

# RACE INFORMATION PACKAGE

Ridgeland, MS // Ridgeland Trails

December 2-3, 2017



**DELTA STATES  
GRAND PRIX**  
OF CYCLOCROSS

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## Introduction:

As a sport, cyclocross enjoys a rabid fan base across Europe. Tens of thousands of fans pack the courses creating a festival-like atmosphere that combines the speed and frenetic energy of competitive bike racing with mud, sand, beer and vuvuzelas, generating a spectacle that is as fun for the racers as it is for the spectators.

Cyclocross is enjoying a dramatic rise in popularity in the United States. In January 2013, the UCI held the World Championships in Louisville, Ken., the first time ever outside of Europe. Since that event, the sport has experienced a groundswell of popularity throughout North America.

Organized in a grand prix format, **Delta States Grand Prix (DSGP)** rewards participation in the series by allowing riders to accumulate points over the weeks, culminating in the crowning of a series champion. By hosting multiple events across the region, we are able to bring the series to teams, clubs and communities that might not otherwise have the opportunity to get involved. We see this series as a way to promote the long-term health of recreational cycling in general, and we use cyclocross as a fun way to encourage individuals to get involved at a competitive level.

Our primary goal is to grow participation in this series year over year, and to gain recognition and support on a national level from the elite level riders whose racing opportunities had previously been limited south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Now in its fifth year as a USAC-sanctioned event series, DSGP will host race events across the entire LAMBRA region during the months of October through December with the final race serving as the District Championships, through which we will crown not only the champions of our district but also the series' points champions in their respective categories. From there, we hope to encourage a large entourage of riders to attend the 2018 National Cyclocross Championships to be held in Reno, NV, in January.





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# 2017 Race Schedule:

Delta States Grand Prix is a 7-race series held throughout the Louisiana and Mississippi region.

## **Fall Into 'Cross Skills Clinic (Baton Rouge, LA)**

October 21, 2017

## **Baton Rouge, LA**

October 22, 2017

## **Ruston, LA**

November 4-5, 2017

## **Hattiesburg, MS**

November 19, 2017

## **Ridgeland, MS**

December 2-3, 2017

## **New Orleans, LA\***

December 10, 2017

\*Series Finale & District Championships

## Rules & Regulations:

Delta States Grand Prix will be held in compliance with all appropriate USAC rules regulating cyclocross specifically and domestic competitive cycling in general. In addition, the following series specific rules and regulations apply.

1. All fields must have a **minimum of 5 riders**.
2. Points transfer from category to upgrade category on a 1:1 basis.
3. Helmets must be worn on course.
4. No bar ends per USAC rules.
5. A rider may enter a second race in the same day and only pay \$10 on top of original entry fee to race second race.
6. All disputes and protests with respect to results and placings must be submitted to race officials within 15 minutes of the posting of final results.
7. Series Championships count for double points. **All racers must race the series championships to be considered in competition for series points**. Series placement, prizes and points will be announced and rewarded at podium of series championships. Series placement will be determined by combined score of best points from 6 races in the 7 race series, with all ties being decided by rider result in the series championships.
8. All prizes awarded at raceday podium ceremony – no show, no dough.

## Scoring:

We are using the USAC upgrade points scoring and category system to determine a racer's category. In the cases of combined or overlapping category races, consistently successful riders may be compelled to race the next higher combined category for which they are eligible.

Men's Category 5 will be awarded mass start credits only, and no points will be accumulated towards a series overall winner. The objective in this category is to gain experience, skills, fitness and to "cat up" to 4s as quickly as possible. Race directors and district USAC officials will be monitoring performance to keep sand-bagging to a minimum.

### Points awarded for Cyclo-cross Races

Placing	Number of Starters			
	5-10	11-20	21-50	50+
1	3	4	5	7
2	2	3	4	5
3	1	2	3	4
4		1	2	3
5			1	2
6				1

#### **IMPORTANT:**

***Riders race only in the categories on their USAC licenses. If you need an upgrade be sure to request it through USAC at least a week before the race.***

## Scoring:

Series points are calculated using a separate rubric as detailed on the right:

Place	30-Minute Race	45-Minute Race	60-Minute Race
1	30 points	60 points	120 points
2	27 points	54 points	108 points
3	24 points	48 points	96 points
4	21 points	42 points	84 points
5	19 points	38 points	76 points
6	17 points	34 points	68 points
7	15 points	30 points	60 points
8	13 points	26 points	52 points
9	12 points	24 points	48 points
10	11 points	22 points	44 points
11	10 points	20 points	42 points
12	9 points	18 points	40 points
13	8 points	16 points	38 points
14	7 points	14 points	36 points
15	6 points	12 points	34 points
16+	1 point	2 points	19 points
DNF	0 points	0 points	0 points



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## Event Information:

**DATE:** Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, 2017

**TIME:** 10am

**RACE LOCATION:** Ridgeland Trails; 521 Giles Lane, Madison, MS 39110

**ENTRY FEES:** \$30 Pre-registered (\$15 for juniors) / \$45 Late (and day of race; \$30 for juniors) // \$15 for each extra race

**EVENT DISCIPLINE:** This is a cyclocross race. We have categories for riders of all experience and skill levels. Mountain bikes will be allowed to race in all categories provided that bar-ends are removed. Single-speed bikes can ride in all categories, but there is a specific single-speed category as well. ***ALL LEGAL & MECHANICALLY SAFE BICYCLES MAY RACE!***

**REGISTRATION:** Online registration is available beginning October 1, 2017. Registration will close at MIDNIGHT THE THURSDAY BEFORE RACE DAY. Same day registration closes 15 minutes prior to start. This is a USAC-sanctioned event. One-day USAC licenses will be available for \$10 on location.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Online through <https://www.usacycling.org>

**MORE INFO:** <https://facebook.com/DeltaStatesGrandPrix>

**COURSE INFORMATION:** The entire race is held on a closed course over terrain ranging from grassy fields, to concrete paths, to muddy creek beds, to sand. It's cyclocross, so please be prepared for a variety of conditions!

## Event Information (continued):

### **SCHEDULE:**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>FEES</b>	<b>PRIZES</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>START TIME</b>
Men's Cat. 5	\$30	Prizes	30 minutes	10:00 am
Women 4/5	\$30	Prizes	30 minutes	10:01 am
Juniors	\$15	Prizes	30 minutes	10:02 am
SSCX Open	\$30	Prizes	45 minutes	11:00 am
Master's Open	\$30	Prizes	45 minutes	11:01 am
Women's Open	\$30	Cash (see below)	45 minutes	12:15 pm
Men's Cat. 4	\$30	Prizes	45 minutes	1:15 pm
Men's 1/2/3	\$30	Cash (see below)	60 minutes	2:15 pm

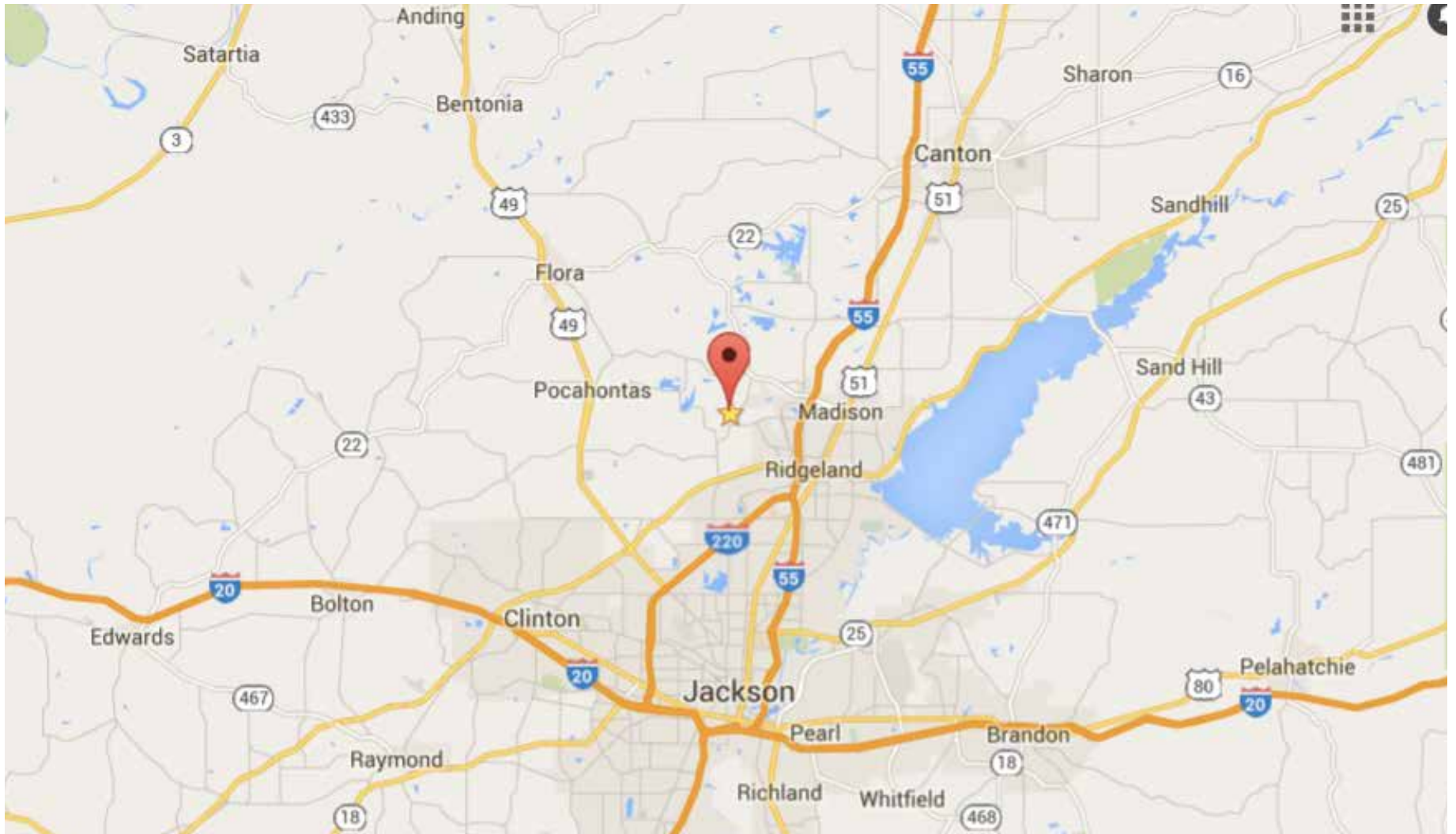
Entry fees increase to \$45 (\$30 for juniors) the week of the event and for riders choosing to register day of. Riders eligible for two races may enter the second race for \$15. Held under USA Cycling event permit. Entry fees include USAC insurance surcharge and online processing fees.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All podium ceremonies will be held at the end of the day. Participants are ***strongly encouraged to remain*** for the ceremony as no money or prizes will be given to podium no-shows.



## Event Information (continued):

### LOCATION MAP:



<https://goo.gl/maps/sKwuphoiW1Q2>

### On Strava:

<https://www.strava.com/segments/8604889>

## Event Information (continued):

### **PRIZES:**

The Men's 1/2/3 race and the Women's Open race **will have equal payout**. First place is \$60, second place is \$45 and third place is \$30.

**Series leaders (for every category except Men's Cat. 5 and Women 4/5) will be presented with the points leader's jersey at the conclusion of each race.** Final overall series champions in each category will receive a **commemorative jersey** for their victory. District champions in each category will receive a custom winner's jersey that can be showcased at national level cyclocross events as well as into the subsequent cyclocross season and 2018 DSGP race series.

In addition, **trophies will be awarded 3 deep** to the Men's 1/2/3 and Women's Open **final overall series champions. Medals will be awarded 3 deep** to **overall series champions** in all other categories. Other prizes and primes will be awarded at every race.

### **SOCIALIZIN':**

The official hashtag of Delta States Grand Prix is **#dsgp2017**. If you're into the Instagrammin', Tweetin' or Facebookin', please use that. Thx!



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