



LE TOUR DE WEST LAFAYETTE

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, May 2008



➤ Introduction

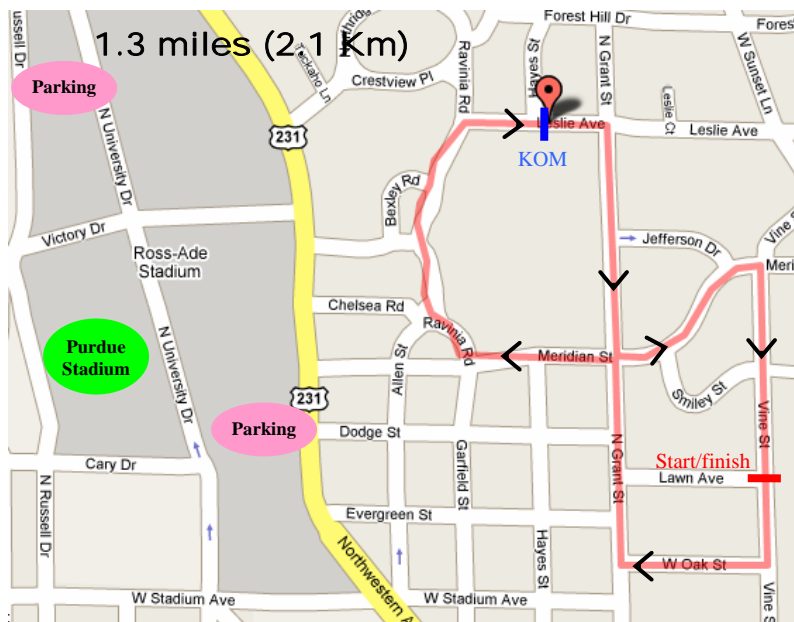
Le Tour de West Lafayette is a new event aiming at developing cycling activities in the Greater Lafayette area (IN). This event is a stage race based on time (like the Tour de France), featuring many aspects of European races with abundant awards and prizes, including junior, King of Mountain, sprint, and team classifications. The stage races limit the participation to USA cycling competitors men category 3-4 and men categories 4-5, and are part of the INKY Cup. These limitations will allow the promoters Steve Goar from BengaSports (<http://www.bengasports.com>, sgoar@bengasports.com) and Mike Hewitt from 2Wheelsports (<http://www.2wheelsports.com>, info@2wheelsport.com) to find their mark in the organization of this new event. The two promoters hope to create a new atmosphere for cycling in the Greater Lafayette area. In addition, with the help of Mayor John Dennis and the West Lafayette Police Department, we invite the local community to join the event with races for citizens and kids, and a corporate race for local teams. Most racing details are given below and will be completed by flyers released before the event. If you have any comments, questions, would like to financially support or give a hand for the race organization, please contact Steve Goar.

➤ General information

The race is held under USAC permit. All USAC rules for stage and road races apply. Any situation not explained in the USAC Rulebook or the current document will be discussed by the panel of referees, promoters, and the IN-KY Cycling Association officials coordinator, and decision will be taken for the best interest of riders.

Event courses

Stage 1: Criterium in West Lafayette (Saturday, May 17, 2007, afternoon)



- Corporate race: **10 laps**, start at **12:30 pm**
- Citizen ride: **2 short laps**, start at **1:30 pm**
- Kids race (5-10): **1 short lap** (Meridian, Vine, Oak, and Grant St),
- Juniors: **30 min**, start at **2:15 pm** (LAJOR event)
- Cat 4-5: **35 min**, start at **3:15 pm**
- Cat 3-4: **50 min**, start at **4:10 pm**

Parking: Park in the streets around the course or use parking lots of the Purdue Stadium (see map for locations).

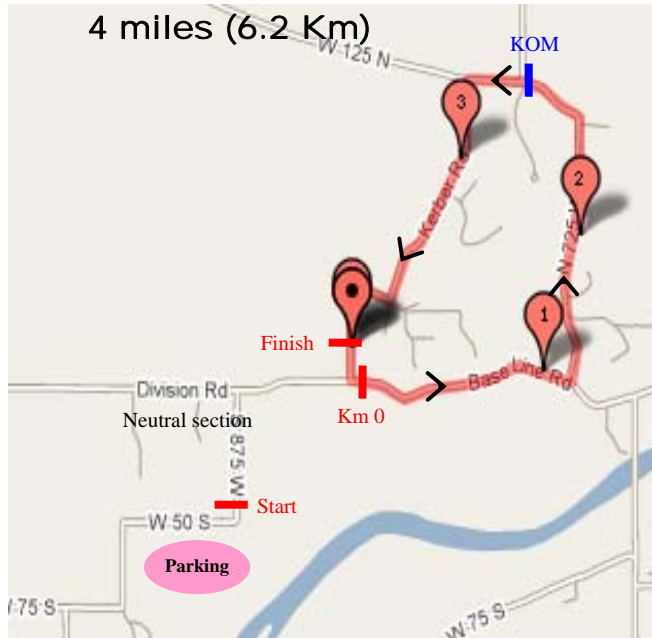
Double sided pit at the intersection of Grant and Meridian St.

Sprints on the finish line (Vine Street) and king of mountain (KOM; Leslie Avenue) at every lap beside the first and final laps: 3 and 1 points for the 1st and 2nd rider on the line, respectively. Additional sprint points for the top 5 finishers (see section “sprint classification” for details).

Course profile:



Stage 2: Road race (Sunday, May 18, 2007, morning)



Cat 3-4: 8 laps = 32 miles (51.5 Km), start at 9:00 am

Cat 4-5: 5 laps = 20 miles (32 Km), start at 9:02 am

Directions/Parking: The parking is in Ross Hill Park, 8815 W50S, West Lafayette, IN. In West Lafayette, follow US Road 231 South for about 1 mile until a traffic light. Turn right, and immediately left on South River Road. Continue on South River Road for about 10 miles and turn left on S875W (the road is splitting a golf course). Park in the parking areas and, please, respect the park regulations.

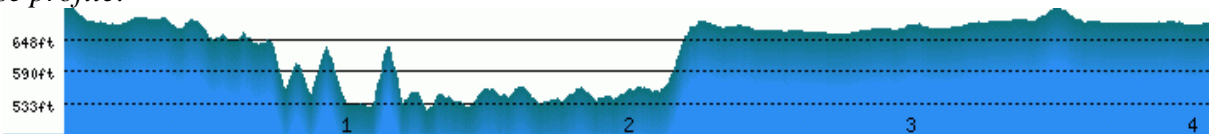
Start procedure: All riders start from Ross Hill Park entrance for a neutralized section until the Km 0 (zero) on Division Road.

King of mountain at every lap beside the first lap. Points are 7, 4, 2, 1 for the 1st, 2nd, 3^d, and 4th rider on the KOM line, respectively (see section “king of mountain” for more details).

Sprint at laps 1 and 3 (men 4-5), or laps 1, 3, 5 and 7 (men 3-4): 4, 2, 1 points for the 1st, 2nd, and 3^d rider on the finish line, respectively. Additional sprint points for the top 5 finishers (see section “sprint classification” for details).

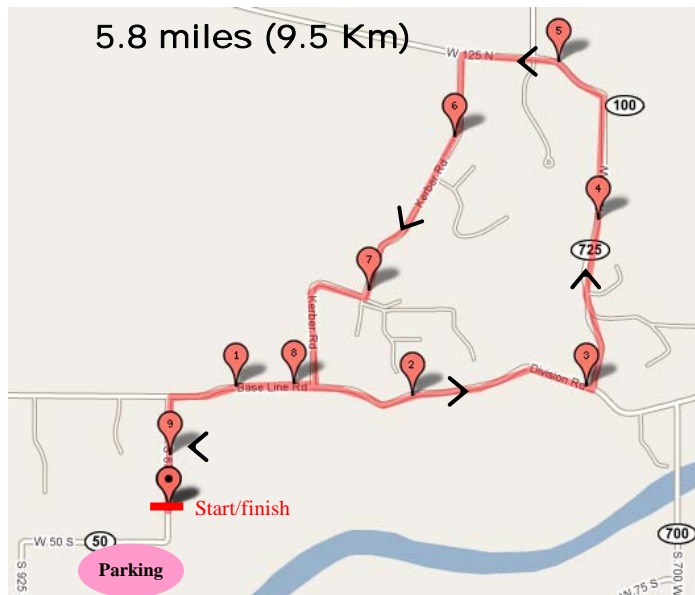
Safety: One Sheriff car leading cat 3-4, and one Sheriff car leading cat 4-5. Minimum one referee with wheels behind each group (wheels provided by riders).

Course profile:



Important information: For safety reasons, if one rider violates the yellow line rule, the race will be stopped, the stage cancelled, and no prize will be given to competitors for the stage.

Stage 3: Individual time trial (Sunday, May 18, 2007, afternoon)



Cat 4-5: start at 12:30 pm, every 30 seconds, in the reverse order of the general classification after stage 2.

Cat 3-4: start at 1:15 pm, every 30 seconds for places from 80th to 11th, then every 1 minute for the top 10 riders, in the reverse order of the general classification after stage 2.

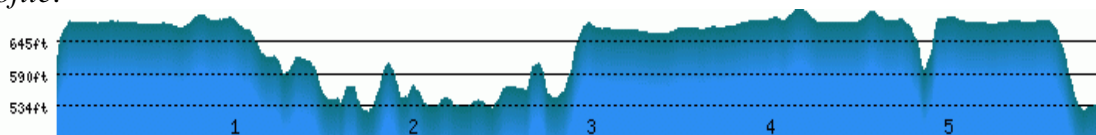
Directions/Parking: same as for Stage 2

Course: identical to stage 2 plus the neutral section of the road race.

Material: Material and clothing used for the ITT must meet USAC regulations. No other restriction.

No drafting allowed. USAC sanctions apply to riders caught drafting.

Course profile:



Rider identification

Each rider is given two bib numbers at the time of registration (Saturday, May 17) in exchange of their USA Cycling license. Numbers may not be modified, folded, torn, etc. Referees reserve the right to penalize any rider who modifies his number in agreement with the USAC penalty scale and/or the INKY cup regulation.

The two numbers must be attached with safety pins in the vertical direction just over the jersey pockets without blocking the access to the pockets. Please ask to the promoters if you need a demonstration.

Bib numbers have to be given back after the last stage of the event in order to get back the USAC license.

Numbers assignment:

1-60	cat 3-4, for riders competing as clubs (thus eligible for the team classification)
61-100	cat 3-4, for individuals competing the full week-end
101-175	cat 4-5

➤ **Men Category 3-4 event**, field limit: 80 riders

Eligibility

General Requirement

Riders must hold a USAC annual license road category 3 or 4 (collegiate license only not accepted).

Juniors must be 17-18 years old for the 2008 season.

Team Requirements

A squad of three to five (3-5) riders from a same club (regular USAC club, including collegiate clubs) may compete the event as a team. For fairness, a team composed of more than five (5) riders will not count for the team classification contest. A maximum of twelve (12) teams spots are available.

All riders from a same club must wear the same jersey at all time during the event. Promoters and referees reserve the right to refuse teams in case the composition does not comply with the requirements.

Requirements for Individual Riders

Riders who are unattached or whose club does not register a team for the event can compete as individuals (clubs with 1, 2, or 6+ riders). A minimum of 20 and maximum of 40 spots are reserved for individuals. Unattached riders must wear a blank jersey during the event.

Registration

Pre-registration on TrueSport.com is mandatory for this event. The entry fee is \$98 for Men cat. 3-4 for the two-day, three-stage event. This includes a free lunch on Sunday afternoon (subs). Moreover, on the Saturday each rider will receive a packet containing its racing numbers and two discount coupons for a diner in a restaurant (valid only for Saturday, May 18th).

The field limit is **80** riders for **cat. 3-4**. Given that no rider is allowed to compete in another race during the time of the event, **riders will be asked to give their USAC license** in order to receive their racing packet. Licenses will be given back after the last stage in exchange of the racing numbers.

Registration will be opened from 12:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday, May 18th. Riders need to **sign a start sheet at least 15 minutes before the start of each stage**. If a rider does not sign but start the race, a 30 minute penalty will apply to the general classification.

General Classification

For the general classification, the time of each rider after each stage will be added, plus the eventual penalties. The rider with the least amount of time will be the winner of the event. The top three (3) riders will receive trophies and top 15 receive prizes (see tables at the end). All stages must be raced in order to appear in the general classification.

In case riders arrive in a group, all riders will receive the same time as the first rider of the group crossing the line.

In case riders get the exact same time before the time trial, the tie will be broken by using the ranking of stage 2 with the first rider ranked in stage 2 becoming the first overall. Other cases will be decided by the panel of referees.

In case riders would have the exact same time (minutes and seconds) at the end of the time trial, the hundredth of seconds recorded during the time trial will serve to break the tie.

The “Forgiving Rule”

If a rider does not finish one stage for different reasons such as crash, puncture, out of contention, etc., he has to inform referees about his situation. In this case, he will be allowed to enter the next stage, but will receive the same time as the last rider of the stage plus a 30 min penalty applied to the general classification. In addition, such riders will not count for the team classification of the corresponding stage. Riders disqualified, for example for violating the yellow line rule, will be removed from the event, not allowed to enter the next stage, and not refunded. For the criterium, lapped riders will receive a 5 min penalty per lap down which also applies to the general classification.

Junior Prize List

In addition to the general classification, the first junior riders (age 17-18 for the season 2008) will receive a trophy. The top three (3) juniors receive prizes (see tables at the end) which can be cumulated with the general classification prizes.

Team Classification

At the end of each stage, the top three (3) riders of each team will have their time added to calculate the team classification (see the forgiving rule section for exceptions). In case of a tie, the first team will be the one whose first rider is the best ranked in the last stage competed (ITT).

At the end of the event, the first team will receive a trophy, and the top five (5) teams receive prizes (see tables at the end).

King of Mountain Classification (KOM)

During stage 1, beside the first and last laps, 3 and 1 points are given at every lap to the 1st and 2nd rider on the KOM line, respectively. During stage 2, from lap two to lap eight (2-8), the 1st, 2nd, 3^d, and 4th rider on the KOM line will receive 7, 4, 2, 1 points, respectively. After stage 2, points will be summed for each rider. The rider with the highest amount of points will be the winner of the KOM classification and receive a trophy. The top three (3) riders in the KOM classification receive prizes (see tables at the end).

Riders need competing stage 3 in order to receive their prize.

Sprint Classification

During stage 1, beside the first and last laps, 3 and 1 points are given at every lap to the 1st and 2nd rider on the finish line, respectively. During stage 2, at laps 1, 3, 5 and 7, the 1st, 2nd, and 3^d rider on the finish line will receive 4, 2, and 1 points, respectively. In addition, at the end of stages 1 and 2, the top five (5) finishers will receive 10, 6, 4, 2 and 1 points, respectively. After stage 2, points will be summed for each

rider. The rider with the highest amount of points will be the winner of the sprint classification and receive a trophy. The top three (3) riders in the sprint classification receive prizes (see tables at the end). **Riders need competing stage 3 in order to receive their prize.**

Awards and Award Ceremonies

After stage 3, a final ceremony in Ross Hill park will award riders in the different classifications. **The top three (3) overall, first Junior, winner of KOM, winner of sprint classification, and the first team need to attend the ceremony** in order to receive their trophies and prizes. Riders must wear their cycling jersey (or vest) at the time of the ceremony.

The **total prize list for men cat. 3-4 is \$2,400** for the full event. This represents 51 prizes for individuals and 5 for teams. All prizes will be given after the award ceremony. Riders not receiving prizes and willing to leave early need to give back their racing numbers in exchange of their USAC license.

➤ Men Category 4-5 event, field limit: 75 riders

Eligibility

Riders must hold a USA Cycling annual license road category 4 or 5. Category 5 riders can purchase two (2) "one day license" to cover both days of racing (\$10 per day). Junior riders must be 15-18 years old for the 2008 season. The promoters reserve the right to refuse some riders in case too many teammates are already registered.

Registration

Pre-registration on TrueSport.com is mandatory for this event. The entry fee is \$80 for Men cat 4-5 for the two-day, three-stage event. The fee includes a free lunch on Sunday afternoon (subs). Moreover, on the race day, each rider will receive a packet containing its racing numbers and two discount coupons for a diner in a restaurant (valid only for Saturday, May 18th).

The field limit is **75 riders for cat 4-5**. Given that no rider is allowed to compete in another race during the time of the event, **riders will be asked to give their USAC license** in order to receive their racing packet. Licenses will be given back after the last stage in exchange of the racing numbers.

Registration will be opened from 12:00 am to 2:45 pm on Saturday, May 18th. Riders need to **sign a start sheet at least 15 minutes before the start of each stage**. If a rider does not sign but start the race, a 30 minute penalty will apply to the general classification.

General Classification

For the general classification, the time of each rider after each stage will be added, plus the eventual penalties. The rider with the least amount of time will be the winner of the event. The top three (3) riders will receive trophies and top 10 receive prizes (see tables at the end). All stages must be raced in order to appear in the general classification.

In case riders arrive in a group, all riders will receive the time of the first rider of the group crossing the line.

In case riders get the exact same time before the time trial, the tie will be broken by using the ranking of stage 2 with the first rider ranked in stage 2 becoming the first overall. Other cases will be decided by the panel of referees.

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Junior Awards

In addition to the general classification, the first junior (age 15-18 for the season 2008) will receive a trophy. The top three (3) juniors receive merchandizes which can be cumulated with the general classification prizes.

Category 5 Awards

The first category 5 rider will receive a trophy and the top three (3) receive merchandizes.

King of Mountain Classification (KOM)

During stage 1, beside the first and last laps, 3 and 1 points are given at every lap to the 1st and 2nd rider on the KOM line, respectively. During stage 2, from lap two to lap eight (2-5), the 1st, 2nd, 3^d, and 4th rider on the KOM line will receive 7, 4, 2, 1 points, respectively. After stage 2, points will be summed for each rider. The rider with the highest amount of points will be the winner of the KOM classification and receive a trophy. The top three (3) riders in the KOM classification receive prizes (see tables at the end). *Riders need competing stage 3 in order to receive their prize.*

Sprint Classification

During stage 1, beside the first and last laps, 3 and 1 points are given at every lap to the 1st and 2nd rider on the finish line, respectively. During stage 2, at laps 1, 3 and 5, the 1st, 2nd, and 3^d rider on the finish line will receive 4, 2, and 1 points, respectively. In addition, at the end of stages 1 and 2, the top five (5) finishers will receive 10, 6, 4, 2 and 1 points, respectively. After stage 2, points will be summed for each rider. The rider with the highest amount of points will be the winner of the sprint classification and receive a trophy. The top three (3) riders in the sprint classification receive prizes (see tables at the end). *Riders need competing stage 3 in order to receive their prize.*

Awards and Award Ceremonies

After stage 3, a final ceremony in Ross Hill Park will award riders in the different classifications. **The top three (3) overall, first Junior, first cat 5, winner of KOM, and winner of sprint classification, need to attend the ceremony** in order to receive their trophies and prizes. Riders must wear their cycling jersey (or vest) at the time of the ceremony.

The **total prize list for men Cat 4-5 is \$1,100** plus merchandizes for the full event. This represents 41 awards. All prizes will be given after the award ceremony. Riders not receiving prizes and willing to leave early need to give back their racing numbers in exchange of their USAC license.

➤ **Prize lists**

Category 3-4 riders (field limit 80)								
Rank	Day 1	Day 2		General Classification	KOM	Sprint	Juniors	Team Classification
	Criterium	Road Race	ITT					
1-	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$150	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$75
2-	\$80	\$80	\$55	\$120	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$60
3-	\$65	\$65	\$40	\$100	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
4-	\$55	\$55	\$30	\$80				\$30
5-	\$45	\$45	\$20	\$70				\$15
6-	\$35	\$35	\$15	\$60				
7-	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$50				
8-	\$20	\$20		\$45				
9-	\$15	\$15		\$40				
10-	\$10	\$10		\$35				
11-				\$30				
12-				\$25				
13-				\$20				
14-				\$15				
15-				\$10				
Total	\$450	\$450	\$245	\$850	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$225
Total								\$2,400

Category 4-5 riders (field limit 75)								
Rank	Day 1	Day 2		General Classification	KOM	Sprint	Cat 5	Juniors
	Criterium	Road Race	ITT					
1-	\$65	\$65	\$45	\$100	\$25	\$20	Merch.	Merch.
2-	\$50	\$50	\$30	\$75	\$20	\$15	Merch.	Merch.
3-	\$40	\$40	\$20	\$60	\$15	\$10	Merch.	Merch.
4-	\$30	\$30	\$15	\$45				
5-	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$35				
6-	\$15	\$15		\$30				
7-	\$10	\$10		\$25				
8-				\$20				
9-				\$15				
10-				\$10				
Total	\$230	\$230	\$120	\$415	\$60	\$45		
Total								\$1,100

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➤ **Sponsors**

We would like to thank our generous sponsors who allowed us to offer so many awards and to hold this race in excellent conditions.

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