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Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, MD

2023 TECHNICAL GUIDE



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USCX INTRO

For 2023, we are the 5th & 6th race of the USCX Series. The Men's and Women's UCI ELITE C1 & C2 races will be GCN+ (Global Cycling Network), DISCOVERY + and EUROSPORT + – broadcast to audiences in the US & abroad.



The banner features the title "2023 USCX CYCLOCROSS SERIES" in a bold, blue font at the top. Below the title are four event logos, each with a UCI C1/C2 classification. From left to right: 1. "GO CROSS" with a gear icon and "Virginia's Blue Ridge" text, UCI C1/C2, Roanoke VIRGINIA, 9/16 & 9/17. 2. "ROCHESTER CYCLOCROSS" with a red and yellow shield crest, UCI C1/C2, Rochester NEW YORK, 9/23 & 9/24. 3. "CHARM CITY CROSS" with a 3D block logo, UCI C1/C2, Baltimore MARYLAND, 9/30 & 10/1. 4. "RRFCX" with a circular logo and "REALITY RACE FESTIVAL of CYCLOCROSS" text, UCI C1/C2, Falmouth MASSACHUSETTS, 10/28 & 10/29.

EVENT OVERVIEW

Druid Hill Park is a beautiful, historic 745-acre urban park established in 1859. In 2021 Charm City Cross will mark the 17th annual race and our 11th year as a UCI sanctioned race. CCCX provides a top quality, euro-style race with a fun family-oriented atmosphere.

This is a two-day Category 1 and Category 2, UCI and USA Cycling cyclocross event. The event will be held under UCI regulations and USA Cycling Permit # **XX** UCI scale of penalties and USAC penalties will apply.

EVENT STAFF & CONTACT INFO

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Mike Boss MD

Sponsoring Club:

Charm City Cycling (C3-Wagner Roofing Co)

UCI & USAC OFFICIALS

UCI President/PCP: Jeff Wu

Commissaire/ACR: Phil Miller

Finish Judge: Ixsa Gollihur

Assistant Judge: Glenn Stevens

Member: Janet Yencha

Member: Mimi Newcastle

Race Secretary: Jarod Ferber

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LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The UCI Elite Men/U23 Men, UCI Elite Women/U23 Women must have a current International License. A domestic USAC license is acceptable for all other categories. **All racers must have a current cycling license.**

One-day beginner licenses are available for \$15 on-site for Cat 5 racers only.

One day licenses for Categories 1-4 must be purchased online at USA [cycling.org](https://www.usacycling.org).

Annual USAC licenses will be available for sale at the registration booth and may be purchased at [usacycling.org](https://www.usacycling.org). Details on USAC one-day licenses can be found here: <https://www.usacycling.org/get-involved/membership/one-day-licenses>

NOTE ON RACING AGE: Your racing age is your age as of December 31, 2024 (not 2023)

NOTE: There will be no separate payout for the U23 Men and U23 Women racing in the UCI categories.

REGISTRATION

BIKE REG: There is a nominal fee to register online with BikeReg.

www.bikereg.com/charmcitycross

Online registration closes on Tuesday, September 26th at Midnight.

On-Site Late Registration may be available for non-UCI classes, however, we urge you to register online to avoid the additional \$10 same-day registration fee.

UCI racers must pre-register.

Friday night packet pick up! Friday night, September 29th, from 5-8pm we will have pre-registered packets available for pickup at True Chesapeake Oyster Company at 3300 Clipper Mill Road, Baltimore. (no longer at Union Craft Brewing)

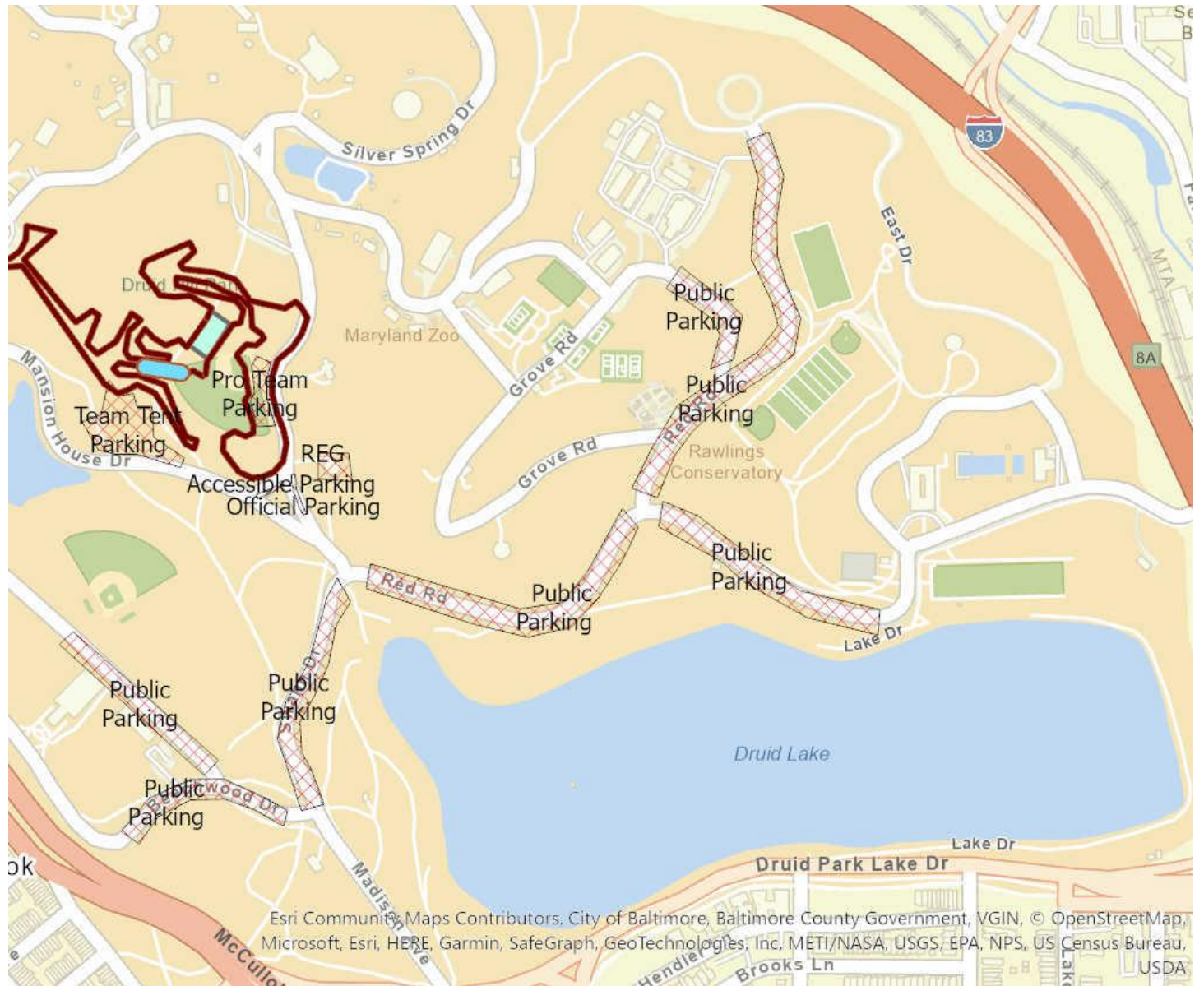
Race Day Morning: The registration pavilion will open by 6:30am and **closes 30 minutes before the start of each race.**

Packet pickup for UCI categories end 1 hour before the start of each race.

PARKING, TEAM PARKING, CLUB ROW

GENERAL PARKING

General parking is provided on the roads surrounding the venue. These roads are Beechwood Dr, Swann Dr, Red Rd and East Drive (Red hashing on the map). Please, park as one would normally on heavily traveled roads. **Please Do Not Park in the Grass.** Follow all parking signs and laws. Be aware that parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended and arrive at least 2 hours before your start time. DO NOT leave valuables unattended or in plain sight and secure your vehicle as you see fit.



DROP OFF

A secure drop-off point will be provided for Pro Parking, Club row, and VIP. This drop-off will be located at the base of the grass triangle at the main entrance to the venue, Mansion House Drive. This is only for equipment, rider, or VIP drop-off or pick-up. You can not leave your vehicle for more than 10 mins at this spot. Vehicle access to Pro parking and Club row will close at 10:00 AM. Meaning NO vehicle will be allowed to access these areas after 10AM. Vehicles may leave but will not be allowed to reenter. This is for the safety of the races and the overall success and viability of the race in the future. Thank you for understanding.

PRO PARKING

PRO PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VEHICLE ACCESS FRIDAY ALL DAY, SATURDAY 6-10AM & SUNDAY 6-10AM

After 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday, NO vehicle access will be available for PRO team parking. Racers or staff arriving after 10 AM will be required to use the secure drop-off point located at the base of the grass triangle at the main entrance of the venue. You cannot leave your vehicle for more than 10 mins at this point. This is for the safety of the races and the overall success and viability of the race in the future. Thank you for understanding.

CLUB ROW

CLUB ROW PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VEHICLE ACCESS FRIDAY ALL DAY, SATURDAY 6-10 AM & SUNDAY 6-10 AM. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DROP OFF AND SET UP YOUR CLUB ROW TENTS ON FRIDAY.

There will be overnight security but please do not leave anything of value with your tent. After 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday, NO vehicle access will be available for Club row parking. Racers or spectators arriving after 10 AM will be required to use the secure drop-off point located at the base of the grass triangle at the main entrance of the venue. You cannot leave your vehicle for more than 10 mins at this spot. This is for the safety of the races and the overall success and viability of the race in the future. Thank you for understanding.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING is near Registration.

DIRECTIONS AND TRAVEL

Directions to Druid Hill Park (Important Update from years past)

Google Maps: To get to the east park entrance please use 810 Wyman Park Dr, Baltimore, MD 21211

Directions from points North and West of Baltimore

The directions below are from I-83. You can get to I-83 in the following ways:

From Philly: I-95 to I-695 to I-83 South

From Central PA: I-83 South

From WV: I-70E to I-695N to I-83 South

Directions from points South of Baltimore

I-95N to Exit 53 I-395N toward ML King Blvd

-Continue on ML King Blvd

-Turn LEFT on N Howard St

-Turn left onto W 24th St.

-Turn right onto Sisson St

-Make a left at the light onto Wyman Park Dr to enter the park, continue on East Dr past the tennis/basketball courts and look for parking.

-Please remember to lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of plain sight.

LODGING

[Inn at the Colonnade Baltimore - a DoubleTree by HiltonHotel Brexton Baltimore](#)

[The Inn at Cross Keys](#)

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel

Red Roof PLUS+ Baltimore North - Timonium

Holiday Inn Timonium - Baltimore North, an IHG Hotel

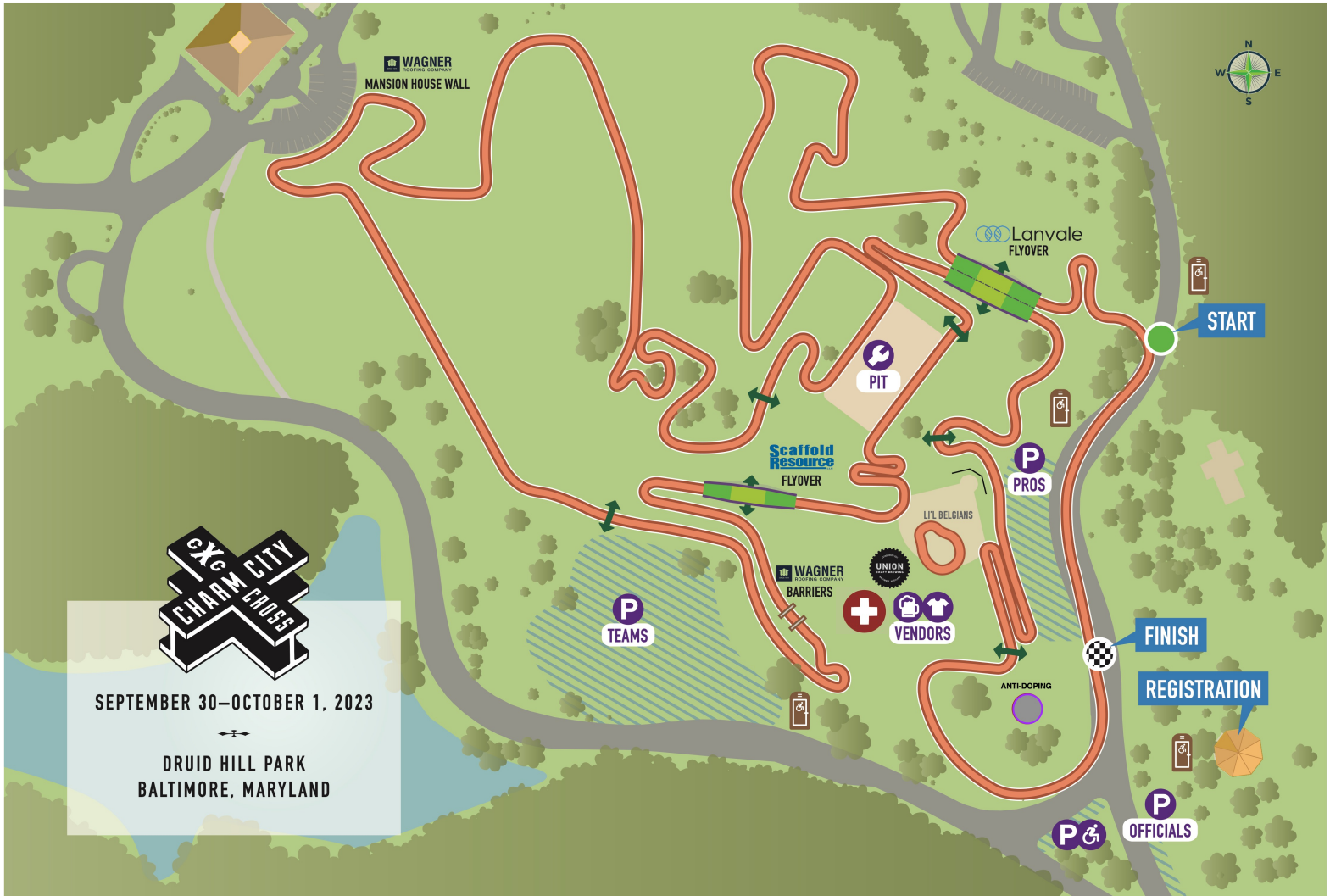
Extended Stay America - Baltimore - Timonium

(Check travel sites for other options)

COURSE DESCRIPTION / COURSE MAPS

This is a traditional Charm City Cross course looping through the historic DRUID HILL PARK Baltimore Zoo Mansion House Lawn. A Combination of pavement, grass, dirt, and obstacles will be experienced.

Course length: ~1.8 miles / 2.90 km



PRE-RIDE COURSE INSPECTION & WARM UP

There will be pre-ride Friday between 4:30-6pm. Racers found on course prior to 4:30 and after 6:00pm can be denied participation for the weekend's events.

The Course will then be closed until Saturday Morning.

The course will be open for inspection and warm-up approximately 15 minutes prior to each event. The officials will make an announcement when the course has been opened for inspection. Warming up on the course during an event is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Violations can result in disqualification. We suggest you inspect the course at least two slots before your race as you will need to get to the starting grid 15 minutes before your start time for staging.

TIMING, SCORING AND RESULTS

Timing and scoring will be done using a computer program by our Tom Mains. In addition to the staff and computer program, a high-speed camera will also be present at the finish line. The timing equipment and staff will be located in the officials' tent on a custom raised platform immediately adjacent to the finish line and truss.

FEEDING

For UCI races only: No feeding is permitted. Riders are advised to add a water bottle on their bikes if necessary. Accepting hand-ups from spectators – including bottles, cans or money – is not permitted and will result in disqualification. No alcohol is permitted on the course or in the technical area.

For USAC races only: Rule 4A15: Feeding is generally not permitted unless specifically authorized by the Chief Referee. If authorized, there is normally no feeding in the first two and final two laps of the race. The location of feeding will be determined by the Chief Referee in conjunction with the Race Organization

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping is under the control of USADA & ITA in accordance with UCI regulations. The location of the anti-doping area will be noted on site.

EQUIPMENT

No flat bars or tires wider than 33mm will be allowed in UCI events (Elite Men, Elite Women, Junior Men, Junior Women). Officials will check tires in the holding pen prior to the start of the UCI races.

For racers participating in the singlespeed events, they may either ride a true singlespeed bike (one chainring and one freewheeling cog) or may also zip-tie a SRAM-equipped drop bar bike into one rideable gear. Zip-ties should be left untrimmed & can be obtained at the registration table. No zip-tieing of Shimano/Campagnolo equipped drop bar bikes. We encourage (non-UCI) racers to adhere to the spirit of the discipline.

LAPPED RIDERS

Lapped Riders in UCI Events (UCI Rule 5.1.051): All riders lapped before the final lap must leave the race the next time they cross the finish line. The rider will be given a placing if he or she was lapped more than half way through the race. A rider who is lapped on the final lap shall be stopped at the beginning of the finishing straight line and shall be given a placing on the basis of his or her position. Additionally, Commissaires may pull riders who are behind by more than 80% of the leader's lap time.

Lapped Riders in Non-UCI Events: Lapped riders will finish on the same lap as the leaders. Riders in danger of being lapped must yield to oncoming racers and are not to interfere with their progress or trail behind them.

PIT & BIKEWASH

There will be one double-sided pit on the course. Only authorized personnel are allowed access to the pit and must have their pit pass displayed at all times. Pit passes will be distributed at registration to each competitor (one per entrant) in UCI events (Elite Men, Elite Women & Junior Men, Junior Women).

Box Assignments for UCI races only will be done by the PCP. Allocation will be available at check-in.

In non-UCI events, only those working the pit will be allowed. The pit official will have the authority to remove anyone that is interfering with the proper functioning of the pit.

We will have bike racks in the Pit. These are for racers that are currently racing, not for storing your equipment all day. Please remove your equipment immediately following your race to make room for others.

Bike washdown for active races will be approximately 50m from the pit with two pressure washers available.

Additional bike washing is available near registration for racers after their event.

SPECTATING

Druid Hill Park is a very spectator friendly venue with good sightlines of the entire track from a central location. Most spectators congregate in the area adjacent to the Union Craft Brewing beer garden. The Lil' Belgians course, kid's playground, food vendor area, and beer garden are also right there. Bring the family and enjoy the day. We will have clean port-o-johns and hand sanitizer adjacent to the infield and registration area.

MEDICAL & FIRST AID

A medical doctor and registered EMT will be on-site, set up near the planks, across from course from the timing trailer. In addition, 2 Baltimore City Fire Dept. certified EMTs will be on bikes to assist and coordinate any medical action.

Closest hospital: (approx. 9 minutes away)

Sinai Hospital

410-601-9000

2401 W Belvedere Ave, Baltimore, MD

Directions to Sinai Hospital: 2 Routes

Get on I-83 N from Swann Dr and Druid Park Lake Dr

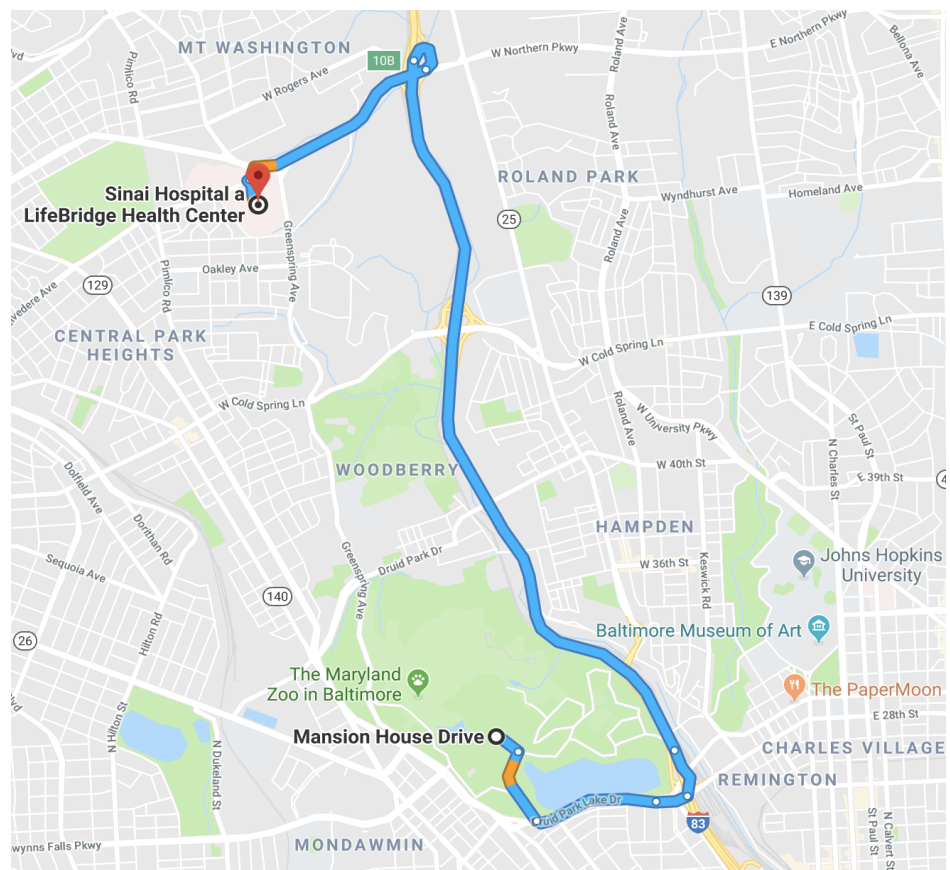
From downtown Baltimore, take I-83 North (Jones Falls Expressway) to Exit 10, Northern Parkway West. At third traffic signal, take a left onto W. Belvedere Avenue, Sinai Hospital will be on your left.

Option 2 would be to leave the park to the west and drive north on Greenspring Ave.

Police: 2 Baltimore City Police will be on-site both days

Non-Emergency: 311

Emergency: 911



UCI ELITE RIDERS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: Because of our GCN livestream production, the women's start will be delayed to 2:37 – please prepare accordingly and be patient. You are still expected to be on the line at 2:30. The GCN USCX program, which starts at 2:30pm, has a pre-race build-up (which includes athlete profiles, racing competition, the course, USCX info and announcer commentary). The men's start will be at 3:46 with a similar pre-race build-up beforehand. Thank you for your understanding!

START LINE & CALL-UP PROTOCOL

START LINE PROTOCOL

Racers must report to the holding pen adjacent to the starting grid for staging 15 minutes before the start of their race. If you arrive late, you will receive the next available position at the back of the grid.

CALL-UP PROTOCOL

Staging Procedure Riders shall be staged by the rider's assigned bib number. Walk-up riders will be assigned remaining bib numbers on a first-come, first-served basis. All riders will line up in the order of their numbers, filling gaps as allowed by the officials/callers. Staging will fill the start grid as specified in the USAC rulebook start grid.

Staging Order will be based on the most recent Cross-Results ranking and Super Series standings, using the following criteria:

1. The top 4 pre-registered riders with points will be staged on the grid, by bib number, in position corresponding to their ranking in the series standings.
2. Remaining riders will be staged by CrossResults.com ranking.
3. All categories will reserve four spots in the third row, which are to be used for promoters' discretion call-ups.
4. The first race of each year shall stage racers by their CrossResults.com ranking.

Those classes consisting of only cat 4/5 men or cat 4/5 women are staged by order of registration, as indicated in the race flier.

UCI PRO RACES: The qualifications for start order will be:

- 1) The latest published UCI standings
- 2) Random assignment

UCI PRIZE LIST AND UCI POINTS

Prize purses and UCI points scheduled for Saturday, September 30th & Sunday, October 1st:

UCI Women's, UCI Men's and UCI Junior Men's & Junior Women's prize purses meet the requirements for both the USAC Pro CX Race Calendar as well as the UCI C1/C2 prize purse amounts.

NOTE: The rider's contribution to the Cycling Anti-doping Foundation (CADF) of 2% has been included in the Prize Money listed below. It will be deducted from the prize money paid to riders.

Prize amounts listed are in USD and will be updated prior to 9/20/23.

Saturday Elite ME/WE Purse and Points (C1)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize USD</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1557	80
2	801	60
3	557	40
4	406	30
5	335	25
6	279	20
7	245	17
8	223	15
9	196	12
10	168	10
11	146	8
12	112	6
13	101	4
14	90	2
15	79	1
16	56	
17	56	
18	56	
19	56	
20	56	



















Sunday Elite ME/WE Purse and Points (C2)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize USD</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	390	40
2	201	30
3	135	20
4	101	15
5	96	10
6	90	8
7	85	6
8	79	4
9	73	2
10	68	1
11	62	
12	56	
13	51	
14	46	
15	40	
16	29	
17	29	
18	29	
19	29	
20	29	

UCI Junior Purse and Points (Saturday and Sunday)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize USD</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	168	30
2	112	20
3	79	15
4	68	12
5	56	10
6	56	8
7	56	6
8	46	4
9	46	2
10	46	1
11	35	
12	35	
13	35	
14	35	
15	35	

EVENT SCHEDULE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Category	Start Time	Distance	Prizes	
Junior Boys (13-14)	7:30 AM	30 min	Podium	
Junior Girls (13-14)	7:30:30 AM	30 min	Podium	
Junior Boys (11-12)	7:31 AM	30 min	Podium	
Junior Girls (11-12)	7:31:30 AM	30 min	Podium	
Junior Boys (9-10)	7:32 AM	30 min	Podium	
Junior Girls (9-10))	7:32:30 AM	30 min	Podium	
Masters Men 40+ Cat 3/4/5	8:15 AM	45min	3 deep	
Boys U19 (non-UCI)	8:15:30 AM	45min	3 deep	
Masters Women 40+	9:15 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Masters Women 50+	9:15:30 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Masters Womens 60+	9:16 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Women Cat 4/5	9:16:30 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Masters Men 40+	10:15 AM	45min	3 deep	
Masters Men 50+	10:15:30 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Masters Men 60+	10:16 AM	45 min	3 deep	
Men Cat 4/5	11:15 AM	45min	3 deep	
Elite UCI Course Preview	12:10 PM	20 min		
Lil' Belgians	12:10 PM	20 min		
UCI Junior Women (17-18)	12:35 PM	40 min	C1/C2	
Women Cat 2	12:35:30 PM	45 min	3 deep	
Women Cat 3	12:36 PM	45 min	3 deep	
Women Singlespeed	12:36:30 PM	45 min	3 deep	
Junior Women U19 Non-UCI	12:37 PM	45 min	3 deep	
UCI Junior Men (17-18)	1:35 PM	40 min	C1/C2	
Men Cat 2	1:35:30PM	45 min	3 deep	
Men Cat 3	1:35:30 PM	45 min	3 deep	
Men Singlespeed	1:36 PM	45 min	3 deep	
UCI ELITE WOMEN	2:45 PM	50 min	UCI C1/C2	
Elite riders, please see note below				
UCI ELITE MEN	3:55 PM	60 min	UCI C1/C2	

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EVENT HISTORY- Elite Champions

2005 Ryan Leech & Sami Fournier
2006 Ryan Leech & Deidre Winfield
2007 Davide Frattini & Carolyn Popovic
2008 Michael Gallagher & Laura Van Gilder
2009 Davide Frattini & Laura Van Gilder
2010 Day 1: Davide Frattini & Laura Van Gilder
2010 Day 2: Davide Frattini & Laura Van Gilder
2011 Day 1: Tom van Denbosch & Helen Wyman
2011 Day 2: Ian Field & Helen Wyman
2012 Day 1: Nicolas Bazin & Helen Wyman
2012 Day 2: Nicolas Bazin & Helen Wyman
2013 Day 1: Jonathan Page & Helen Wyman
2013 Day 2: Stephen Hyde & Helen Wyman
2014 Day 1: Cameron Dodge & Helen Wyman
2014 Day 2: Stephen Hyde & Helen Wyman
2015 Day 1: Curtis White & Emma White
2015 Day 2: Curtis White & Emma White
2016 Day 1: Stephen Hyde & Katie Compton
2016 Day 2: Stephen Hyde & Katie Compton
2017 Day 1: Tobin Ortenblad & Kaitlin Keough
2017 Day 2: Stephen Hyde & Kaitlin Keough
2018 Day 1: Kerry Werner & Ellen Noble
2018 Day 2: Jamie Driscoll & Ellen Noble
2019 Day 1: Kerry Werner & Rebecca Fahringer
2019 Day 2: Curtis White & Rebecca Fahringer
2021 Day 1: Vincent Baesteans & Clara Honsinger
2021 Day 2: Vincent Baesteans & Magalie Rochette
2022 Day 1: Vincent Baesteans & Anne Marie Wurst
2022 Day 2: Curtis White & Anne Marie Wurst