSIC COURSE

RACE DETAILS, CONTINUED

Center Line Rule: Riders will encounter oncoming traffic. The USA Cycling “Center Line Rule” is in effect for the entire race *including the Rock Creek Road dirt sector* for all categories and will be strictly enforced. Exceptions, if any, will be announced on the Start Line. Penalties may include time penalties, relegation to last place for stage, or possible disqualification and/or suspension for Center Line Rule Violations. If you are dropped from the main field and the follow car passes you, please follow the rules of the road and ride as far to the right as is feasibly safe. We will be on open roads and motorists don’t understand or care that you’re in a race.

PAVEMENT CONDITIONS ON 348: In prior years when this course ran clockwise, the eastbound and final descent on 348 was the primary safety concern due to the very high speeds achievable. With the race running counter-clockwise in 2026, the westbound descent on 348 towards Rock Creek Road is our primary safety concern. There is some rough pavement on the descent with only one good line in a couple of spots. Holes will be marked as well as possible and a course marshal will warn riders to slow down at the hairpin. Racers are responsible for riding within their abilities, metering their speed, and spacing out on the descent with safety and line of sight as top priority. There is a safe speed to descend 348, and that speed will vary by experience, equipment, and conditions. The race itself will not be won or lost on the descent unless you are forced to abandon due to a crash. Chances to regroup abound along the long false flat and expected headwind on the Rock Creek Road dirt sector.

Rock Creek Road Dirt Sector: This is *not* a gravel race. Riders raced this sector in the 90s-00s on tubed or tubular 23c tires. The county typically sprays mag chloride, grades, and compacts Rock Creek Rd in early summer, and it was in excellent condition in 2024 and 2025. That said, we can make no promises. Racers are free to use any mass start legal bicycle (this includes many gravel setups). The ideal race bike is probably a road bike with 30c tubeless tires, but every cyclist and every setup is different. Poor conditions are usually potholes and washboard, not loose gravel.

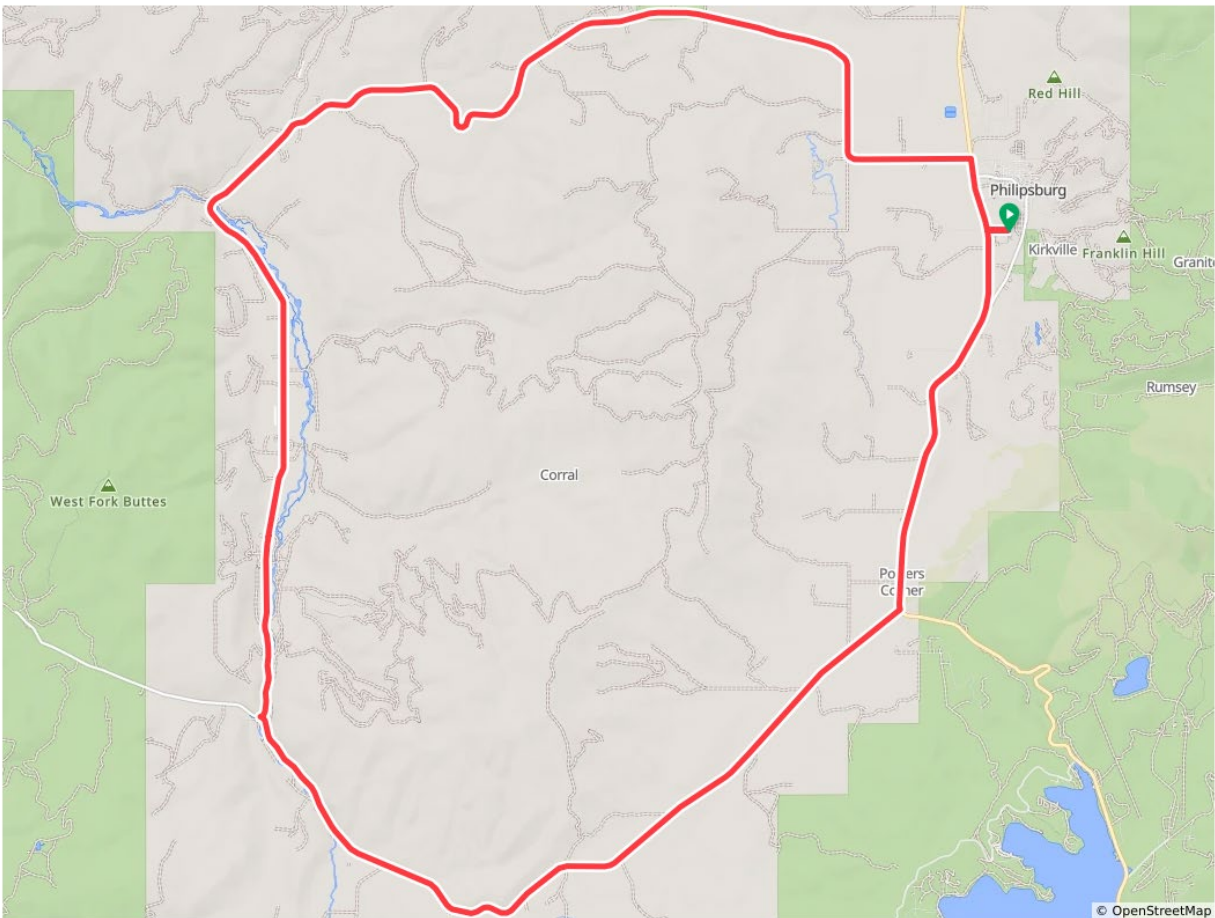
Feed Zone: We will make every effort to have a volunteer-staffed neutral feed zone after the Rock Creek Road dirt sector at mile 26 (lap 1) and again at mile 66.5 (for those racing 2 laps), open on all laps of racing.

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ROAD RACE MAP | JUNE 13, 2026 | PHILIPSBURG, MT

RideWithGPS 1 Lap Map: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/55440839>

RideWithGPS 2 Lap Map: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/55441320>



Roadeo 2026 1 Lap POI

41.2 mi
DISTANCE

2,220 ft
ELEVATION GAIN

8.7 %
MAX GRADE



Refund/Deferral/Transfer Policies

REFUND POLICY

The Roadeo has a no refund policy. We are a small, volunteer-run event operating on a razor-thin budget (with extremely generous donations from our sponsors). As a non-profit event and organization, we ask that you respect and acknowledge this policy prior to completing registration.

BikeReg offers a third-party event insurance policy that participants may choose to purchase. Out of fairness to those who chose to purchase this insurance, we can not offer a refund due to any sort of injury, sickness, or other occurrence.

DEFERRAL POLICY

We do not offer elective deferrals.

Deferrals will only be allowed for wildfires or other natural disasters which are out of the race organizer's control. For more information, please refer to our Wildfire and Smoke Policies on page 13.

TRANSFER POLICY

The Roadeo does allow participants to transfer their registration to a friend or teammate. All transfers are handled through BikeReg. You can find the link to transfer registration in your confirmation email from BikeReg.

Smoke + Wildfire Policies

SMOKE POLICY

Wildfire and smoke conditions are variable, unpredictable, and can change daily in northwest Montana. In the event of smoky conditions causing variable air quality, Frontiers Racing reserves the right to make a final race cancellation decision by 6:30am on race day based on airnow.gov PM2.5 AQI readings for Philipsburg. We will communicate any cancellation decisions via multiple channels (email, website, social media) by 6:30am each day so that racers can plan accordingly.

Participants are encouraged to download the AirNow app to their phones. The Specific Air Quality Index chart we will base the decisions below on is [here](#).

Air Quality Range		Decision
AQI 0	AQI 100	Race will proceed as planned.
AQI 101	AQI 150	Riders may choose to complete the race -OR- elect not to compete.
AQI > 151		Race will be canceled .

If the race requires cancellation for safety or health reasons, we will abide by the policy below:

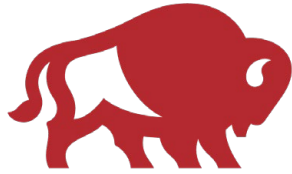
- If the AQI reaches orange (AQI 101-150) or higher, we will offer all racers the ability to defer their registration at 50% value to 2027 (via BikeReg coupons issued after race weekend) or to simply donate their registration fees.

WILDFIRE POLICY

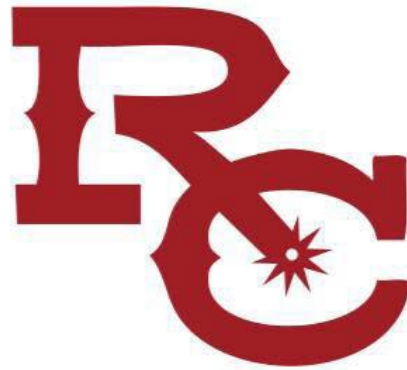
In the event of an active wildfire posing a safety threat to the race course and/or rider, volunteer, or other participant safety, the race organizers reserve the right to cancel the event at any time, and will communicate such decisions to racers via multiple channels (email, website, social media).

We will wait until race morning to determine race or event cancellations, which means we incur the costs of operating the event (insurance, permits, timing etc) regardless of whether the race takes place or not. As organizers, we invest our lives into this event and want nothing more than a flawless race day, so we thank you in advance for respecting our policies.

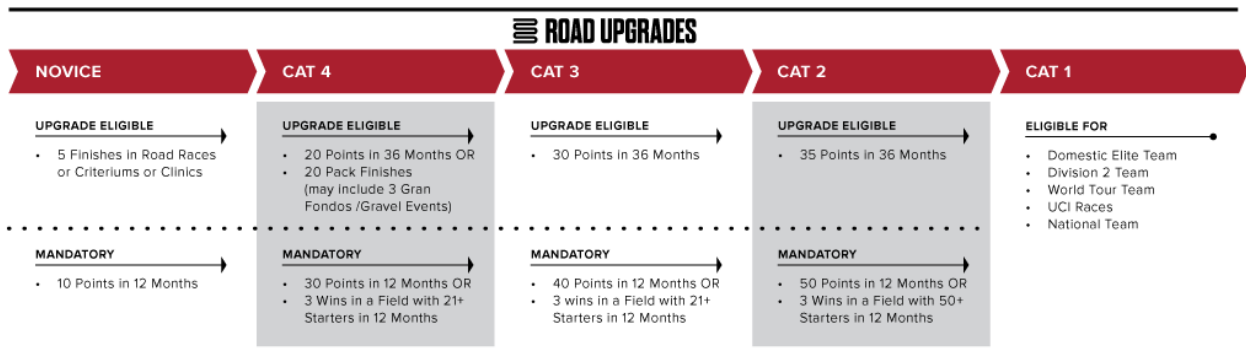
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USAC Upgrade Policy



UPGRADE POINTS FOR MASS START RACES

PLACE	5-10 STARTERS	11-20 STARTERS	21-49 STARTERS	50-69 STARTERS	70+ STARTERS
1	3 pts	7 pts	8 pts	10 pts	11 pts
2	2 pts	5 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
3	1 pts	4 pts	5 pts	7 pts	9 pts
4		3 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts
5		2 pts	3 pts	5 pts	7 pts
6		1 pts	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts
7			1 pts	3 pts	5 pts
8				2 pts	4 pts
9				1 pts	3 pts
10					2 pts
11					1 pts