# 2026 TECHNICAL GUIDE

As of 10/20/26

## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026 Boulder Cup: two full days of amateur categories for all ages and abilities plus UCI Elite racing (C1 Saturday, C2 Sunday). This Technical Guide provides the event's official information and regulations for officials, teams, and athletes.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Organizer**
Boulder Junior Cycling (BJC)
1742 Quince Ave, Boulder, CO 80304
https://boulderjuniorcycling.org | Tel. 303.562.7510

**Race Director**
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**OFFICIALS (UCI / USAC)**

UCI President: Uğur Tosun
UCI Assistant Commissaire: Marco Vasquez
UCI Race Secretary: Dorothy Abbott
Finish Judge: Lynn Taylor
Asst. Commissaire: Trish Black

# REGULATIONS & LICENSING

**Governing Regulations**
• Amateur races are held under 2026 USA Cycling Regulations.
USA Cycling — 210 USA Cycling Point, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 | www.usacycling.org | 719.434.4200

• UCI Elite Men, UCI Elite Women, UCI Junior Men 17–18, and UCI Junior Women 17–18 are held under 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross Regulations. UCI Scale of Penalties applies.
Union Cycliste Internationale — Ch. de la Melee 12, 1860 Aigle, Switzerland | www.uci.ch | +41 24 468 58 11

**Licensing & Participation**
• Amateur fields: valid USAC or UCI license required. One-day USAC licenses available for Cat 5 Novice and non-UCI category Juniors.
• UCI fields: valid UCI International license required (must be obtained pre-event).
• Racing age is determined by age on December 31, 2027.

**2026–27 UCI Category Ages**
• Elite Men: 2008 or earlier
• Elite Women: 2008 or earlier
• Junior Men 17-18: 2009-2010
• Junior Women 17-18: 2009-2010
• U23 Women start with Elite Women; U23 Men start with Elite Men.
• Junior Men 17–18 may not compete in Elite Men.
• Junior Women 17–18 may compete in Elite Women, but may not race Junior and Elite on the same day.

**On-Site Registration**
• Opens 6:45 a.m. | Closes 1:30 p.m. (UCI sign-in deadlines listed below still apply)

**UCI ID (for Juniors)**
• Ensure your USA Cycling account shows your UCI ID. If not, submit proof of DOB/citizenship to membership@usacycling.org (subject: UCI ID Documents for USA Cycling Member).

# REGISTRATION — UCI & USAC

| Category Fee | Early Bird Reg | Late Reg | Day of Reg | 2nd race |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Early Bird Reg ends Wed. Nov 4, 9:59 pm | Online Reg closes Wed. Nov 11, 11:59 pm | Closes 45 min prior to race start (NO race day reg for UCI | |
| Juniors | $30 | $35 | $40 | $25 |
| Adults | $50 | $55 | $60 | $30 |
| Junior UCI | $50 | $55 | None | |
| Elite UCI | $65 | $70 | None | |

**Notes:**

Bib pick up closes 45 minutes prior to each race
Bibs are day-specific; pick up new bibs each day

**UCI Regulations:**

- Valid UCI license required
- Riders & support must pick up bib before closing each day

**USAC Regulations:**

- Valid USAC or UCI license required; one-day USAC licenses available for Cat 5 Novices, Juniors non-UCI
- Bib pick up closes 45 minutes prior to each race
- Bibs are day-specific; pick up new bib each day

# VENUE, PARKING & TEAM AREAS

**Venue**
Valmont Bike Park — 3160 Airport Rd, Boulder, CO 80301

**Team Village reserve your spot here.**

• Small Team Space – $100
Includes 10x10 tent space and room for A-frame bike rack (both days).

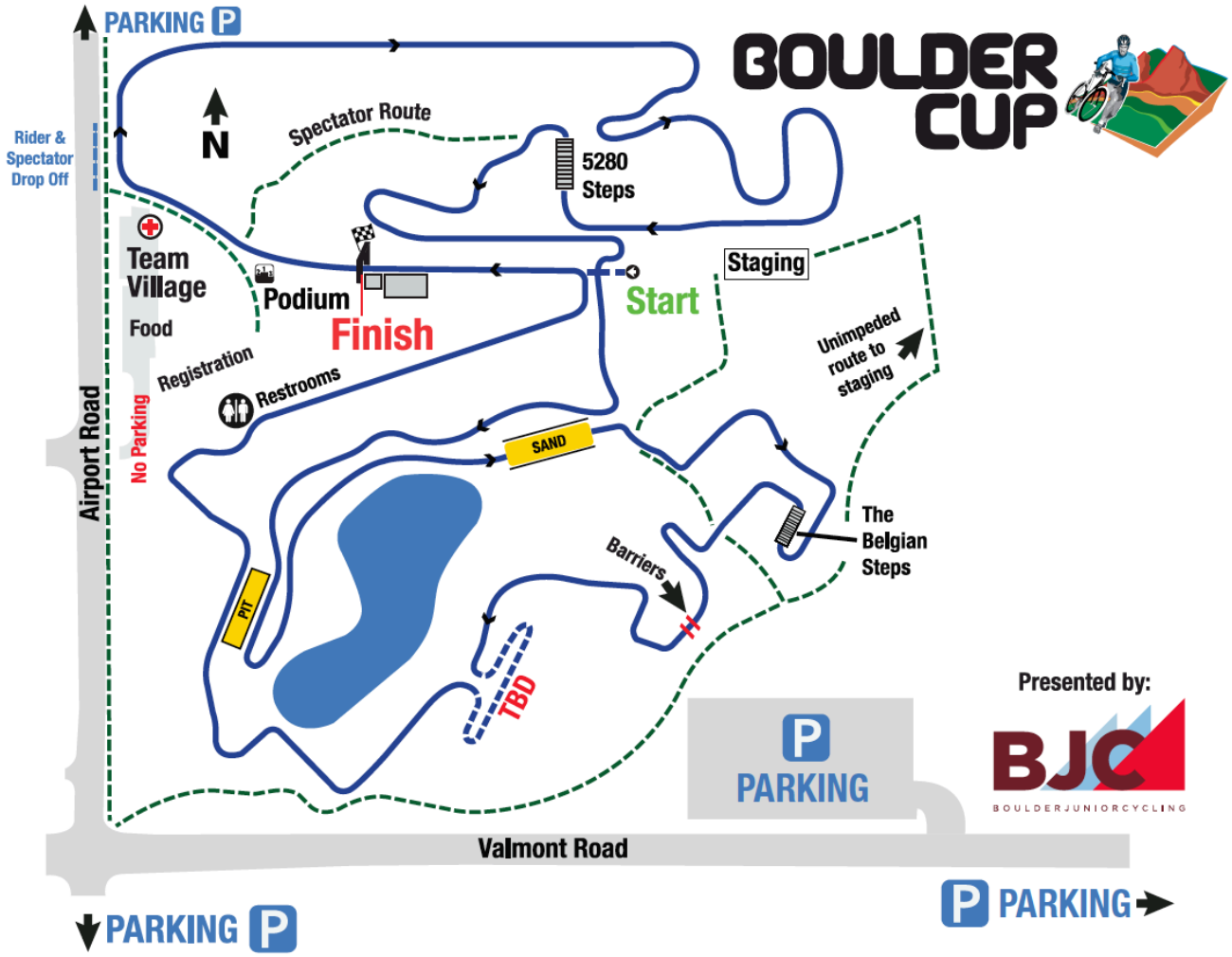
• Large Team Space – $200
Includes 20x20 tent space and room for A-frame bike racks (both days).

Spaces are located near the podium and registration area on grass or dirt. No vehicle parking inside the village or dirt parking lot (drop-offs only). Tents must be fully collapsed overnight, and please don't leave valuables — no overnight security. Minimum 40-lb weights per corner are required.

**General Athlete/Spectator Parking**
• Use Valmont Bike Park parking lots and satellite parking . Please follow event signage and staff.

**No overnight parking, no camping at Valmont Bike Park**

# COURSE DESCRIPTION & MAPS




## Course Overview

**Same course as used in the 2014 National Championships**

• Approx. 3.0 km lap at Valmont Bike Park featuring varied grass, hardpack, and path sections; steep climbs/descents; off-cambers; and signature Valmont features (2 stair run-ups, 1 set

barriers, sand, technical turns).
• Double-sided pit mid-course (see map).
• The course may change due to weather or safety considerations.

**Day 2 Course Changes**
• Any Day 2 reroutes will be posted on event website

**Juniors 11–12 & 13-14 Short Course**
• A shortened course,  cut-offs will be signed

# RACE HQ, MEDIA & OFFICIALS AREAS

**Locations**

1. Officials area immediately adjacent to the finish line.
2. Secretariat and Media/Press -  **Near Valmont farmhouse**
3. Registration **- Near Valmont farmhouse**

**Timing & Results**

- Timing prided by One-to-Go, Live timing and results will be online at https://my.raceresult.com/

# RACE NUMBERS & EQUIPMENT

**Numbers**
Amateur: left side

UCI: Left side body and both arms

**Equipment Requirements**
• CPSC/EN-approved helmets required at all times on the bike.
• Amateurs, masters, non-UCI categories may use MTB bikes and any size tire
• UCI events: Bike must follow UCI regulations and maximum tire width 33 mm.
• Feeding is not permitted during races. Bottles may be mounted on bikes.

**FRIDAY / SATURDAY / SUNDAY SCHEDULES**

Friday pre-ride is open 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# 2026 Boulder Cup Schedule*

**Same schedule both days**

| WAVE | CATEGORY | START TIME | RACE LENGTH |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Women Cat 4 19+ | 7:45 AM | 40 |
| | Women Cat 5 19+ | | |
| | Women 45+ B | | |
| | Women Single Speed | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 2 | Men Cat 4 19+ | 8:40 AM | 40 |
| | Men Cat 4 45+ | :30 | |
| | Men Single Speed B | :30 | |
| | Men Cat 5 19+ | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 3 | Men 45+ | 9:35 AM | 40 |
| | Men 55+ | :30 | |
| | Men 65+ | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 4 | Junior Men 15-18 (Non UCI) | 10:35 AM | 40 |
| | Men Cat 3 | :30 | |
| | Men Cat 3 35+ | :30 | |
| | Men Cat 3 45+ | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 5 | Junior Men 13-14 | 11:35 AM | 25 |
| | Junior Men 11-12 | :30 | |
| | Junior Women 13-14 | :30 | |
| | Junior Women 11-12 | - | |
| | | | 5 gap |
| | Kids Event Age 6-10 | 12:05 PM | 10 |
| | UCI Course Preview | | 20 |
| | | | 10 gap |
| 6 | UCI Junior Women 17-18 | 12:30 PM | 40 |
| | Women Open (Non UCI) | :30 | |
| | Women Cat 3 | - | |
| | Junior Women 15-18 (Non UCI) | :30 | |
| | Women 45+ A | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 7 | UCI Junior Men 17-18 | 1:25 PM | 40 |
| | Men Open (Non UCI) | :30 | |
| | Men Single Speed A | :30 | |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 8 | UCI Elite Women | 2:20 PM | 50 |
| | | | 15 gap |
| 9 | UCI Elite Men | 3:25 PM | 60 |
| | *subject to change | | |

# START ORDER & START PROCEDURES

**Amateur Races**

- Staging zone is before the finish straight. Be near staging at least 15 minutes prior to start.
- Call-ups by crossresults.com points for all non-UCI categories
- Missed call-up (not present within 10 minutes to start) forfeits grid position.
- Address grid concerns with the Registrar at least 45 mins before your start.

**UCI Races**

- Staging begins ~10 minutes before start. Missed call-up = forfeited grid position.
- Order: current UCI Cyclo-cross Individual Classification, then unclassified riders by random draw established by the Commissaires.
- Numbers placement and tire width checks occur on entry to the grid.

# WHEEL PIT, MECHANICS & FEEDING

**Pit Access & Neutral Support**

- Each UCI rider may register up to two mechanics and one paramedical assistant. Up to three pit passes issued with rider numbers at sign-in; valid USAC/UCI licenses required (no one-day).
- Pit passes must be collected at least 1 hour before your race
- Neutral Support is available both days in the main venue (not in pit)
- Bike wash available near the pit.

**Feeding**

- No feeding during races.

**Lapped Riders**

- Lapped riders may continue riding, be courteous; do not interfere with leaders.
- Officials may apply 80% rule in UCI events at the President's discretion.
- Early bell option may be used in USAC and UCI Junior races. Riders may receive 1-to-go earlier than leaders; placements by time or "@ Laps Incomplete" per finish protocol.

# MEDICAL, SECURITY & ANTI-DOPING

**Event Medical**

- On-site medical team; First Aid located **near podium**

**Nearby Hospitals**

- Boulder Community Health — Foothills Hospital (approx. 2.5 mi)
  4747 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO 80303 | 303.415.7000

**Policing & Security**
• City of Boulder police may be on site as appropriate
• Course crossings staffed by marshals; please follow marshal instructions.

**Anti-Doping (USADA/UCI)**
• The Boulder Cup is subject to UCI/USADA anti-doping regulations.
• Control location: adjacent to Registration
• List of riders required to report will be posted on the timing van at finish.
• Riders have 30 minutes to report after their finish; rider/team are responsible for timely reporting.
• Riders with non-negative findings (after adjudication) forfeit prizes.

# PODIUMS & AWARDS

**Podium Protocol**
• Top 3 for every field report immediately to the podium. No later than 10 minutes after finishing.
• U23 podiums (for UCI categories) immediately precede Elite awards.
• Prize money may be withheld for failure to appear.

**Penalties for Missing Awards (UCI)**
• C1: 200 CHF + forfeiture of prizes; C2: 100 CHF + forfeiture of prizes.

**Post-Event Press (UCI Only)**
• Top 3 will be available for interviews at the podium area, then to anti-doping if selected.

# AMATEUR PRIZES

- Medals awarded to all categories

## UCI PRIZE LIST & POINTS

# 2026 UCI Event Payouts and Points

| Saturday Elite ME/WE Purse and Points (C1) | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Place** | **Prize USD** | **Points** |
| 1 | $1,612 | 80 |
| 2 | $830 | 60 |
| 3 | $576 | 40 |
| 4 | $421 | 30 |
| 5 | $346 | 25 |
| 6 | $289 | 20 |
| 7 | $254 | 17 |
| 8 | $231 | 15 |
| 9 | $202 | 12 |
| 10 | $174 | 10 |
| 11 | $150 | 8 |
| 12 | $116 | 6 |
| 13 | $104 | 4 |
| 14 | $93 | 2 |
| 15 | $82 | 1 |
| 16 | $58 | |
| 17 | $58 | |
| 18 | $58 | |
| 19 | $58 | |
| 20 | $58 | |

| Sunday Elite ME/WE Purse and Points (C2) | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Place** | **Prize USD** | **Points** |
| 1 | $403 | 40 |
| 2 | $208 | 30 |
| 3 | $139 | 20 |
| 4 | $104 | 15 |
| 5 | $98 | 10 |
| 6 | $93 | 8 |
| 7 | $88 | 6 |
| 8 | $82 | 4 |
| 9 | $76 | 2 |
| 10 | $70 | 1 |
| 11 | $64 | |
| 12 | $58 | |
| 13 | $52 | |
| 14 | $47 | |
| 15 | $42 | |
| 16 | $30 | |
| 17 | $30 | |
| 18 | $30 | |
| 19 | $30 | |
| 20 | $30 | |

| UCI Junior Purse and Points (Saturday and Sunday) | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Place** | **Prize USD** | **Points** |
| 1 | $174 | 30 |
| 2 | $116 | 20 |
| 3 | $82 | 15 |
| 4 | $70 | 12 |
| 5 | $58 | 10 |
| 6 | $58 | 8 |
| 7 | $58 | 6 |
| 8 | $47 | 4 |
| 9 | $47 | 2 |
| 10 | $47 | 1 |
| 11 | $36 | |
| 12 | $36 | |
| 13 | $36 | |
| 14 | $36 | |
| 15 | $36 | |

# PAYMENT INFORMATION

UCI category prize money may be picked up at Registration following the races each day.