

The Northie Circuit Race

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United Velo Cycling Club

<https://www.unitedvelo.ca>

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Location: Aldor Acres, 8248 252 St, Langley, BC

Course Description: a 6.4km counterclockwise, rectangle circuit. The finish line is on 252nd St.

Course GPS Map: <https://ridewithgps.com/trips/112462633>

Registration: <https://www.BikeReg.com/northie-circuit>

- Online registration closes March 24th at 6pm
- GST and service charges will be added at checkout

Categories and Licenses: The aim of the United Velo Race Series is to provide a welcoming and fun experience to novice racers and a challenging and fun experience to competitive racers. All racers must hold a Cycling BC license. Novice racers can hold a 'Cycling For All' license or purchase a 'Single Day Event' license online through CCN. (Email organizer for link) Novice categories are Master Men Sport, Open Men, Open Women, Open Citizen/Youth and. All other categories must hold a 'UCI' or 'Provincial Race' license.

Racers should register for the category on their race license, although special exceptions can be made. Email organizer if you do not identify with your category.

Registration will separate all the categories so that there can be results per category for upgrade points. Categories will then be combined into race groups.

Categories Explained:

Open Citizen / Youth: Anyone who wants to do a couple laps just for fun.

Open Men (Cat 5): Novice racers of any age.

Open Women (Cat 4, Master): Novice racers of any age.

Master Men Sport: A more experienced group of gentlemen that sometimes go fast.

Cat 1/2/3/4 Men: Licensed racers

Master Men Elite: Fast Dudes that yell at each other

Cat 1/2/3 Women: Licensed racers

Start Times and Distances: Distance and Start Times subject to change. Race distances may be shortened in inclement weather. Categories may be further combined or separated depending on registration numbers.

Category	Reg. Price	Start Time	Finish Time	Total Distance	# of Laps	Lap Distance
9am Start						
Cat 4 Men	\$50-60	9:00	10:30	75 km	12	6.4 km
Master Men Sport	\$50-60	9:02	10:30	75 km	12	6.4 km
Open Men (Cat 5)	\$50-60	9:04	10:30	63 km	10	6.4 km
Open Women (Cat4, Masters)	\$50-60	9:05	10:30	63 km	10	6.4 km
Open Citizen/Youth	\$10	9:05	10:00	25 km	4	6.4 km
11:30am Start						
Cat 1/2/3 Men	\$50-60	11:30	2:30	100 km	16	6.4 km
Master Men Elite	\$50-60	11:32	2:30	100 km	16	6.4 km
Cat 1/2/3 Women	\$50-60	11:34	2:30	75 km	12	6.4 km

Rider Safety: To increase rider safety we are taking the following actions.

- No vehicles are to be parked along the course *especially* in the finishing straight. We ask spectators to park at the farm and walk to the finish line
- On the final 250m of the last lap the entire road will be open for the finishing sprint. The road will be fully closed to vehicle traffic and both lanes opened to the racers. The yellow line rule will be suspended temporarily for this purpose only.
- Yellow line rule will be strictly enforced at all other times and riders will be disqualified for violating

UCI Rules, Equipment and Code of Conduct

- The United Velo Race Series are conducted according to Cycling BC rules and regulations and applicable UCI regulations.
- All the races are on open roads with controlled intersections.
- Yellow line rule is in effect and will be monitored closely for violations at all events. DO NOT cross the Yellow Line.
- Always be aware that vehicular traffic, or other unexpected road users will also be on the road.
- All bikes must be road style drop bar bikes and conform to UCI bike rules. Bikes cannot have fenders, racks, mirrors or other accessories that may pose a safety risk to the race.

With the exception for the Citizen/Youth Category who can ride any bike they have. No E-bikes allowed.

- Helmets are to be worn anytime you are on a bike.
- Shaved legs will not be required
- All participants should abide by the code of conduct established by our governing body: <https://cyclingbc.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Rider-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Staging, Toilets, Parking and Team Zone

- Parking and Staging is at Aldor Acres farm. Enter gate from 252nd St. Do not enter the farm from 84th Ave. Park only in designated areas and be respectfully of the landowners. The farm nor their washrooms are open.
- Riders need to be in the staging area 10 minutes before their start time.
- Portable toilets will be located near registration and parking.
- Team Tents can be set up in the field next to parking

Race Day Sign-On, Timing and Numbers

- Online registration closes March 24th 6pm. Day of registration will be available for \$60 cash.
- Sign on and package pick up at 252nd St and 84th Ave.
- Sign on closes 30 minutes prior to start time.
- If you raced the Southie Circuit, please reuse your bib number.
- You will be issued a timing chip and 2 number bibs. The timing chips must be returned immediately after your race. It is the responsibility of the racers that their chip gets put back on the rack.
- Electronic timing by Zone4. The timing chip is equipped with Velcro that straps to your bike (on the head stem).
- You will receive 2 identical number bibs to be pinned side by side over the back pockets of your jersey. The number bibs are yours to keep. If you will be attending more United Velo races, please keep your numbers and bring them to the next race. A \$5 surcharge will be required for an additional number at the second or third race.

Feed Zones and Mechanical Support

- There will be a designated Feed Zone location determined on race day. It will be marked by cones.
- There is no neutral mechanical support for this race. It is the responsibility of all racers to be self-sufficient on the course. There will be a support vehicle to pick you up if you need help, however they will only provide you a ride back to staging and will not provide mechanical support
- If you DNF (Do Not Finish) you must report to the Commissioners at the timing tent and return your chip to the rack or approved Orange Bucket.

First Aid / Medical

- Certified First Aid Attendants will be on site
- The closest hospitable is Langley Memorial Hospitable 22051 Fraser Hwy, Langley Twp, BC V3A 4H4, Canada

Results and Podiums

- Unofficial results will be live online. The official results will be verified by the Commissioners. There will be a 15-minute time limit to protest the results. Podiums will proceed immediately after this time.
- The top 3 riders of each group will be recognized on the podium.
- Results will be available on <https://zone4.ca/>

A Note on the Zone4 Timing System

Cycling BC and Zone4 have provided us a digital timing system that provides live, online results. Cycling BC has subsidized the rental of the system to keep costs very reasonable for all of us. Here is how the timing works. The race gets started from a remote Android phone. When you past through the timing loop, your chip pings the phone and you get lap times. The timing loop is a 4 ft range that will sense the chips as they pass through. It is not pinpoint accurate to the finish line. That is why we have finish line judges with cameras who determine close results. Often the online results need to be adjusted in sprint finished because of this reason.

Also, wacky results get recorded if the chip goes past the loop when it shouldn't. For example, you finished the race and ride back across the finish line a couple times, you now have laps of 2min, etc. Or a rider DNF's and then hangs around the finish line and not realizing it their bike pings the loop a few times.

When these things happen, it takes time to look over the results and delete the errors. So please keep this in mind after the race. Before your race starts, during warm up, is not a problem and you can cross the line with out issue as it only starts recording your chip when your category starts.

We are grateful to have the Cycling BC Commissioners to verify the top positions and the digital timing for all the minor placings and lap splits.

Enjoy the Race

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