

CRITERIUM RACING 101

What are Categories?

Bike racing categories are a means of grouping racers according to their racing experience and accomplishments - with categories 1 and “pro” being the most accomplished racers.

“Masters” categories enable riders 30 years and older to compete against each other... but don't be fooled! “Masters” are often faster than the younger riders!



Cycling is a team sport!

These speeds make for thrilling spectating. They also offer great chances to watch strategy and tactics unfold. Teams with strong sprinters will assemble at the front of the pack in the hope of delivering their speed demon to the line in first place. Some teams may launch mid-race attacks to gain intermediate points and win primes (“preems”, lap wins) - and to tire the sprinters.

ABSOLUTELY NO CARS ARE ALLOWED ON THE COURSE FOR ANY REASON!

HOT SPOTS TO WATCH

- 1 THE FINISH LINE** is also party central! You'll see racers fight to out-sprint and out-position each other in this final stretch of each race. And you can enjoy all the action from the Wilder Mansion Beer Garden with a beverage in hand!
- 2 THE “CHICANE”** at the corner of Elm Park and Hagans delivers thrilling action as riders attempt to navigate this tricky curve high speeds. **BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STAND! THERE ARE CRASH ZONES**
- 3 WALK THE ENTIRE COURSE** so you can see the action unfold around the course and join the neighborhood as they cheer on the action!

COMMUNITY & FAMILY FUN RIDE

Presented by the Elmhurst Park District

- 4 Check-In & Day-Of Registration** - 2 pm to 4 pm near the Wilder Mansion.

Pre-ride Staging is in the circle drive north of the tennis courts - be ready by 4:45 pm

Ride with the Pro elite racers as they warm up!

THE FAMILY FUN RIDE STARTS AT 5 PM!

VENDOR EXPO

- 5 CHECK OUT THE VENDORS** who make this possible! Food, drinks or fun - all have something great to offer!

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- 6 Primos Locos Stout's BBQ**
The Jolly Sprinkle Ice Cream
Phase Three Brewing
Rough Edges Confectionery

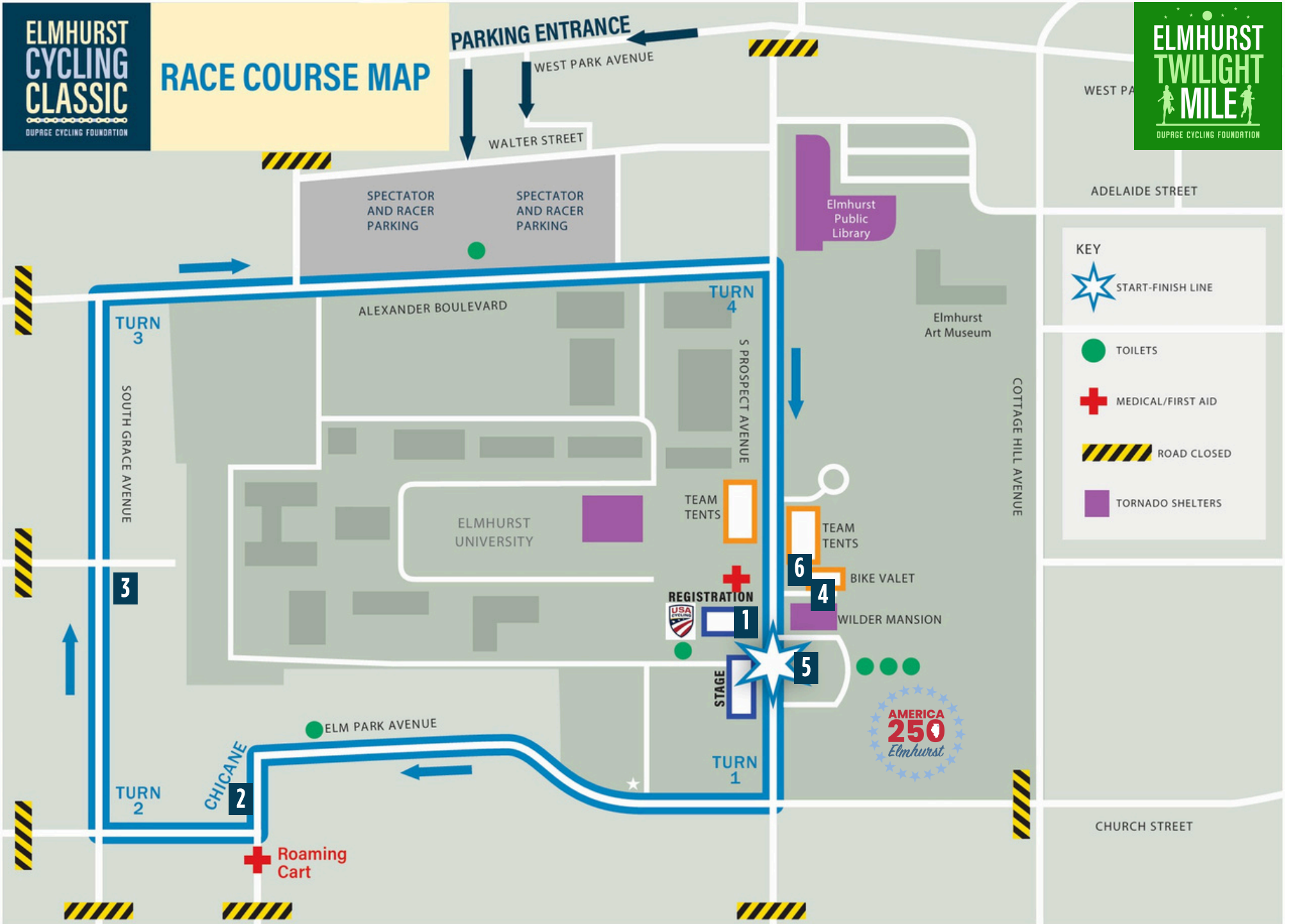
SPECTATOR GUIDE

June 6, 2026



Time	Category	Distance
9:00 am	W Masters 40+ 4 Novice, W Masters 40+, 50+, 60+ (1-4) IL Cup ¹	40 minutes
9:50 am	Masters 40+ 4 Novice IL Cup ¹ Open (1-5)	40 minutes
10:40 am	Juniors U18 IL Cup ¹	30 minutes
11:20 am	Women 4 Novice IL Cup Cat 4 ¹	40 minutes
12:20 pm	Cat 4 Novice IL Cup Cat 4 ¹	40 minutes
1:10 pm	Women 3 4 IL Cup Cat 3 ¹	40 minutes
2:00 pm	Cat 3 4 IL Cup Cat 3/Midwest Cup ^{1,2}	40 minutes
2:50 pm	Masters 40+, 50+, 60+ (1-4) IL Cup/Midwest Cup ^{1,2}	50 minutes
3:50 pm	Women Pro 1 2 3 IL Cup/Midwest Cup ^{1,2}	60 minutes
5:00 pm	Elmhurst Park District Community & Family Fun Ride	45 minutes
6:00 pm	Pro 1 2 3 IL Cup/Midwest Cup ^{1,2}	60 minutes
7:20 pm	Staging Twilight Mile	
7:30 pm	Elmhurst Twilight Mile Run - 3 Heats	1 mile

RACE COURSE MAP



- KEY**
- START-FINISH LINE
 - TOILETS
 - MEDICAL/FIRST AID
 - ROAD CLOSED
 - TORNADO SHELTERS

