

The 31st Annual Original Merced Criterium

February 21, 2016

Presented by Golden Chain Cyclists & Velo Promo

Held under USAC Racing Rules & Permit 2016-420

Registration: Opens at 7 a.m. at M and 19th Street, downtown Merced, CA. Registration closes 15 minutes before each event's scheduled starting time.

Course: Change from before 2008 (same as 2009-2015): A 0.9 mile loop of flat city streets: three 90-degree turns, and a narrow loop around the Old Courthouse. Good to Fair pavement, some bottle dots/reflectors, especially on the wide finish straightaway. Streets: M, Main, N, Courthouse loop, 21st, M. The course added another block (7 years ago) onto the two long straightaways, going into downtown (Main Street) now. s/f on M at 19th.

Directions: Merced is on Hwy 99 between Modesto and Fresno. Take the R Street exit and head towards the Sierra (northeast). Turn right on Main, 18th or 19th to the course.

Events:	minutes	places	value	fee	start	limit
Category 4	45	6	\$100	\$37	8:00	100
Mstr 35+ 1/2/3	45	6	\$200	\$37	8:50	100
Mstr 35+ 4/5	45	6	\$100	\$37	9:40	75
Mstr 45+ 1/2/3	45	6	\$200	\$37	10:30	100
Category 5	40	6	\$0	\$37	11:20	50
Category 3	45	6	\$200	\$37	12:10	100
Women 4	40	6	\$0	\$37	1:00	50
Women 1/2/3/Pro	45	10	\$300	\$37	1:45	100
Cat. 1/2/Pro	60	10	\$300	\$37	2:35	150

*May be shortened if less than 10 riders start.

Prizes: Will be merchandise, cash (minimum \$700) & awards.

How to Enter:

---**via On-line** at www.BikeReg.com, from December 29, 2015 7pm PST to February 14, 2016 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 15-17 the fee on-line is \$8 additional. No on-line entry after midnight PST Wednesday Feb 17. You'll need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

---**By Mail:** You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday Feb 12 to Velo Promo/Merced, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$8. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race. Mail in entries will not be processed until after the opening of online reg.

---**At Race:** You may enter at the race, provided your event is not filled, for the above listed fee plus \$8.

2016 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5, Master 5 or Women 4. Entry fees include \$1 NCNCA and \$3.75 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Credits: Credit for another VP race will be given if VP is notified at tech@bikereg.com by 5 pm Wednesday 2/17 that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions for cancellations. Send e-mail for credit to tech@bikereg.com

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Criterium Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$3 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$3, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required

Rules: Free lap rule applies. Lapped riders may not sprint for primes and may be pulled.

Further information: (209) 533-4996 or velopro1@sonnet.com or www.velopromo.com

Map of the Course:

Original Merced Criterium Course

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Union Pacific Railroad

