



Oregon Triple Crown Tech Guide

For gravel and road cycling enthusiasts

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WELCOME!

The Oregon Triple Crown races offer **five** epic, fully-supported, timed rides through the stunning backroads of Oregon. The events are open to everyone, but **ONLY** those who sign up to be part of the Oregon Triple Crown **SERIES** are scored together for series results and receive a custom Pactimo jersey if they finish three of the five events!

Being part of the series is 100% optional, but it does give you access to entry discounts, lots of great swag, series competition with your peers, and the chance to get that custom jersey at the end of the season!

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About the OTC Series

Since 2013, the Oregon Triple Crown Series combines the best of Oregon Adventure cycling produced and marketed by Mudslinger Events with the collaboration of local rural towns and land agencies assisting in providing this opportunity for consistent age group racing and full support at each event for any cycling enthusiast.

What makes the Oregon Triple Crown Series great is YOU! Whether you smash out 20mph for over 6,000ft of climbing or take it a bit easier with the hills and the speed on our shorter loops, you'll have an unforgettable day of fun and camaraderie on the bike. We hope you will discover new areas to explore, new gravel challenges, and make new friends. Whether you are new to the sport or an experienced racer, we welcome you to our OTC family!

Each venue features unique terrain with fantastic gravel and paved roads and landscapes of Oregon. Anyone can partake if they have a gravel or mountain bike, helmet, and gear to protect them from the elements!

The spirit of gravel cycling in the backcountry is steeped in the ability to take care of yourself and be self-sufficient outside of the areas where we do provide support. Our task is to provide an inclusive and safe environment for all to participate and have fun while maintaining competitive fairness.

Being a part of this series is 100% optional!

Each event has awards for anyone who participates in the multiple distances offered at each event, but if you are an Oregon Triple Crowner, you get a bit more:

What you get if you sign up for the OTC Series:

- Great swag worth \$150!
- Discounted entries for the events in the series!
- The chance to receive a custom Pactimo jersey!
(if you complete three of the five OTC events)
- Series competition with your peers!
- Adventure!

We are part of the Oregon Bicycle Racing Association Rules, and insurance for the production of the event.

Events in the Series – 2024

All events are gravel unless noted

Routes noted with a * are the designated Team Competition route

Race #1 Oregon Coast Gravel Epic - May 4th Proposed OBRA State Champs

- Abomination 60 mile: **LONG course***
- Son of Abomination 37 mile: **SHORT course**

Race #2 West Coast Gravel - May 5th

- Erik the Red 53 mile: **LONG course***
- Leif Erikson 33 mile: **SHORT course**

Race #3 Oregon Gran Fondo - June 1st

- Gran 117 mile: **LONG course road ***
- Adventure 68 mile mixed surface: **LONG course gravel**
- Medio 71 mile: **SHORT course road**

Race #4 Takelma Gravel Grinder - June 22nd

- NEW in 2024 only - Bold 57 mile: **LONG course ***

Race #5 Sasquatch Duro - July 27th

- Monster Squatch 54 mil 11 **LONG course ***
- Big Squatch 47 mile: **LONG course**
- Little Squatch 32 mile: **SHORT course**

Scoring and Points

EACH RACE is a stand-alone event that will be chip-timed and scored with EVERYONE on the day of the event.

For the OREGON TRIPLE CROWN SERIES:

ONLY those who have signed up for the series will be scored together for **SERIES** points. When registering for each event, **please be sure** to register the same way for your first and last name, including your Team name if applicable. Our scoring system can easily create a duplicate entry without this.

Sign up for the stand-alone pass if you missed out on the three-event or five-event passes while you can join in!

Series winners will be based on the best **THREE** races **IN ANY DISTANCE** all in the same age group to count towards your final score.

Points will be awarded based on distance, with longer races receiving more points than shorter races.

The final race decides any ties based on head-to-head results on the Monster Squatch Course Sasquatch Duro. Further tie-breaking will be based on head-to-head cumulative time for the top 3 riders per age group.

**The following races receive 100% of the points
(100 for first, 99 for second, 98 for third, etc):**

- Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Abomination 60 mile: LONG course
- West Coast Gravel Erik the Red 53 mile: LONG course
- Oregon Gran Fondo Gran 117 mile: LONG course
- Oregon Gran Fondo Adventure 68 mile mixed surface: LONG course
- Takelma Gravel Grinder Bold 57 mile: LONG course
- Sasquatch Duro Big Squatch 47 mile: LONG course

**The following races receive 97% of points
(97 for first, 96.03 for second, 95.06 for third, etc):**

- Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Son of Abomination 37 mile: SHORT course
- West Coast Gravel Leif Erikson 33 mile: SHORT course
- Oregon Gran Fondo Medio 71 mile: SHORT course
- Sasquatch Duro Little Squatch 32 mile: SHORT course

**The following race receives 101% of points
(101 for first, 99.99 for second, 98.98 for third, etc):**

- Sasquatch Duro Monster Squatch 54-mile LONG course

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Awards

All overall age group podium (top 3) will receive 25% off the OTC series the following season, and Overall Champions 23 and Under, 24-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+ and Non-Binary will receive complimentary entry for the next season's events.

11 total Overall age group champions.

In addition, we will award a Grand Champion award at the final event based on the fastest age range for men and women.

All OTC Overall Age group leaders will be granted a Pactimo Leaders Vest to wear at the start of each event, as long as the rider is in the lead or tied for the overall series.

The Overall OTC Team Champion (Long Course and designated*) will receive three complimentary entries to each event, plus a 20% off code for any team member to use until 30 days before the 1st event of the series. Second and third-place teams will receive a 25% off code to use prior to 30 days before the start of the series.



Age Group Categories

A riders age will be based on how old they will be on December 31st of the current Oregon Triple Crown Series year.

Categories will be as follows for EACH distance:

- 23 and under Men
- 24-39 Men
- 40-44 Men
- 45-49 Men
- 50-54 Men
- 55-59 Men
- 60-64 Men
- 65-69 Men
- 70-74 Men
- 75+ Men
- 23 and under Women
- 24-39 Women
- 40-44 Women
- 45-49 Women
- 50-54 Women
- 55-59 Women
- 60-64 Women
- 65-69 Women
- 70-74 Women
- 75+ Women
- Non-Binary (all ages)

All Riders may self-select a distance when registering for an event and can size down the distance during the event at the first aid station if you do not make the time cut off or are concerned about your personal happiness. Each event (except for Takelma) features a split at the first aid station to allow you to make this change or continue on your way.

Under any situation, you may not ride a longer course than your registered distance.

You MUST let the finish line and timing staff know if you switch to a shorter route during the event.

When registering for each event, please be sure to register the same way for your first and last name, including your Team name if applicable. Our scoring system can easily create a duplicate entry without this.

Team Competition

Pre-register with a team name to be included in the Team Competition!

In 2023, Adventure Squad won the inaugural team comp, edging out Dialed Cycling Team and Cyclized!

Racers DO NOT need to be signed up for the Oregon Triple Crown Series to be included in the Team Competition, but they do need to ride the following courses:

- **Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Abomination long course**
- **West Coast Gravel Erik the Red long course**
- **Oregon Gran Fondo Gran Fondo long course**
(Adventure route does not count towards the team competition)
- **Takelma Gravel Grinder course** (event only has one route)
- **Sasquatch Duro Monster Squatch long course**
(Big Squatch route does not count towards the team competition)

All riders with the **SAME TEAM NAME** who finish the designated Team Competition course at each event, will be grouped together in sets of three based on the fastest times and regardless of start time.

All Team Riders must be pre-registered by Friday before the event and must have entered their team name at the time of registration.

Your team name does not have to be officially registered with OBRA. As long as three people sign up with the same team name and spell this team name exactly from race to race, they will be grouped together for the competition.

Podium recognition for the fastest team at each event will be announced.

Overall Team winner will be based on the best THREE races for that team out of five events. Final Overall podium and Series awards will be awarded at the final OTC Series race.

The final event will feature the series raffle and overall awards for all attendees who are OTC riders

Safety / Rules

Please wear a helmet AT ALL TIMES while on your bike. This includes before and after events. You can be disqualified for not doing this. OBRA rules apply!

The most important rule of any race is: **BE RESPECTFUL!!** It is on **YOU** to follow the rules, to show consideration for others, and be a good example for others to follow.

All of the events in the Oregon Triple Crown Series operate on open land and private land in some cases. This means that the course is **NOT** closed to others. In some cases other foot, bike, or vehicle traffic may be present. **Pay attention to all road and trail crossings and pre-event emails concerning land access and updates.**

Gravel Cycling or Road Cycling is a participate-at-your-own-risk sport. Once you have signed up, you are not required to participate if you feel your safety or the safety of your junior racer is in danger. Over the years, the collective group of cycling events Mudslinger Events has produced have had minimal issues with injuries outside of normal crashing, scrapes, and bruises

With this being said, numerous hazards exist, including terrain, possible trees on the course, weather, vehicles, spectators, and other recreational riders not involved in the event who may be unaware that the event is going on. All of the courses are open to others, and your race does not supersede the **safety** of any other person. We encourage all to be self-sufficient and **Rules of the Road are in place at all times!**

When warming up on nearby roads, please stay to the right and watch for vehicles. Having a taillight for your safety is encouraged, as well as bright reflective clothing.

Do not drop gel packs or anything on the course except for your sweat.

No bad language or attitude.

Please use the toilets and do not urinate where others can see.

BE nice when passing slower riders, and ALWAYS do so in a safe area. Calling out "Coming by" or "On your Left/Right" as you approach is encouraged.

In case of an emergency, send someone to the nearest checkpoint with the **injured Rider's Plate number** and details of the injury if possible, and mileage into the course. We reserve the right to call the EMT or 911, but depending on where you crash, it may take up to 30 minutes or more to get to you. If evacuation is needed, Search and Rescue will take at least another hour.

RIDE WITHIN YOUR LIMITS! There is limited insurance provided by OBRA if you crash. Accident Insurance is available through **Get Spot** for purchase as an individual monthly plan or as an add on with an OBRA annual membership. This is a third party plan, so please check all conditions to see if this is a good fit for you.

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