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# 2026 Oregon Triple Crown Tech Guide

For gravel and road cycling enthusiasts

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## WELCOME!

The Oregon Triple Crown races offer **seven** epic, fully-supported, timed rides through the stunning backroads of Oregon, kicking off in Pendleton in 2026 with our new downtown start and north loops! The events are open to everyone who wants to sign up for any event, but **ONLY** those who sign up to be part of the Oregon Triple Crown **SERIES** are scored together for series results with the bonus offer to order a unique custom jersey in 2026 for at least 50% off the retail \$115. Ride at the front, or simply ride your bike at the Oregon Triple Crown.

**Being part of the series is 100% optional**, but it does give you access to entry discounts of up to 25% for the OTC Pass, lots of great OTC swag, including Tri-Blend T, Tote, Water Bottle, Custom Socks and series competition with your age group peers, and the chance to win over \$5000 in Series Prizes.

**Read on for more info and bring a friend!**

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# About the OTC Series

Since 2013, the Oregon Triple Crown Series has combined the best of Oregon Adventure cycling produced and marketed by Mudslinger Events with the collaboration of local rural towns and land agencies. This provides an 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 with 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:**

- **Series Event Passes saves you money on entry costs! 25%/20%/15%/10% depending on the number of events.**
- Great OTC swag for all event pass riders, receiving the Triblend-Shirt, Socks, Water Bottle, and Tote Bag.
- Enter the Series and you have the opportunity to purchase the Pactimo Jersey for \$60 or over 50% off. Retail shipping is included. (retail \$115)
- OTC Series points tracking for competition with your peers!

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

# Events in the Series – 2026

All events are gravel unless noted.

## **Race #1** Real West Gravel - **Sunday March 15th**

- Long Route 67 mile: **LONG course** \*
- Short Route 47 mile: **SHORT course**

## **Race #2** Sasquatch Duro - **Saturday April 11th**

- Long Squatch 65 mile: **LONG course** \*
- Short Squatch 37 mile: **SHORT course**

## **Race #3** Oregon Coast Gravel Epic - **Saturday May 2nd**

- Abomination 60 mile: **LONG course** \* (*Wildcard 2026 - 101% of points*)
- Uncle Abomination 49 mile: **MEDIUM course** (*98% of points*)
- Son of Abomination 37 mile: **SHORT course**

## **Race #4** West Coast Gravel - **Sunday May 3rd**

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

## **Race #5** Oregon Gran Fondo - **Saturday May 16th**

*(Please note remote finish is 6 miles from Cottage Grove)*

- Gran 100 mile: **LONG course road** \*
- Medio 66 mile: **SHORT course road**

## **Race #6** Takelma Gravel Grinder - **Saturday June 27th**

- Bold 57 mile: **ONLY course** (*with extreme climbing*) \*

## **Race #7** Bend Dirt Fest - **Saturday July 11th**

- Long Route 55 mile: **LONG course** \* (*101% of points*)
- Short Route 30 mile: **SHORT course**

Routes noted with a \* are the designated Team Competition route.

# 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 for any distance. Our scoring system can easily create a duplicate entry without this.

Series winners will be based on the best **THREE** races **IN ANY DISTANCE** all in the same Category 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. Further tie-breaking will be based on head-to-head cumulative time for the top 3 riders per category.

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

- Real West Gravel Long 67 Mile: LONG course
- Sasquatch Duro Long Squatch 65 mile: LONG course
- West Coast Gravel Erik the Red 53 mile: LONG course
- Oregon Gran Fondo Gran 100 mile road: LONG course
- Takelma Gravel Grinder Bold 57 mile: ONLY course

**In 2026 the following races will receive 101% of points** (101 for first, 99.99 for second, etc):

- Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Abomination 60 mile: LONG course (**Wildcard event**)
- Bend Dirt Fest 55 Mile: LONG Course **Finals**

**Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Uncle Abomination (MEDIUM Course) will receive 98% of points**

**The following races receive 96% of the points** (96 for first, 95.03 for second, etc):

- Real West Gravel Short 47 Mile: SHORT Course
- Sasquatch Duro Short Squatch 37 mile: SHORT course
- Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Son of Abomination 37 mile: SHORT course
- West Coast Gravel Leif Erikson 33-mile: SHORT course
- Oregon Gran Fondo Medio 66-mile road: SHORT course
- Bend Dirt Fest Short 30 Mile: SHORT Course **Finals**

# Awards OTC

All category series podium winners will receive discounts for next year!

(Must complete a minimum of 3 events in the same category to be eligible for the podium)

**1ST PLACE Champions will receive 50% off entry for the next season's OTC Event pass.**

**2ND AND 3RD PLACE will receive 25% off entry for the next season's OTC Event pass.**

In addition, we will award a Grand Champion OTC award at the final event based on the fastest age range for men and women and a complimentary entry to all events in next season's Oregon Triple Crown.

All OTC Overall Category 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** will also receive three complimentary entries to each event next season, plus a 15% off code for any team member to use until February 1st . Second and third-place teams will receive a 10% off code to use before February 1st.



# Podiums OTC

## New Format in 2026

### Awards Timing & Podium Schedule

Over the years, we've worked hard to balance recognition for both front runners and those finishing later in the pack. Depending on the event, awards may include custom medals or Podium Pint glasses.

To ensure a great experience for all, we begin awards once approximately 80% of participants have finished and returned to the venue. However, we recognize that some older age groups may still be on course during the initial ceremonies. To accommodate this, we've added a Final Podium presentation 45 minutes after the main long course awards.

(Please check each event's webpage for exact details)

- **1:30 PM – Short Course Overall & Age Group Awards**
- **2:30 PM – Long Course Overall & Age Group Awards**
- **3:15 PM – Final Podium Presentation (for late finishers)**

Thank you for racing with us!

We are here to celebrate every ride, every effort, and every finisher!



# Categories

A rider's age will be based on how old they will be on December 31st of the current Oregon Triple Crown Series year. If registering early, please remember your age for next year.

## Categories will be as follows for EACH distance:

(Podiums are top 3 except for 40-49 and 50-59, these are top 5)

- Elite Men
- 23 and under Men
- 24-39 Men
- 40-49 Men
- 50-59 Men
- 60-64 Men
- 65-69 Men
- 70-74 Men
- 75+ Men
- Elite Women
- 23 and under Women
- 24-39 Women
- 40-49 Women
- 50-59 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 they do not make the time cut or are concerned about their personal happiness.

Please note that at the events when Long Course and Short Course riders are started at separate times, Long, course riders who choose a shorter distance will receive a 20-minute time penalty to account for not starting with the same distance group that they finished with.

Each event (except for Takelma) features a split at the first aid station, which allows you to change your distance if needed. However, you MAY NOT in any situation ride a longer distance than you registered for after you start. You can change to a longer distance ONLY at packet pickup. If you switched to a shorter distance during the event, it is required that you inform the finish line and timing staff to make this change.

**New for 2026: first 50 Riders age 15-18 get in for 30% off with the code JuniorOTC26 through 4/1! Thanks to our support from Bicycle Accident Law!**

**Please know riders 12-14 are welcome, but need a parent to email first.**

# Team Competition

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

**In 2025, Adventure Squad took home the win with Perthes Awareness Cycling Team in 2nd and LandShark in 3rd.**

**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:**

- **Real West Gravel LONG Course**
- **Sasquatch Duro Monster Squatch LONG course**
- **Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Abomination LONG course**
- **West Coast Gravel Erik the Red LONG course**
- **Oregon Gran Fondo Gran Fondo LONG course**
- **Takelma Gravel Grinder ONLY course**
- **Bend Dirt Fest LONG course**

All riders with the **EXACT 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.

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 seven 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! Blinking Taillights are highly recommended as you need to be seen!**

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.

# Aid Stations



Whether you're grinding up a gravel climb or cruising through a scenic forest road, our Oregon Triple Crown Aid Stations are designed to keep you moving, fueled, and smiling.

Here's what you can count on when you roll in:

## HYDRATION STATION

Water – Cool and clean, always.

Electrolytes – Typically, Hammer Heed to keep you balanced.

Refill-ready – Volunteers are prepared to assist you in quickly refilling bottles or hydration packs.

## NUTRITION & FUEL

Rotating selection of sweet & salty snacks, including:

Bananas, oranges, pickles, PB&J, potato chips, cookies, Energy bars, gels and more

Gluten-free and vegetarian options available at the Main aid – just ask a volunteer.

Your Drop bag (At select locations)

## FIRST AID & SUPPORT

Basic first aid supplies on hand (Band-Aids, gauze, tape, ice)

Volunteers trained to assist and contact medics if needed

Mechanical support at major aid stations

## MECHANICAL SUPPORT (SELECT LOCATIONS)

Chain lube, floor pump, tire levers, and a volunteer with basic bike knowledge

Some events include partner bike shops on-site – check your race email for details

## FRIENDLY FACES

Passionate volunteers ready to cheer you on and get you back on course

Quick updates on mileage, elevation ahead, or cutoff times

## CUT-OFFS & TIMING

Cutoff times are enforced at key aid stations

Volunteers will remind you of time limits if you're close to a cutoff

## LEAVE NO TRACE

Pack out what you pack in when possible

Drop wrappers and trash at designated bins or with volunteers

## PRO TIPS

Label your bottles for quick grab-and-go

Thank your volunteers – many are local riders, family, and friends

Don't skip the salt – it's the secret weapon on long rides