

US Cup Racing Info 101

New to racing? Looking for FAQ's? You are at the right spot.

1: Where can I find out more about the OZ Trails US Pro Cup?

Visit www.uscupmtb.com . Here you should be able to find most of the information you are looking for, including our hotel partners, event schedules, course maps, race start times and distances and much more.

2: Is the OZ Trails US Pro Cup for Pro's only? Or can anyone race?

The OZ Trails US Pro cup is open to all racers and riders of every level.

Friday and Sunday are Olympic Cross-Country professionals and UCI junior racers only. **Saturdays on each weekend are open to amateur racers who will have their own separate race course that will be challenging yet fun for everyone.**

2: Can I register the day of the race?

Due to COVID 19, it is online registration only. **Anyone showing up the day of their race to register will be turned away. Online registration closes the Thursday before each race weekend at 8pm Central Standard time.** Please support us to keep registration as streamline and "contactless" as possible.

3: Do I need a USA Cycling license to race?

Yes. These events are permitted with USAC and therefore a license is needed. If you don't have an annual license, **a 1-day license is available for purchase at online registration for \$10.00.**

4: How long will my race be?

Generally, CAT 1's will race 1hr:15 min-1hr: 45 mins, CAT 2's will race 1h-1hr:15 min and CAT 3's are in the 45 min to 1 hour range. Times differ on rider ability and from course layout to course layout. But those are the target ride times we aim at when considering laps and distances for the race categories.

5: What are Pro/Open, CAT 1, CAT 2 and CAT 3 categories?

The "Pro/Open" is for any Pro or CAT 1 rider 18 years or older looking to mix it up at a higher level of racing than their normal age group. A U.C.I. license is not required for this class, please **consider your skill, fitness and racing experience before signing up for the PRO/OPEN if you are normally a CAT 1 age group racer. There is no need to get in over your head and injure yourself or someone else.**

If you have never raced, or have less than 5 races of experience, **CAT 3 is considered an entry level beginner class.** Please don't sandbag this class. We are not giving anything away worth ruining someone's experience into entry level racing. If you have raced several times or a season or two, **CAT 2 would be considered a Novice to Intermediate type rider in skill and fitness. If you are a seasoned amateur racer, CAT 1 is considered an Expert type rider in skill and fitness.**

5: What else is required to race?

At a minimum you will need a helmet and a properly functioning bicycle that is free of major defects and damage. Other items like gloves, sunglasses, cycling shoes and water bottles are highly recommended but not mandatory.

Oh ya, and you have to have fun! Fun is mandatory here at the OZ Trails US Pro Cup presented by Fayetteville.

6: Where do I stay in Fayetteville?

Check out our lodging page over at www.uscupmtb.com and see our host hotel partners. There is also plenty of RV parks and campgrounds in the area for those looking for another type of experience while visiting.

7: Will the race be safe?

We will take all the necessary COVID precautions as mandated by the state of Arkansas, as well as the UCI and USA Cycling governing bodies to ensure everyone is provided a safe of race environment as possible. We have a detail COVID protocol document posted on our website for your review.

