



Velo Promo and Golden Chain Cyclists present the 42nd Annual:

SAN ARDO ROAD RACE



Real Road Racing in California!

An Event of the 2026 California Cup

AND THE FIRST EVER (?)

All California STATE ROAD RACE

CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Please note eligibility information attached to this flyer.

Held under USAC Rules and Permit

Date: Saturday August 15, 2026

Location: San Ardo School, 62450 College St, San Ardo, Monterey County, CA 93450

Directions: Take Hwy 101 south of Salinas to San Ardo, exit freeway and head east over the river to the school. Do not park in the church parking lot. See Important note below.

Registration: Opens at 6:45 a.m, closes 15 minutes before each event's start.

Course: Same as in past, a 22-mile loop of flat and rolling country roads in Monterey County. Good to fair paving, some narrow stretches. Bumpy and narrow bridge at north end of course. Roads: Cattlemans, Paris Valley, Lockwood-San Lucas, Cattlemans. Start at School, finish on Bernardo, just off Paris Valley, just west of 101 after 1.5 miles from school.

<u>Events:</u>	miles	laps	places	value	fee	start	limit
Category 1/2/Pro	84	4	6	\$200	\$50	8:00	100
Category 3	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:05	65
Category 4	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:10	65
Junior 17-18	63	3	6	\$50	\$50	8:15	50
Mstr 35-39	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:20	50
Mstr 40-44	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:20	50
Mstr 45-49	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:25	50
Mstr 50-54	63	3	6	\$100	\$50	8:25	50
Women 1/2/3/Pro	63	3	6	\$200	\$50	8:30	50
Mstr 35+ Cat 3/4/5	63	3	6	\$50	\$50	8:35	50
Mstr 55-59	63	3	6	\$50	\$50	8:40	50
Mstr 60-64	63	3	6	\$50	\$50	8:45	50
Mstr 65-69	63	3	6	\$50	\$50	8:45	50
Junior 15-16	42	2	6	\$50	\$35	8:50	50
Junior Wm 17-18	42	2	6	\$50	\$35	8:55	50
Junior Wm 15-16	42	2	6	\$50	\$35	8:55	50
Junior 13-14	21	1	3	mdls	\$35	9:00	50
Junior 13-14 Wm	21	1	3	mdls	\$35	9:00	50
Junior 11-12	11	1/2	3	mdls	\$35	9:15**	50
Junior 11-12 Wm	11	1/2	3	mdls	\$35	9:15**	50

Mstr 70-74	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:00	50
Mstr 75-79	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:00	50
Mstr 80-84	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:05	50
Mstr 85+**	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:05	50
Mstr 50+ 3/4/5	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:10	50
Category 5 (novice)	42	2	6	tshirts	\$50	10:15	50
Women 3/4/5	42	2	6	\$100	\$50	10:20	50
Mstr Wm 35-39	42	2	6	\$50	\$50	10:25	50
Mstr Wm 40-44	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:25	50
Mstr Wm 45-49	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:20	50
Mstr Wm 50-54	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:30	50
Mstr Wm 55-59	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:35	50
Mstr Wm 60-64	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:35	50
Mstr Wm 65-69	42	2	3	\$50	\$50	10:40	50
Mstr Wm 70-74	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:40	50
Mstr Wm 75-79	42	2	3	mdls	\$50	10:40	50
Mstr Wm 80+	42	2	6	mdls	\$50	10:40	50

**starts for these last junior groups (11-12) will be at the intersection of Cattlemans Road and Hwy 198 in San Lucas, 10 miles north of San Ardo. Arrangements need to be made by Junior parents to get their riders to this separate start. If more than 4 in each group of combined starts, then there may be a 1-2 minute separation into 5-year groups.

Master Championship categories have restrictions on Cat 5 and Cat 4 riders, see eligibility info below.

Important Note:

Our parking area in town may be moved to avoid the goathead problems of the past . Info will be emailed to registered riders after close of online registration. Parking on the streets around the School is fine, except the east side of Jolon Road.

Prizes: Merchandise, cash, tee-shirts

How to Enter:

---Enter **On-line** at www.BikeReg.com from now to August 9 2026 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Aug 10-Aug 12 the fee on-line is \$15 additional. **No on-line entry after Aug 12 11:59 p.m. PST.** (Race day reg is always available) You may need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk, and add an emergency contact.

---**By Mail:** You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if **Postmarked** by Friday Aug 7 to Velo Promo/San Ardo, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$15. **Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form.** Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. **Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race.**

---**At Race:** You may enter at the race, provided your event is not filled, for the above listed fee plus \$12. 2025 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Novice (cat 5) . Entry fees include \$3 NCNCA and \$5.99 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Credit for another VP race will be given if you follow the below procedure by 5 pm Wednesday 8/12 letting us know that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$9 per day if 1) their entry is received by the August 9 deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$9, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required.

Rules: CVC Rules of the Road apply, stay to the right side of roadway. Paris Valley is narrow, and we do not want any extra vehicles (teams, parents, etc) to drive it, only normal road traffic.. There may be follow vehicles if volunteered; they need to coordinate with organizer and fill out the MVR at the USAC.org site (at least 10 days prior) to be allowed under insurance, riders should always bring pump and spare. Feed zone (bottle hand-ups) east of Fwy in San Ardo, park only where indicated. Neutral feed available, will include Bottle Grab units. After finishing, check out with the officials after the line and get off the road as soon as possible.

Do not outrage the residents by using other than the school bathrooms and portable toilets. We had complaints at the Copper Valley race in May, and as a result, are having potential difficulty with the permitting agency for next year.

There is other traffic on the roadway including large farm vehicles; always be aware of it and be prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards.

Further Info:(209) 604-1354. velopro1@gmail.com www.velopromo.com

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES for this race

California State Championship Eligibility and Guidelines- A Joint NCNCA-SCNCA Venture

1. The State Championship races are open only to riders who hold USA Cycling annual licenses and reside **within the state of CA**, with either the SCNCA or NCNCA region shown on the license.
 - a. For the top 3 Championship finishers in each field, residency must be verified by presenting a California ID or other proof of residency to the Chief Referee during the protest period
2. Out-of-State Racers within SCNCA or NCNCA are allowed to participate but will not qualify for championship podiums. They will be eligible for any other awards and prizes, excluding championship medals, prizes, or jerseys.

3. At state, regional, or national championships riders are restricted to competing in races specific to their race age and/or category. Juniors and Masters cannot race up or down for championship races. Racers must use their correct **racing** age, which is listed on the USAC License.

4. Classes may be combined and riders race together but will be scored separately in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this document and the USAC Rulebook.

5. A state champion will be awarded to the first rider of the below age and license categories. Classes will be the same for men and women:

JUNIORS

- 11-12 • 13-14
- 15-16
- 17-18

MASTERS (restricted to cat 1-3 for men aged 35-54 and women 35-44; thereafter open to cat 1-4)

- 35-39 • 40-44 • 45-49 • 50-54 • 55-59 • 60-64 • 65-69 • 70-74
- 75-79 * 80-84 * 85+

ELITE

- Pro (Members of UCI road teams)
- Category 1/2 (**if cat 3 riders are included in the P/1/2 race, they will be eligible for the jersey if they win the race & meet eligibility requirements, however if they race separately, no separate cat 3 jersey will be awarded)

6. With the exception of the Time Trial event category (not included in the inaugural year), all classes must have at least four (4) riders for a championship to be awarded. If there are less than four riders, that class will be combined with the next higher class (or lower age bracket). There will be only one championship awarded to the combined class. The exceptions to this will be for riders who are members of UCI road teams and younger Masters age groups. For UCI, if there are less than four riders, then no UCI championship will be awarded (as there is no higher category to combine them with and USAC rules prohibit members of UCI road teams to take a championship from a lower category). For Masters, combining of fields with less than four will begin with the 85+ age category. Once the four-rider minimum has been reached, the combined category will be one inclusive age group. The process will continue chronologically down through the younger age categories. If there are less than four riders remaining in a combined age group category, riders may race, but there will be no championship awarded for that combined category.
