



Skyway Classic Criterium Series

Calumet Park, Chicago, IL

Monday, April 3rd - Thursday, April 6th, 2017

<u>field</u>	<u>distance</u>	<u>start time</u>	<u>4-race fee</u>	<u>field max</u>
Cat 5	30 minutes	6:00 PM	\$60	65
Women's Cat 4 / 5	30 minutes	6:40	\$40	65
Cat 4 / 5	30 minutes	7:20	\$65	65

This four-day series gives newer racers a low-cost, low-tech, nearby opportunity to try out criterium events and gain valuable experience, skills, and confidence before the season opens.

Licensing: All riders pre-registering must have a USA Cycling annual license which can be purchased on the [USAC website](#) Adult \$70 and Junior \$35. Non-license-holders may purchase a one-day license for \$10 each day you race. A one-day license is valid for Cat 5 and Women 5 only.

Registration: The fees mentioned above cover the cost of all four days of racing. Online pre-registration at [BikeReg](#) is for the 4-day series only. One-day registration is day-of, on-site only and will be \$20/day. Cash or check only. Registration will close 15 minutes before each race. (*While the field limit is 65, pre-registration is capped at 55 per field to allow space for day-of registrants.)

Riding multiple fields: Riders will not be allowed to pre-register for more than one field. Any multiple entries will be canceled and refunded. Riders wishing to participate in more than one race a day may pay the day-of fee and register the day of the race for their second field.

Results: This is a low-tech training criterium series. Results will list top finishers (we aim to have 10-deep placings, but it is not always possible) and all other riders will be scored as the last place to have been scored. For example, if we are only able to score 9 deep, all other riders will take 10th place, per USAC guidelines. Omnium scoring is based on points earned by placed racers each night.

Prizes: Prizes for the top three omnium winners in the Cat 4/5 and Women's 4/5 races will be presented at the end of the series. All prizes are donated from our gracious sponsors, varying from items such as socks, water bottles, tires, etc. No cash is awarded.

Rules: This event is held under USAC permit number 2017-547 all USAC rules apply. *All riders must wear an approved helmet at all times while at the race venue.* No alcohol is allowed in the park.

Directions: Get your warm-up by riding down! Follow the Bike Route signs from the Lake Front Path. Or, if you must take a car... If you follow online directions you'll get off the I-90 skyway at 92nd, the first exit after/before the toll, and pay \$4 each way every day. Instead, we recommend: exit the Dan Ryan I-94 at 63rd (exit 58B), go east on 63rd, south on King, and take South Chicago Ave. Left on 95th which leads into the park. Stay right at the T with Crilly. OR better yet, take Lake Shore Drive and follow along the new 2 mile extension to Ewing which leads straight to the park! You can park along Crilly before the Ave G stop sign.

Racing will be the loop following S Ave G south, left turn onto E 100th Dr, continuing left onto Crilly Dr, then left back to Ave G.

Weather considerations: Events will be held rain or shine.

Where does the money go? Half Acre Cycling believes that racing should be affordable and we have worked hard to make this series the least expensive racing in the region. Still, we know it's not cheap. Our main costs include permitting fees (City of Chicago, Chicago Parks District, and USAC), USAC licensing fees (how we get insurance for the event), paying our officials, and paying our paramedic. A key reason this series is so affordable is because we've chosen not to have cash payouts or prizes and our volunteers are absorbing more of the work. If you would like to help out, please let us know. Or, if your club is interested in hosting a more affordable, accessible event, we'd be happy to share how we've done this with you.

SPECIAL THANKS to Chicago Parks District, Alderman Sadlowski-Garza, District 4 police, Illinois Cycling Association, USAC, and Johnny Sprockets.

POINTS AWARDED TOWARD SERIES OMNIUM:

placing / points

- 1** 60
- 2** 50
- 3** 45
- 4** 40
- 5** 35
- 6** 30
- 7** 28
- 8** 26
- 9** 24
- 10** 22