



Need to know – Tailwind Ouray to Silverton 23 mile Tour/Race May 28th, 2022.

**Start Line-** Ouray Hot Springs Parking Lot @ 9:00 am. **Arrive 15 minutes early for the start as we will stage riders and give final instructions.**

- If you registered on or before May 1st, 2022 you will receive your bib number in the mail. If you **are a local rider** (zip codes 81301, 81302, 81303, 81122, 81137, or 81326), International rider, or registered after May 1st, **you will pick up** your plate number at 29th street park located at 29th street and East 3rd Ave in Durango from 3pm to 7pm on Friday May 27th. If you can not make it Friday, you can pick up at the Ouray Hot Springs on Saturday May 28th from 7am to 8:30am. If you have a registration question, please contact [registration@ironhorsebicycleclassic.com](mailto:registration@ironhorsebicycleclassic.com) as soon as possible.
- If you have family or a friend picking you up in Silverton, please have them **depart Ouray by 7:00am** and proceed straight to Silverton to avoid traffic closures on Hwy 550 between Ouray and Silverton.
- You can drop off a bag of clothes to be delivered to Silverton on Saturday May 28th at the Ouray Hot Springs location from 6:30am to 7:30am. We can deliver one small bag, please label it with your name, phone # and bib number. Bags will be loaded onto the truck and delivered to Silverton ahead of the riders.
- **Your ride starts at 9:00am at the Ouray Hot Springs Parking Lot. Please be there 15 minutes early for staging.**
- **Parking: Please do not park in the Ouray Hot Springs parking lot, there is available parking a few hundred yards away at Catch Basin lot which is located on the west end of 9th Street. You can walk or ride through the adjacent park to the start area from Catch Basin lot. Parking is always a challenge in small mountain towns.**

- To prepare for the next day, Number plates **MUST** be zip or twist tied to your hand bars in a **flat position**. Not having the plate properly mounted may result in incorrect timing. **Do not bend or curve the plate**. Numbers must be visible on the course at all times. There are aid stations on the ride but if in doubt, prepare and have a bit of extra water/bottles, food, spare clothes and long gloves for the ride. It will be cold on the passes and downhill sections. Plan ahead for inclement weather and be prepared. You will be riding through an austere mountain environment in May. Check the weather forecast ahead of time.
- In case of inclement weather on the passes we may shorten or cancel the event. That information will be posted no later than 7am at the start. Please make every effort to ride to the start as parking in Ouray is limited. We have a maximum amount of time that riders can be on the road. **We will pull riders from the road at 12:50 pm.** We must have the road completely clear of cyclists by 1:00 pm as that is when we must open the highway back up. There will be a large amount of return traffic out of Silverton and there is a big risk to riders descending at that time who may think the road is still closed. Riders that are pulled will be transported by bus, bikes and truck to the Silverton finish. You can meet up with your bike there near the finish line. The Colorado State Patrol manages the removal of riders from the course, and there are no exceptions. **Please do not try to persuade CSP to let you keep riding.** They allow us to close the road so please respect their role and help in our event.
- **NO IPODS/EARBUDS** – they are a safety issue.
- **This is a no support race, carry your own items. No sag vehicles are allowed.**
- **Crossing the yellow centerline is not allowed.**
- Always stay to the right hand side of the road throughout the course. **Even though the course is closed, there is potential for ambulances and Colorado State Patrol to be coming in the opposite direction, stay in your lane and do not cross the yellow line.** There will be riders of varying pace around you at all times. Keep an eye out for hazards on the road such as potholes and debris, especially at the start when you are in a large group or descending. Safety is our first priority.
- When you arrive in Silverton, you will ride down the main street to the end of town and down to the finish line. Please stay in the middle of the road in the coned off bike lane as you ride through Silverton. The main street is still open to traffic on either side of

you but it will be minimal.

- Upon arrival under the finishing truss and chute, **clear the finish line** and enter the Memorial Park area to your left. There are bathrooms available on the north end of the park just after the finish line on your left as you go up the hill. The baggage pick up will also be on the left of the finishing chute as you enter the park.
- We make every effort prior to the event start regarding weather and a shortened or canceled event. However, if you are on the course and the weather deteriorates, an emergency bus and truck are stationed on top of Red Mountain. Based on how severe the weather becomes, Colorado State Patrol can stop events and direct people to buses or aid stations for assistance and communication. Please make your way to one of those locations for safety and warmth as needed or directed. Additionally, there are emergency personnel, Ham radio operators, official vehicles and aid stations along the course. Ask any personnel if you need assistance. All aid stations and Ham radio operators can communicate with emergency personnel.
- There will be one aid station on the course and it is located at the top of Red Mountain Pass. Red Mountain Pass is approximately halfway to Silverton. The overall course is 23 miles long, with 3300 feet of climbing. The stations have liquids and food items. Do not rely solely on the aid stations, take a supply of items on your own. We do not provide mechanical support. Please bring your own repair provisions **\*\*There are porta potties at the start line and the top of Red Mountain Pass and the finish line in Silverton. \*\*There is a course map under each event tab for each event on our website.**
- Results will be posted as quickly as possible at <http://racerite.com/results.html> If you have a question for the Timing and Scoring company or want to lodge a complaint please do so immediately after you finish. They will be adjacent to the finishing line/truss on the park side under tents.
- Finisher gifts will be given out to riders in Silverton just past the finish line on the left as you exit the finish area. You must have a bib # to get a gift.
- Prizes (checks) for all riders who place will be sent in the mail the two weeks after the event, if you have not received it in three weeks please email us. Please see the road race web page for category placing payout info.
- There are many restaurants within Silverton, please patronize them as they help make the event possible.

- Thank you for being a part of our event. We hope you enjoy your experience.
- The IHBC contributes a portion of all entry fees to supporting many local initiatives including the Davis Phinney Foundation, Durango Derailers, Devo and Fort Lewis Cycling programs