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1st Annual SoCal Championships & Culture Weekend

SoCal Intergalactic Cycling League



Culture Festival: Saturday May 14th
Racing: Sunday May 15th
Lake Cachuma, Santa Barbara County

DESCRIPTION: Come join the SoCal League for a weekend of camaraderie, racing, and FUN as we wrap up the 2022 season! On Saturday we will build the race course and venue then switch gears to a pre-ride/ POKER-ride/, guided tours of the Trek Trails on the other side of the highway, to bike limbo, to drag races, to super-short-course TT, to the "World's Largest Circle of Doom World Championships in the Galaxy™!" Then we'll have a little awards ceremony for the festivities (where plenty of prizes will be given out). We'll wrap up the evening with a movie at the podium just after sundown! While there is no middle school racing Saturday ALL grades are welcome to come out to enjoy the weekend! we'd love to see our middle school student-athletes). On Sunday we will wrap up the racing by crowning Boys and Girls SoCal Champions in each of 8 fields as well as the top 3 school and top 3 composite teams in SoCal.

PRE-RIDE: All riders are strongly encouraged to pre-ride the course. Pre-ride of the whole course is open Saturday from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM and Sunday from 7:30-9:00 AM. **Pre-ride with map and identification and watch for course workers.**

DIRECTIONS: The venue is located along Highway 154. From Highway 154 exit at the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area signage. Be aware that the road exit comes up very quickly and that there may be a long line, delaying traffic up highway 154, especially in the northbound direction. Upon entering the recreation area the venue is immediately to the right.

PARKING & ACCOMMODATIONS: The venue has an abundance of camping that may be booked in advance by visiting the Santa Barbara County Parks booking site. Some special sites are available in the Mohawk Camp area and may be reserved by phone only. To book those sites call and state that you are attending the SoCal League Event. All parking is located along the main camp road past the venue area. Please park at campsites if you have reserved them to allow for day visitors to use the day lots. The lake has a grocery store and gas station, both located along the main camp road.

FOOD SERVICE: Food may be purchased at the camp grocery store or at the camp restaurant **"Hook'd Bar and Grill."** There are no other restaurants close by and the camp restaurant is our only allowed option. There will be no food trucks at Finals. It is likely that the camp restaurant will get overwhelmed so please come prepared.

NEUTRAL SUPPORT: **Unchained Bicycle Garage** (www.unchainedbicyclegarage.com for more info) will be on hand providing Neutral Support. They can provide mechanical assistance prior to your race start. Mechanics staffing Neutral Support may work on non-emergency fixes for a fee if time is available.



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At the conclusion of the 2020 season the NorCal and SoCal Leagues decided that, due to the many regional differences between the two leagues, it would be best if each league held its own championship race. The 1st Annual SoCal Championships & Culture Weekend is the result of that decision. While we have no performance qualifications to race in any race of the SoCal Racing Series, there ARE performance qualifications to race at SoCal Championships. The reason is so that we can have a single SoCal Champion in each of our split categories (Freshman, JV1, and JV2 Boys) this year and until we expand into two conferences that each have their own race series (potentially for spring 2024). Once we have multiple race series we will still only have one SoCal Champion in each of the 8 Championship Fields. Additionally, other than the ONE note below, there is no racing for middle school student-athletes (who are 1000% encouraged to come out and enjoy the CULTURE part of the weekend). So read on to find out more!

- 1) There will be 8 total individual championship fields. Boys and Girls Varsity, Boys and Girls JV2, Boys and Girls JV1, and Boys and Girls Freshman.
- 2) There will be two series of State Champion awards for team competition: School (and Homeschool) Teams and Composite Teams.
- 3) There will be 2 non-championship fields. The winners of these fields will be awarded individual medals but no Champion jersey and no points counted toward team competition. This is our way of allowing more riders to have a championship race day experience who might not have otherwise qualified. **8th grade student-athletes may register and race in the Open field.**

Race date is Sunday May 15th, 2022. Race day schedule is as follows:

Wave 1 (0900 hours)

- JV1 Boys - 2 laps - 500 team points to win
- Open Boys (non-championship) - 2 laps - 0 team points (open to any **non-Varsity** rider in grades **8-12** who has started 2 races and is **NOT** doing another race: you may only race once at State Championships. When registering select "Non-Championship Category" race.)

Wave 2 (1015 hours)

- JV2 Boys - 3 laps - 540 team points to win
- Freshman Boys - 2 laps - 500 team points to win

Wave 3 (1130 hours)

- JV2 Girls - 2 laps - 540 team points to win
- Freshman Girls - 2 laps - 500 team points to win
- JV1 Girls - 2 laps - 500 team points to win
- Open Girls (non-championship) - 2 laps - 0 team points (open to any **non-Varsity** rider in grades **8-12** who has started 2 races and is **NOT** doing another race: you may only race once at State Championships. When registering select "Non-Championship Category" race.)

Wave 4 (1315 hours)

- Varsity Boys - 4 laps - 570 team points
- Varsity Girls - 3 laps - 570 team points

Team scoring is based on the top 4 rider scores from Championship fields (Freshman Boys and Girls, JV1 Boys and Girls, JV2 Boys and Girls, and Varsity Boys and Girls) on a coed basis with at least one scoring rider being opposite sex (3 girls: 1 boy, 2 girls: 2 boys, 1 girl: 3 boys). 6 total trophies are available. School teams (top 3) and Composite teams (top 3) awards. School teams are defined as a team (official or unofficial) representing ONE high school OR a home school team. School teams can be D1 or D2 during the race series but will all be competing on the same scoring matrix and for the same 3 trophies at Championships.



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Race qualification is as follows and steps **MUST** be completed in sequence –

Step #1: **START 3 RACES** (for Non-Championship Open Boys or Girls **START 2 RACES**)

— Registration opens the Monday March 28th, 2022 (as that is the first day after our 3rd race)

— For a race to count as a “start”, a rider must be listed in the results from that race (either as a completed race or a DNF / “Did Not Finish”). A DNS / “Did Not Start” does not count for a race start. The rider must have physically started the race.

***** Riders who register before completing step #1 risk losing their spot and race fee. *****

Step #2: QUALIFY for your individual field by finishing at least one race as follows (after ensuring you have started at least 3 races). For this section, finishing AT the final spot counts (ie: rider finished in 25th place of a top 25 race qualification):

- **Freshman Girls:** No additional qualifications.
- **Freshman Boys:** Finish a Freshman Boys race within the top 25 places.
- **JV1 Girls:** No additional qualifications.
- **JV1 Boys:** Finish a JV1 Boys race within the top 25 places.
- **JV2 Girls:** No additional qualifications.
- **JV2 Boys:** Finish a JV2 Boys race within the top 25 places.
- **Varsity Girls:** No additional qualifications.
- **Varsity Boys:** No additional qualifications.
- **Open Boys or Girls register for the “Non-Championship Category” race in the Pit Zone**
 - If a rider has qualified for and registered for an Open field but then qualifies for a Championship field they will **NOT** automatically be moved to a Championship field. If they **WANT** to be moved to a Championship field they should email matt@socaldirt.org with their name and team and advise that they want to move to a Championship field (name which field in the email). If there is room available in the field we will move them and notify you. If there is **NOT** room they will keep their place in the Open field and we will notify you.

***** Riders who register before completing step #1 & 2 risk losing their spot and race fee. *****

Step #3: On May 2nd, 2022 at 1 minute past midnight qualifications for all fields will change to “Started 2 Races” from the qualifications noted in Step #2. Riders are free to Register in Championship fields if space is available. Remember that if you are already registered for an Open field and want to change to a Championship field that you must email matt@socaldirt.org with your name and team and the fact that you want to move from an Open field to a Championship field.

Step #4: All fields fill and close at 100 riders. Pre-registration closes TUESDAY May 10th at 11:59 PM. We WILL offer on-site late registration. HOWEVER, there is NO GUARANTEE of space available in any fields after pre-registration closes. If you choose to wait until race weekend to register you may drive the whole way only to find the field sold out. If you are qualified and intend to race, register as soon as possible!

RACE CALL UPS:

CHAMPIONSHIP riders from categories with one conference field (Varsity Boys & Girls, Frosh, JV1, and JV2 Girls) are called up in the final SERIES overall order. Riders from categories with multiple conference fields (Frosh, JV1, and JV2 Boys) are called up in the final SERIES overall order COMBINING the multiple fields with riders who finished in a given place being called up alongside riders from other conferences who finished in the same place. Call ups will be created from the ACTUAL roster of PRE-REGISTERED riders after pre-registration closes. ALL riders who are registered when pre-registration closes will be called up. Riders who register on site — regardless of where they finished the series — will be placed behind called up riders. OPEN fields have no call ups. Open fields will be staged based on the last number of their plate using the “UNO card” draw method to randomize the order.



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Race Day Schedule

- **Coach Meeting at the SoCal Trailer Sunday at 8:15 AM (please send at least one coach from your team).**

Field	Start Time	Laps	Mileage	Field Number Series
WAVE 1	Stage 9:00 AM			
JV1 Boys	9:15 AM Sun	2	12	100s
Open Boys	9:20 AM Sun	2	12	2000s
WAVE 2	Stage 10:15 AM			
JV2 Boys	10:30 AM Sun	3	18	200s
Freshman Boys	10:35 AM Sun	2	12	300s
WAVE 3	Stage 11:30 AM			
JV2 Girls	11:45 AM Sun	2	12	400s
Freshman Girls	11:49 AM Sun	2	12	500s
JV1 Girls	11:53 AM Sun	2	12	600s
Open Girls	11:57 AM Sun	2	12	3000s
WAVE 4	Stage 1:15 PM			
Varsity Boys	1:30 PM Sun	4	24	700s
Varsity Girls	1:35 PM Sun	3	18	800s

- **Awards will follow the conclusion of racing after results are finalized!**

- **Championship race fee is \$60 pre-registration of \$70 on site**
- **Non-Championship race fee is \$50 pre-registration of \$60 on site**



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Saturday Culture Day!

Since 2014 the SoCal League has had racing on both Saturday and Sunday. Before that, Saturdays were pretty chillaxed. Since we now have a SoCal only Championship race with no racing Saturday we decided to plus up the weekend and add some fun and games to Saturday afternoon! Thus the first SoCal Culture day. We're starting small this season but hope that in the future it will take hold and grow! Can you say Team Pit Carnival? But for this year --- read on for Saturday's schedule!

Participating in each activity earns you a playing card. At the conclusion of the day we'll see who (student-athletes and coaches) has the highest poker hand! **That person will earn a trip to SoCal Summer Camp in Big Bear this July!** Second place is a race season pass for 2023 and third is a race fee pass for 2023. Additionally --- there are a handful of GREEN cards in the decks to be distributed. Those cards can be used in your playing hand deck but ALSO get you a dip into the SoCal Merch tub. Finally, the game runners each have a few cards good for a race fee or dip into the SoCal Merch tub they can award as they choose.

So with that here is the schedule! Do as much or as little as you choose!

- **11:00 AM – Course opens for Pre-Ride.** See *Matt in a Hat* near the start chute between NOON-12:30 PM or 2:00-2:30 PM to claim a card for pre-ride. Official pre-ride ends at 4:00 PM.
- **11:00 AM – Trek Trails Tour.** Interested student-athletes and coaches meet at the Santa Ynez Valley Composite team pit close to the SoCal Trailer in the infield. Riders will be broken into groups based on how far/fast they want to ride (NO problem with just taking it easy) and given a guided tour of the Trek Trails trail system being built on the other side of the highway. Expect to leave by 11:30 AM and be back no later than 2:30 PM. Please be prepared with snacks and hydration and the tools you need to keep on truckin'! See *Matt in a Hat* at the Santa Ynez Valley Comp pit between 11:00-11:30 AM to claim a card. Contact Mike Hecker at hecktone@icloud.com or by text at (805) 868-6465 with questions.
- **NOON-4:00 PM fun and games.** We will have 3 games open that you can participate in as much or as little as you choose! All games will be held in or around the infield. Participating in each game will earn you at least one card.
 - **Bike Limbo:** How low can you go? On your bike.
 - **Drag Racing:** Two up, straight line, short distance. Pick another kid or coach and race! And then do it again and again!
 - **Short Track Time Trial:** Literally as it sounds. Accelerate. Brake. Turn. Repeat. Improve your lines. Improve your time!
- **4:00 PM – Official Unofficial Galaxy's Largest Circle of Doom World Championships.** Big grass field across from the infield. Just what it sounds like! We'll do one clockwise, one counter-clockwise then the top 3 in each will have a doom off and the winner gets a 2023 Race Season Pass!
- **Around 4:45 PM – Culture Day podium at the podium!**
- **Around 7:30 PM (as soon as it's dark enough) MTB movie screened at the podium! Bring a chair and see you there!**

Course Map available at www.socaldirt.org/2022racepage or click "Racing" in the menu bar.