



Junior and Womens Omnium

5 Days of Racing

Wednesday April 8 - Sunday April 12 2026

Junior Men and Women ages 13-18 & Women Cat 3-5

3 days of events for Juniors ages 9-12



Category Information	Prizes/places	Entry Fee	After 3/15	Field Size
Junior Men 13-14	Awards / Top 3 Stage descriptions on page 6-10	\$175	\$225	75
Junior Men 15-16		\$200	\$250	
Junior Men 17-18				
Junior Women 13-14	Awards / Top 3 Stage descriptions on page 6-10	\$175	\$225	75
Junior Women 15-16		\$200	\$250	
Junior Women 17-18				
Women Cat 3-5				
Junior Men 9-12	3 days of racing	\$100	\$150	75
Junior Women 9-12	Awards / Top 3 Stage descriptions on page 6-10	\$100	\$150	75

We are incredibly proud to expand the Redlands Junior Series into a comprehensive 5-day racing experience, marking a major milestone in the history of our event. This expansion allows us to offer something for everyone—from the elite junior seeking a pro-level stage race to siblings and parents looking to enjoy a ride together. It is an open invitation to immerse yourselves in our vibrant community, explore our historic courses, and participate in the magic of an event defined by its motto, “Where Legends Are Born.” Whether you are racing for the yellow jersey or riding the Fondo as a family, you are now part of the legacy that starts right here in Redlands.



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2026 Redlands Bicycle Classic Junior & Women's Omnium Series April 8-12					
Group	Lake Perris ITT April 8 (90 riders max)	Sports Park Criterium April 9	Crafton Hills Circuit Race April 10	Pro Loop Criterium April 11	Amateur Criterium April 12
Juniors 9-12 Men and Women	✓	✓	✗	Legends Fondo Youth Races	✓
Juniors 13-14 Men and Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Juniors 15-16 Men and Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Juniors 17-18 Men and Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Women Cat 3-5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

It Takes a Village: Call for Volunteer Support

Expanding the Redlands Junior Series into a full 5-day stage race is a massive undertaking, and quite simply, it takes a village to make it happen.

While we are thrilled to offer this professional-level experience to the next generation of cyclists, our organization does not have the manpower alone to support this expanded schedule. We are calling on parents, team directors, and supporters to step in and help us bridge the gap.

To ensure safe and successful racing for every junior field, we are requesting that every participating family or team sign up to assist with race operations. You will be asked to select volunteer shifts—such as course marshaling, staging, course teardown, or registration support—during the omnium entry process.

By giving a few hours of your time, you aren't just watching from the sidelines; you are actively building the stage where these young athletes shine. Thank you for being part of our village and helping us prove that Redlands is truly "Where Legends Are Born."

Opportunities for Riders ages 9-12 on Saturday April 11, 2026

Redlands Bicycle Classic Youth Races:

The Redlands Bicycle Classic isn't just a pro race—it hosts one of the largest youth cycling events in the nation. For decades, this has been the launching pad where future champions catch the racing bug. From local kids to future stars, the streets of Redlands are where Southern California's cycling legacy begins. We have events for ages 3 - 17.

The Birthplace of Pro Careers

This event is legendary in the SoCal cycling community. Many of the professional riders you see competing in the elite fields later in the day started right here, racing these exact streets as kids. It's more than a fun ride; it's a rite of passage for the next generation of talent.

Event Overview

Held in conjunction with the Downtown Redlands Criterium, these races give kids the full pro experience: closed roads, roaring crowds, and the thrill of sprinting under the official finish banner. Whether it's a 3-year-old on a balance bike or a teenager chasing a podium spot, every rider gets to feel like a pro for the day.

Register for the youth races:

[Registration](#)

Individual Race Entries					
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Redlands Bicycle Classic School Visit Program Inspire the Next Generation: Team Opportunities

The Redlands Bicycle Classic is inviting junior teams to participate in our celebrated School Visit Program. This is a unique opportunity for teams to engage directly with the local community, share the excitement of cycling, and inspire students across the Redlands Unified School District.

Program Details:

Team-Based Activity: This opportunity is designed exclusively for full teams, not individual riders. We are looking for cohesive groups to represent the sport and their sponsors in a structured school assembly setting.

Availability: School visits are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday of race week.

Reimbursement: Participating teams will receive a financial reimbursement for their service, acknowledging the time and effort dedicated to this community outreach.

What to Expect:

Teams will visit local elementary or middle schools to discuss bicycle safety, healthy living, and the teamwork required in cycling. It is a chance to build fans for life and give back to the community that hosts one of the biggest races in the nation.

Interested?

Please indicate your team's interest and availability during the registration process or contact Sean Wilson sean@gsandiamo.com

Redlands Legends Fondo: Saturday Morning, April 11

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Start Time: 8:00 AM (Mass Start)

Location: Downtown Redlands (Start/Finish near Citrus Ave)

Ride with Legends, Priced for Everyone

The Redlands Legends Fondo is a unique community ride that invites cyclists of all levels to experience the roads of the Redlands Bicycle Classic. In an effort to make this premier event accessible to the entire community, we are offering special \$20 pricing for any route distance for our junior riders and their families. This is an unbeatable value for a fully supported ride that starts and finishes in the heart of the downtown race venue.

Routes for Every Rider

Whether you're looking for a casual morning spin or a serious climbing challenge, the Legends Fondo has a route for you:

Family-Friendly 16-Mile Route: Perfect for families, beginners, and those wanting a relaxed scenic ride. This route tours some of the prettiest historic neighborhoods and citrus groves in Redlands, offering a flat, enjoyable experience without the pressure of major climbs.

Medium & Long Routes (Approx. 42 & 63 Miles): For those seeking a challenge, these courses trace the iconic roads used by the pros. The longer routes venture out to the famous Oak Glen climb, testing your legs on the same ascent where stage winners are often decided and riders like Sepp Kuss and AJ August started their careers. Experience the beauty of the San Bernardino mountains before descending back to the energy of the downtown finish line and experiencing the vibrant expo area.

The Experience

Pro Atmosphere: Start your ride under the official race truss and finish on the same straightaway where the criterium pros will battle later in the day.

Support: Aid stations and course marshals ensure a safe and supported ride for all participants.

Community Celebration: After your ride, stay to enjoy the Expo, grab a bite at the food vendors, and watch the youth and pro races unfold.

Register Now:

Secure your spot for just \$20 through the Junior registration and be part of the Redlands Bicycle Classic tradition.



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Spectator Experience & Expo Area: Saturday April 11 and Sunday April 12

Prime Viewing Location

Downtown Redlands offers one of the best spectator experiences in California cycling. The Pro Loop Criterium course is a closed, compact circuit that allows fans to watch riders pass multiple times per lap, creating continuous action throughout the race. Unlike road races where riders disappear into the distance, criterium racing keeps the excitement right in front of you—corner battles, lead changes, and sprint finishes all unfold within a few city blocks.

Where to Watch

Position yourself along any section of the downtown loop for excellent sightlines. Key viewing spots include:
The Start/Finish Line: The center of the action, where you'll see race officials, team staff, and the most intense sprints as riders compete for position and cross the line.

Technical Corners: Watch riders demonstrate their bike handling skills as they navigate tight turns at speed. These spots often produce the most dramatic moments as positioning battles intensify.

The Final Lap: When the bell rings, the energy shifts—stick near the finish to witness the full-speed sprint as juniors empty their tanks for the win.

Expo & Vendor Village

The downtown race venue hosts a vibrant Expo Area throughout the day, transforming Redlands into a cycling festival. Here's what to expect:

Food Vendors: A variety of food trucks and local vendors will be on-site offering everything from quick race-day fuel to family meals. Expect options ranging from coffee and breakfast items for early arrivals to lunch fare, snacks, and refreshments to keep you energized throughout the day.

Cycling Expo: Browse vendor booths featuring cycling gear, nutrition products, local cycling clubs, and sponsor activations. It's a great opportunity to check out the latest equipment, pick up race swag, or connect with the broader SoCal cycling community.

Family-Friendly Atmosphere: The Expo area is designed for spectators of all ages. Bring chairs or blankets, settle in near the course, and enjoy a full day of racing while taking breaks to explore the vendors and grab a bite.

Tips for Spectators

Arrive Early: Parking fills up quickly on race day, especially as professional races approach. Get there early to secure a good spot and explore the Expo before racing heats up.

Stay Mobile: With a compact course, you can easily walk between viewing locations to catch different perspectives of the race.

Bring Cowbells: Make some noise! Junior racers thrive on crowd energy, and downtown Redlands is known for its enthusiastic support.

Whether you're a cycling family, a proud parent, or a fan of fast-paced racing, the downtown criterium offers an unforgettable day of competition, community, and California spring weather.

Stage 1: Lake Perris Time Trial

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 (Redlands Bicycle Classic Week)

First Start: 1:10 PM - All ages and genders

Distance: 11.2 miles (approx. 18 km)

Location: Lake Perris Recreation Area

Overview

For the second time, Junior racers will test their limits on the exact same 11.2-mile course used by the professional men and women. This is not a simple out-and-back; it is a technical, rhythm-breaking test of bike handling and power that utilizes both the wide roads and the twisting bike paths of the Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

The Course

The Start: Riders launch from the North end of the Perris Dam. The opening section across the dam is exposed and often windy, requiring riders to find a steady rhythm early while managing crosswinds coming off the water. The Terrain: Unlike traditional drag-strip time trials, this course is defined by its flow and technicality. Riders will transition from the open road onto the park's bike path network, which features tight, twisting turns that demand total concentration.

The Challenge: The "twists and turns" described by past pro winners make this a "rider's course"—power is important, but carrying speed through corners is critical. Juniors must be comfortable handling their road bicycles in narrow, curving sections.

The Finish: The race concludes on Alta Calle Road. Riders should be prepared to empty the tank on the final stretch after navigating the technical interior of the park.

Key Race Notes for Juniors

Equipment: All juniors will race on standard road bicycles. Specific details will be provided in the technical guide.

Bike Path Caution: The transition to the bike path narrows the course. Heads-up riding is essential to navigate the corners smoothly without losing momentum.



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Stage 2: Redlands Sports Park Criterium

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Location: Redlands Sports Park

Racing Start: Approximately 9:15 AM (immediately following the Pro Women's stage)

Format Overview

Stage 2 brings the action to the Redlands Sports Park, home to Team California Academy, for a full day of high-energy criterium racing. Unlike the individual effort of the time trial, this stage features small-sided races where juniors and women compete in their own age groups and genders throughout the day. Racers will advance through a series of qualifying heats to earn their spots in the Finals and Repechage (second-chance) events, ensuring maximum racing opportunities for all participants.

The Course

The Sports Park criterium circuit is often described as a "flat track"—a fast, technical course with minimal elevation change that rewards positioning, bike handling, and sprint speed. The relatively flat profile means races will be aggressive from start to finish, with positioning in the corners and straightaways being crucial for success. The compact, spectator-friendly layout makes this the perfect venue for families and fans to watch multiple laps of action up close, with riders passing frequently and battles for position unfolding lap after lap.

Race Day Structure

- Heats: Racers will compete in preliminary heats based on age and gender categories. Performance in these heats determines advancement.
- Finals and Repechage: Top finishers from heats move directly to Finals, while others get a second opportunity through Repechage races to qualify.
- Continuous Action: With races running throughout the day across multiple age groups, the Sports Park will buzz with activity from morning through afternoon.

What to Expect

This is criterium racing at its purest—tight corners, high speeds, and tactical positioning. Juniors should be prepared for fast starts, aggressive pack dynamics, and the need to stay alert through every lap. The flat course means there's nowhere to hide; fitness, positioning, and smart racing will separate those who advance from those who don't.

Spectator Experience

The Redlands Sports Park offers excellent sightlines around the entire course, making it easy for parents, coaches, and fans to watch the race unfold. With multiple junior races scheduled throughout the day, it's an ideal opportunity to see young talent develop their racing skills in a competitive but supportive environment.

Stage 3 – Crafton Hills Circuit Race

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Location: Crafton Hills College

Racing Start: 1:10 PM Junior Men (Ages 13-18) and Junior Women (13-18) and Elite Women

Format Overview

Junior and women riders on the exact same circuit the pros race later in the week, giving developing athletes a true "big-league" experience on closed roads.

The Course

The course is a 4.6-mile lap featuring a fast canyon descent, a sustained paved climb, and a short unpaved sector that together generate significant elevation gain each lap and make this one of the more demanding road circuits in the United States. Riders ages 13 and up and elite category women will tackle this stage, with women racing 5 laps and men 7 laps.

What to expect

With lap times of roughly 15 minutes, the racing is fast, selective, and constantly reshuffled over the climb and gravel. Combined with the unique dirt sector and short-lap format, this creates a highly distinctive race experience that blends classic European-style climbing and technical sections into a compact American circuit. Ages 9–12 get the day off from racing, giving younger riders a chance to rest, spectate, and learn by watching the older fields take on one of the most challenging stages of the week.



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Stage 4: Pro Loop Criterium – Downtown Redlands

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Location: Downtown Redlands (Start/Finish)

Race Duration: Junior (Ages 13-18) and Elite Women: 35 minutes | Junior Men (Ages 13-18): 45 minutes

Start Time: Check official schedule/tech guide for specific staging times

Overview

Stage 4 brings junior racers onto the prestigious Pro Loop Criterium, a fast 1 mile downtown circuit that shares the same course and electric atmosphere as the professional races held later in the weekend. This is a chance for juniors to experience the heart of the Redlands Bicycle Classic, racing on closed city streets lined with a lively downtown crowd.

The Course

The Pro Loop is a classic American criterium circuit: short, fast, and technical. Unlike the endurance focus of road races, this course emphasizes positioning, smooth cornering, and high-speed pack skills. Riders will navigate multiple corners on wide city streets where maintaining momentum and staying near the front are critical. With no long climbs to break up the field, the race often comes down to tactical smarts and a fast finish.

Race Format

Junior Men (13-18): Race for 45 minutes.

Junior Women (13-18) and Elite Women categories: Race for 35 minutes.

Staging: Exact start times and staging details will be published in the official Redlands Bicycle Classic junior schedule and tech guide online.

Options for Riders Ages 9–12

Recognizing the different development needs of younger riders, those ages 9–12 have two distinct pathways for the day:

Youth Circuit Races: Participate in short, age-appropriate events on portions of the criterium course, focusing on fun and skill application.

Redlands Legends Fondo: Alternatively, younger riders may choose to ride with their parents in the Legends Fondo. This non-competitive event offers routes of approximately 16, 42, or 63 miles, starting and finishing in Redlands while tracing scenic roads around the city—a perfect way to build endurance in a supportive environment.

What to Expect

Atmosphere: This is one of the most spectator-friendly stages. Expect noise, crowds, and the energy of a professional race venue.

Tactics: The technical nature of the downtown loop rewards riders who can corner smoothly and hold their line in a pack. It is a true test of bike handling under pressure.



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Stage 5: Short Loop Criterium

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Location: Downtown Redlands (Same Start/Finish as Saturday)

Race Duration: Junior and Elite Women: 35 minutes | Junior Men: 45 minutes

Start Time: Ages 9-14 - 8:15 AM; Men 15-18 8:55 AM; Women 11:15 AM

Overview

The grand finale of the junior series takes place on Sunday with the Short Loop Criterium. While the location mirrors Saturday's venue in Downtown Redlands, the dynamic of this race is entirely different. This shorter, tighter circuit transforms the event from a drag race into a "chess match on wheels," where pure wattage takes a backseat to strategy, handling, and race craft.

The Course: Technical Mastery Over Power

Don't let the distance fool you—this course is highly technical and unforgiving. The "Short Loop" features frequent corners and one long straightaway, creating a rhythm that rewards the smartest riders, not just the strongest.

Tactical Prowess: On this circuit, a breakaway is difficult to sustain without perfect technical execution. The constant cornering requires riders to choose the right lines to conserve energy while the pack surges.

Skill vs. Strength: Success here demands smooth flow through turns and instant acceleration. Riders who can hold their position near the front without over-braking will save critical energy for the final laps, while those relying solely on power will find themselves gapped in the accordion effect of the corners.

Race Categories

Ages 9–14: A dedicated race field ensures younger riders can compete safely against their peers, focusing on skill development on a technical track without the pressure of the older, faster pack.

Older Juniors (15–18) & Elite Women: Separate fields for older juniors men and women allow for high-speed, tactical racing appropriate for experienced riders.

Bonus Racing Opportunities

For juniors who want to maximize their seat time, Sunday offers multiple racing opportunities. In addition to the official Stage 5 events, eligible riders may register for other criterium categories running throughout the day, providing a chance to test their legs against different fields or simply enjoy more laps on this premier downtown course.



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- Rules: All USACycling Rules and Regulations apply.
- **Helmets must be worn at all times while on the bike.**
- **Full omnium participants will receive \$20 vouchers to redeem in the expo area. Those who register for the fondo or sunday criterium receive \$10 vouchers.**
- Neutral Support: Provided by Elite Racing Services. Not liable for lost or stolen wheels; Free lap rule until 5 laps to go in the criteriums.
- This is an omnium on points. Point schedules will be in the technical guide.
- We may pull riders in each of the events to ensure race safety.
- We may split fields or neutralize events for safety reasons
- Registration and Payment: Online registration via <https://www.bikereg.com/redlands-classic-juniors>
- Technical Guide will be available by March 15.
- Late fees applies after Friday, March 15 at 11:59 PM Pacific.
- Registration for the full omnium closes Friday April 3 at 11:59 PM Pacific.
- Registration for individual races can be done up to the day of the event.
- Omnium riders must sign in before Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Riders can register independently for stages on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Packets will be available for pickup on Tuesday April 7 as well as before each stage.
- Check in and registration locations will vary each day. See technical guide for details.
- Rider and guardian must sign USACycling Release Notice and Authorization for Release of Medical Information.
- Check website, www.redlandsclassic.com, for lodging, course map, directions to courses, parking and check in.
- Check website, www.redlandsclassic.com for additional activities over the weekend.
- Questions: Contact Sean Wilson sean@gsandiamo.com

