

**2021 NCNCA Masters and Juniors Criterium Championships**  
**(see eligibility notes, below)**

# Castle Criterium

**ATWATER, CALIFORNIA Sunday September 5, 2021**

Presented by Golden Chain Cyclists & Velo Promo  
Held under USAC Racing Rules & Permit 2021-4470

**Registration:** Opens 7 am. at Airflight and C Streets, north of the parade ground (flag surrounded field), Castle Airport Center, Atwater, CA. .

**Course:** A 0.8 mile flat loop on the former Castle Air Force Base. Counterclockwise: Two 90 left turns and one long 180 degree curve. Streets: Heritage, Airflight, A, Heritage. S/F on Airflight at C Street. This is a last minute replacement for the planned Chowchilla Criterium course (construction on houses has started there)

**Directions:** Castle is located northeast of Atwater, and northwest of Merced, off Santa Fe Drive (Which is Olive Drive in Merced) and is parallel to Hwy 99. Take the Buhach Rd exit from 99 between Atwater and Merced, and head north to take a right turn on Bellevue, right again on Santa Fe, then immediately left to Castle's "Spaceport" entrance. This becomes Stratofortress St. Turn right on Academy to parking. Follow blue "to parking" signs.

**Castle Schedule:** All events are NCNCA Championships and all are 50 rider maximum fields

Events	length	start	combinations
Master 50-54	45 minutes	8:00	
Master 55-59, 60-64	45 minutes	8:55	2 groups picked separately
Master 65-69,70-74,&75+	40 minutes	9:50	3 groups picked separately
Master W 35-39, 40-44	40 minutes	10:40	2 groups picked separately
Mast W 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+40	minutes	11:30	4 groups picked separately
Jr Boys & Girls 11-12 & 9-10	30 minutes	12:20	4 groups picked separately
Junior Boys & Girls 13-14	30 minutes	1:00	2 groups picked separately
Junior Boys & Girls 15-16	30 minutes	1:40	2 groups picked separately
Junior Boys & Girls 17-18	40 minutes	2:20	2 groups picked separately
Master 35-39	45 minutes	3:10	
Master 40-44	45 minutes	4:05	
Master 45-49	45 minutes	5:00	

**Entry Fees and Prizes:** Masters entry fee \$42, Juniors entry fee \$22. Medals go to top three in each category (District Champion jersey for 1<sup>st</sup> in each category). Tee shirts to top 3. There may be additional prizes.

**How to Enter:**

---via **On-line** at [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com) from now to August 29 2021 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Aug 30-Sept 1, the fee on-line is \$8 additional. No on-line entry after midnight PST Wednesday Sept 1. You may 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 Aug 27 to Velo Promo/Castle, 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.

2021 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5 (novice) . Entry fees include \$1.50 NCNCA and \$5 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

**Credits:** Credit for another VP race will be given if VP is notified at [tech@bikereg.com](mailto:tech@bikereg.com) 5 pm PST Wednesday 9/1 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](mailto:tech@bikereg.com)

**Champion Discounts:** Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Criterium Champions and National Criterium Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$5 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 District jersey is not required

**Rules:** Lapped riders (if allowed to remain in race) may not sprint for primes. Free lap applies, bring wheels.

**Further Information:** Available at (209) 604-1354, [velopro1@gmail.com](mailto:velopro1@gmail.com), or [www.velopromo.com](http://www.velopromo.com)

**Eligibility:** Only riders with annual USAC licenses and residents of NorCal and Northern Nevada can medal in the Championships. Championship events are open only to Cat 1/2/3 riders, but additionally, Category 4 racers are eligible to enter Masters fields with a racing age of 55 or older and Category 5 racers may enter Masters fields with a racing age of 60 or older. For Masters Women: Category 4 Women are eligible to enter Masters fields with a racing age of 45 or older.