



2026 PARA-CYCLING ROAD
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

HUNTSVILLE-ALABAMA
USA



2026 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships Huntsville- Alabama, USA

4-7 September 2026

General Information on the Region

Huntsville: The Rocket City

Between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the banks of the Tennessee River is Alabama’s largest city, Huntsville. Known around the world as the “Rocket City” for its role in America’s space program, Huntsville is a place of innovation and discovery. It’s home to Cummings Research Park (CRP), the fourth largest research park in the world. The research park boasts widely recognized companies, shopping, food, and world-class experiences. More than just a hub of innovation, CRP is a place that challenges the limits.

Huntsville has deep history around every corner. Beyond its legacy of science and space is a thriving and vibrant culture that includes activities for all walks of life. Tourists can hear from NASA scientists at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, catch a game with one of the most notable minor league baseball teams in the country, the Rocket City Trash Pandas, or take in some of the best musical artists at a handful of local venues. Our innovative approach to quality experiences has launched our community into one of the best places to live and created a memorable place to visit.

Welcome to Huntsville, where the sky is never the limit! We’re ASmartPlace™.



1. ENTRY

All entry will be done through the UCI Regonline V2 new entry system. The system will open on **20 July 2026** at 12:00 (CEST) and will close on **3 August 2026** at 23:59 (CEST).

Online registration link: [UCI Dataride](#).

2. REGISTRATION FEE FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The registration fee is \$100 USD per accredited person. (Refunds cannot be made for athletes who registered but didn't compete). Only the National teams that have paid the registration fee within the deadline will receive their accreditation passes and be able to take part in the competition. **The deadline for payment is August 4, 2026.**

Countries need to show **proof of payment** when picking up the accreditations.

For any questions related to the registration fee or invoices, please contact the below mentioned email.

Email: ekoshut@hsvchamber.org

UCI and Organizer Committee will not be held responsible if you or your team misses the return flight due to delays in the program.

Organizer's Bank Account Details

Regions Bank
200 Clinton Avenue W, Floor 11
Huntsville, AL 35801
Routing Number: 062000019
Wire Routing Number: 062005690
Account Number: 367185649

3. KEY DATES AND PRE COMPETITION MEETINGS

PI Classification

Date: 1-2 September

Time: 9:00 – 18:00

Location: Westin Huntsville

VI Classification

Date: 1-2 September

Time: 9:00 – 18:00

Location: TBC

Paralympic Performance Summit

Date: 2 September

Time: TBC

Location - University of Alabama in Huntsville (4.1 miles from the HQ)

Press Conference

Date: TBC

Time: TBC

Location - TBC

Adaptation Checks

Date: 3 September

Time: 09:00 – 18:00

Location: Westin Huntsville

Confirmation Of Starters

Date: 3 September

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Location: Westin Huntsville

Official Meetings

Drivers Meeting – Date/time/location TBC

Team Managers Meeting – 3 September at 16:00 at Westin Huntsville

Team Relay Meeting – Date/time/location TBC

Official Training Session – TT Course Only

Thursday, 3 September - 2-hour practice window (TBC)

4. SCHEDULE

The most recent competition program will be available on the [UCI website](#).

5. QUOTA ALLOCATION

The quota allocation for Para-cycling Road will be published on the [UCI website](#). An intermediate quota allocation will be first published after the UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup Season has finished. A final update will be published after all eligible events have concluded..

6. RACE PERMANENCE

Operations hours of the race permanence are as follows:

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| Date | 31 August - 3 September |
| Operational Hours | 9:00 – 17:00 |
| Location | Westin Huntsville |

7. ACCREDITATION

Operations hours of the Accreditation center are as follows:

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| Date | 31 August - 3 September |
| Operational Hours | 9:00 – 17:00 |
| Location | Westin Huntsville |

All other information TBC in future bulletins.

8. HOSPITAL

Nearest hospital location: Huntsville Hospital, 101 Sivley Road SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

9. TRANSPORT

The primary airport serving Huntsville, Alabama is Huntsville International Airport (HSV). Please note that the “International” in the airport is for air cargo only. Flying to/from HSV is incredibly easy and efficient. All major airlines fly into Huntsville.

If you have questions about the airport, capacity of planes, or other airline related questions, please contact Erin Koshut, LOC Operations Chair at ekoshut@hsvchamber.org. We have contacts at the HSV airport we can put you in touch with.

Distances From Other Airports

- International Airport Atlanta (ATL) to Huntsville: 232 miles, 3.5 hours
- International Airport Nashville (BNA) to Huntsville: 114 miles, 2 hours

Transportation From/To the Airports

If you are flying into/out of HSV, the LOC has a list of and relationships with local (Huntsville only) box truck/car rental agencies in Huntsville. Contact Erin Koshut at ekoshut@hsvchamber.org for Huntsville questions.

If flying in/out of any other airport, national and global brands for box trucks, rental cars are easily found by visiting that airport’s website.

10. OPENING CEREMONY

The LOC for the 2026 Worlds is working on an opening ceremony for all nations. More details will be published in future updates to the bulletin.

11. ACCOMODATION

All accommodation is managed by the LOCs partner, Touronimo. Please complete the accommodation request form at <https://huntsvilleparaworlds.com/accommodations/> by **May 22, 2026**. Touronimo will work with each nation and the area hotels we have reserved for the Worlds to ensure a good fit to the nation's needs and requests.

12. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS

Confirmation of starters will take place at the Westin Huntsville from 09:00-12:00 on 3 September. A schedule of nations will be distributed no later than the day before the meeting.

Team Managers must produce all UCI licenses for riders, pilots, and staff driving following cars at this meeting and bring racing kits to be checked by the Commissaire Panel.

13. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

The team managers' meeting is an important pre-race activity that will provide team managers with key information about technical rules and event procedures. The technical briefing will equip team managers with vital information required to support their athletes on competition days. It is compulsory for each participating nation to have at least one representative from their team staff present. At the conclusion of the meeting, bib numbers, transponders and car stickers will be distributed.

The Team Managers Meeting will take place at the Westin Huntsville at 16:00 on September 3. A maximum of 2 participants per nation may attend the meeting.

14. CLASSIFICATION

PI Classification will take place at: The Westin Huntsville

VI Classification will take place at: TBC

PI and VI Classification schedule will be available on the [UCI website](#) 2 weeks prior to the event.

Any athlete who does not show up to the scheduled Classification time will be made CNC and will not be permitted to compete.

Submission Of Classification Paperwork

All athletes with a New, Review or Fixed Review Date 2026 or earlier must be present for all days of Classification to allow for scheduling. Athlete medical information must be uploaded to their profile on PCSAS. Nations who do not yet have a PCSAS account must request access via classification@uci.ch.

Adaptation Checks

Adaptation checks will take place on 3 September. A schedule will be communicated prior to the day. All athletes who have modifications to their equipment must present for adaptation checks. Information on adaptations must be uploaded to PCSAS prior to their appointment.

Any questions regarding Classification or to add an athlete to the adaptation check schedule may be directed to classification@uci.ch.

15. START LIST

Provisional entry lists will be available on the [UCI website](#). The definitive list of starters and detailed start list will be available after the team manager's meeting.

16. RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers will be assigned after the confirmation of starters and distributed at the team managers' meeting. C, T, and B division athletes must wear 1 number for the individual time trial and 2 with the frame plate for the Road Race.

H class riders must wear identifying numbers (either stickers or bib numbers) on both sides and the frame plate mounted to the safety bar for individual Time Trial and Individual Road Race.

Team relay numbers will be distributed before the race starts on Sunday Morning after the specific Team Relay Meeting.

17. TRANSPONDERS

All athletes are required to use transponders. A deposit of \$100 USD per athlete, capped at \$575 USD per team. Payable upon confirmation of athlete participation during the Confirmation of Starters. Transponders will be distributed to team managers after the Team Managers Meeting on 3 September.

18. EQUIPMENT

H and T class riders are required to use the safety bar for both Individual Time Trial and Individual Road Race.

Riders must wear the helmet that corresponds to their sports class as identified in regulation 16.10.002.

19. VEHICLE ACCREDITATION

Any team or support vehicles who wish to utilize the official team parking and/or access the field of play must submit their vehicle details during the accreditation process. Your vehicle will be turned away from official event spaces if it does not have a Vehicle Accreditation.

The number of approved following cars will be calculated based on the final confirmation of number of riders and regulation 16.7.011.

20. TEAM AREA & PARKING

The Teams Area is located in Athlete Village. Athlete Village is in the parking area of the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology.

In general, you can park 1 car in the Teams Area per country. If your country has booked units (container + tent), then you can park 1 car per unit you've booked. Countries who didn't book a unit will share a common parking lot (1 place) & a common tent in the Teams Area.

All containers must be locked by the countries every day. During the day there is access control to the Teams Area.

Catering service will be provided by the LOC in the Athlete Village. This service is only available to teams that pre-register and pre-pay for their meals. There are no other eating options within walking distance of the Village.

21. RACE ROUTE MANAGEMENT

A large fleet of police and safety motorcycles will operate during official training and competition times to ensure the safety of all athletes involved. All course roads will be fully closed during competition times. Additionally, there may be a vehicle or two with cameras on road race days.

22. NEUTRAL SERVICE

Shimano will provide neutral service. Basic repairs will be available but not for structural repairs.

23. TEAM CARS

Team cars are permitted to follow athletes during time trials. Drivers must have a UCI license as well as a driving license or international driving license valid in the **USA**.

NO team cars are allowed in the road race convoys. Teams can service riders at the feed zone on the road race course. If neutral service is unable to get an athlete back on the road, a broom wagon service is available to get athletes and their cycles back to the start / finish.

24. POST-RACE

TBC

25. DOPING CONTROL STATION

All anti-doping checks take place at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. This is adjacent to the Athlete Village and close to the finish line. There will be event signalization to the antidoping from the Teams Area & Athlete Village.

Doping Control Officers and chaperones, will be on site and notify any athlete who has been selected for the doping control. Chaperones will guide selected athletes and support staff to the doping control station.

26. VISAS

Each federation is responsible for obtaining the necessary documentation to enter the United States. Every person seeking to enter the USA must be in possession of a valid passport for travel to the USA and, where necessary, a visa.

Visa Requirements:

To determine if you require a visa to travel to the United States, please visit the U.S. Department of State's **Visa Wizard**.

A visa is required for all visitors to enter or transit through the U.S. except for nationals of Canada and Bermuda, and nationals of countries that are part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Currently, 42 countries participate in the VWP. Nationals of all other countries will require a visa to enter or transit the U.S.

How do I apply for a visa?

1. Complete the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form **DS-160**.
2. Pay the required visa application fee.
3. Schedule an interview appointment. Appointments should be scheduled as soon as possible. For instructions and information, please consult **U.S. Visa info**. Please note that interview appointments must be scheduled by the applicant: they are not assigned by the Embassy/Consulate.
4. Print the DS-160 barcode page and bring it with you to your interview appointment.

Please note: Official letters of invitation are strongly recommended, and you can carry it with you to your visa interview and when traveling to the US.

For questions or clarification, or to request your team/athlete's official letter of invitation for the 2026 UCI Paracycling Road World Championship, please email Chris Aronhalt, President, Medalist Sports, chris.aronhalt@medalistsports.com.

27. LOC OFFICIALS

LOC Chair: Chip Cherry, President/CEO, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber

LOC Operations Chair: Erin Koshut, Executive Director, Cummings Research Park

LOC Communications/Marketing Chair: Claire Aiello, VP for Communications, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber

LOC Sports Management Partner: Medalist Sports

Event Website

Official Website: <http://www.huntsvilleparaworlds.com>

28. OFFICIALS

Commissaires

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| Greg GRIFFITHS (AUS) | President of the Commissaires Panel |
| Josee BEDARD (CAN) | Race Secretary |
| Scott TAYLOR (GBR) | Member |
| Dorothy ABBOTT (USA) | Member |
| Elaine SILVEIRA SIRYDAKIS (BRA) | Member |
| Erwin KISTEMAKER (NED) | Member |
| Scott DOEL (CAN) | Technical Commissaire |

National Commissaires (USA)

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Classifiers

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| Matthew MCLAUGHLIN (USA) | Chief Classifier - PI |
| Joan HACKEN (AUS) | PI Classifier |
| Tamara KOROSCIL (CAN) | PI Classifier |
| Jenny BARTLOFF (USA) | PI Classifier |
| Ben BRAXLEY (USA) | PI Classifier |
| Marie-Josée SENECALE (CAN) | VI Classifier |
| Carlos GARLETTI (BRA) | VI Classifier |

Key Staff – UCI

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| Todd FRASER | Para Cycling Manager |
| Isabella ZENS | Classification Coordinator |
| Marie MOSER | Para Cycling Coordinator |
| Melanie MASSET | Para Cycling Intern |
| Randall SHAFER | Technical Delegate |
| Sylvain RICHARD | Timing Consultant |
| Andrei KRASILNIKAU | Equipment Specialist |
| Benjamin GILBERT | Social Media Editor |
| TBC | Videographer |
| TBC | TV Expert |

29. CLIMATE CONDITION

Climate

September in Huntsville, AL, is typically warm with high humidity, though temperatures gradually start to decrease. Average daily highs are in the high 80s and lows in the high 60s, with around 8 hours of sunshine per day. While it's often dry, there is a chance of rain, and the potential for tropical storm influence from the Gulf of Mexico remains. A more detailed climate forecast will be distributed closer to race date.

Climate Data For Huntsville

Average Daily High: 88-89F, 31-32C

Average Daily Low: 62-69F, 16-20C

Humidity: High, ~74%

Average Monthly Rainfall: Approximately 2.90-4.1 inches, 7.3-10.4 cm

Average Chance of Rain: Decreases through the month, averages between 24-27%

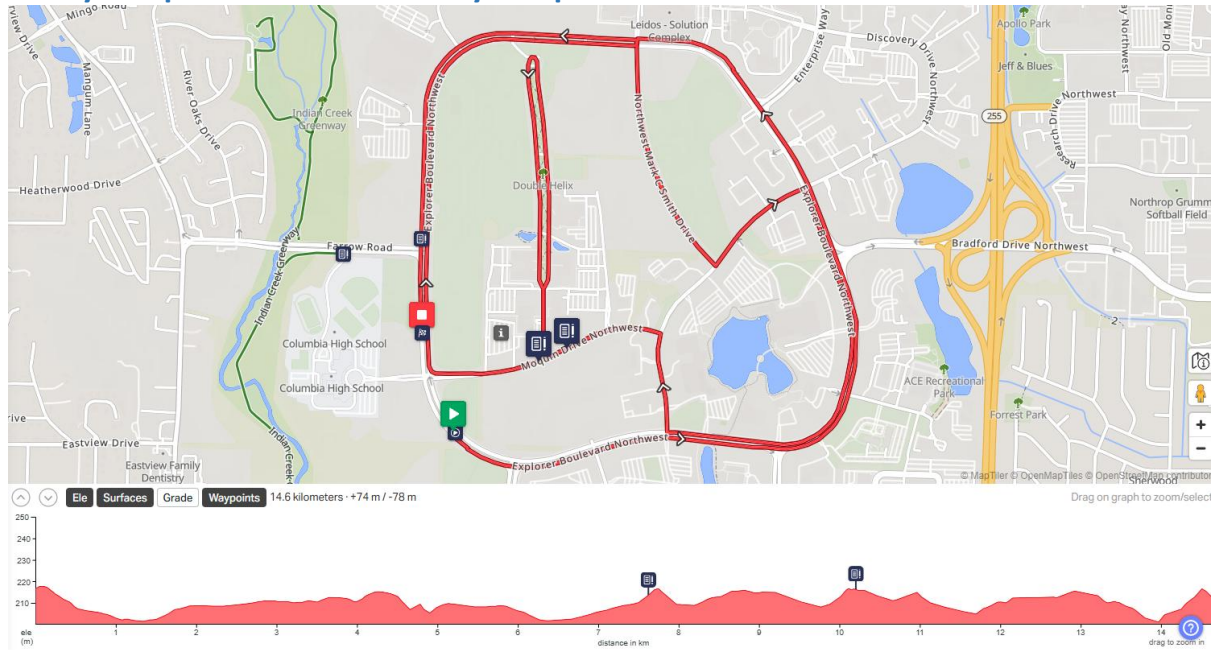
Average Wind: 8.8 mph, 14 kph

Long term forecast based on historical averages only

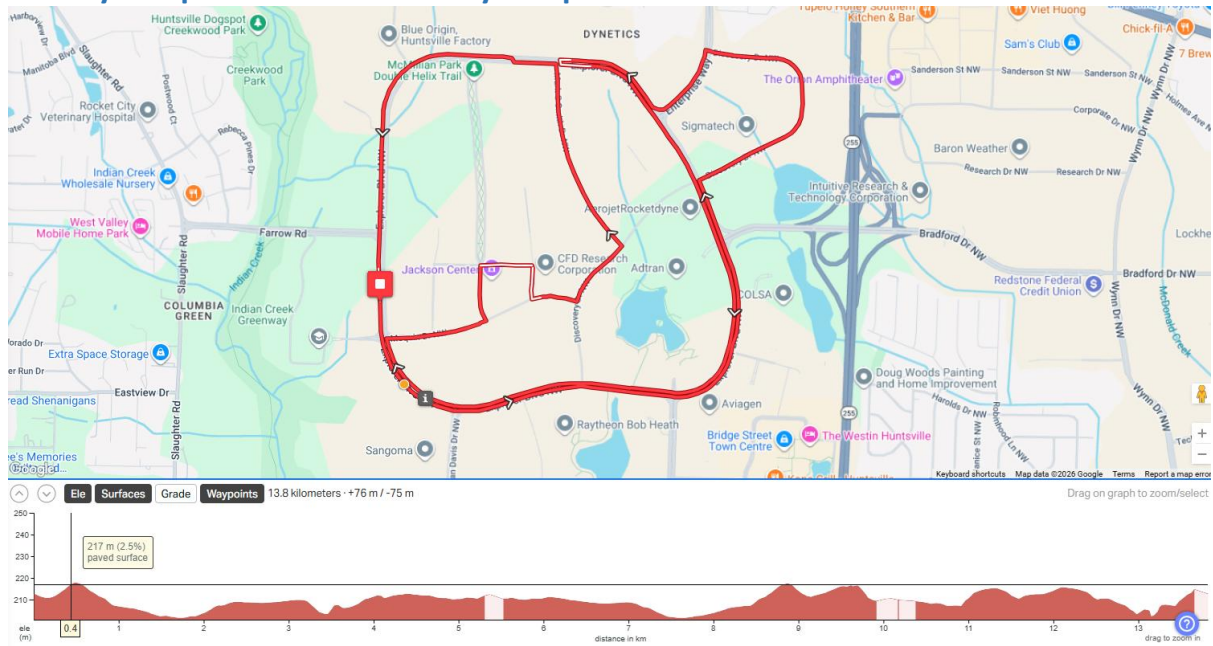
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| Hist. Avg. 88° 66° | Hist. Avg. 88° 66° | Hist. Avg. 88° 65° | Hist. Avg. 87° 65° | Hist. Avg. 87° 65° | Hist. Avg. 87° 64° | Hist. Avg. 86° 64° | |

30. MAPS

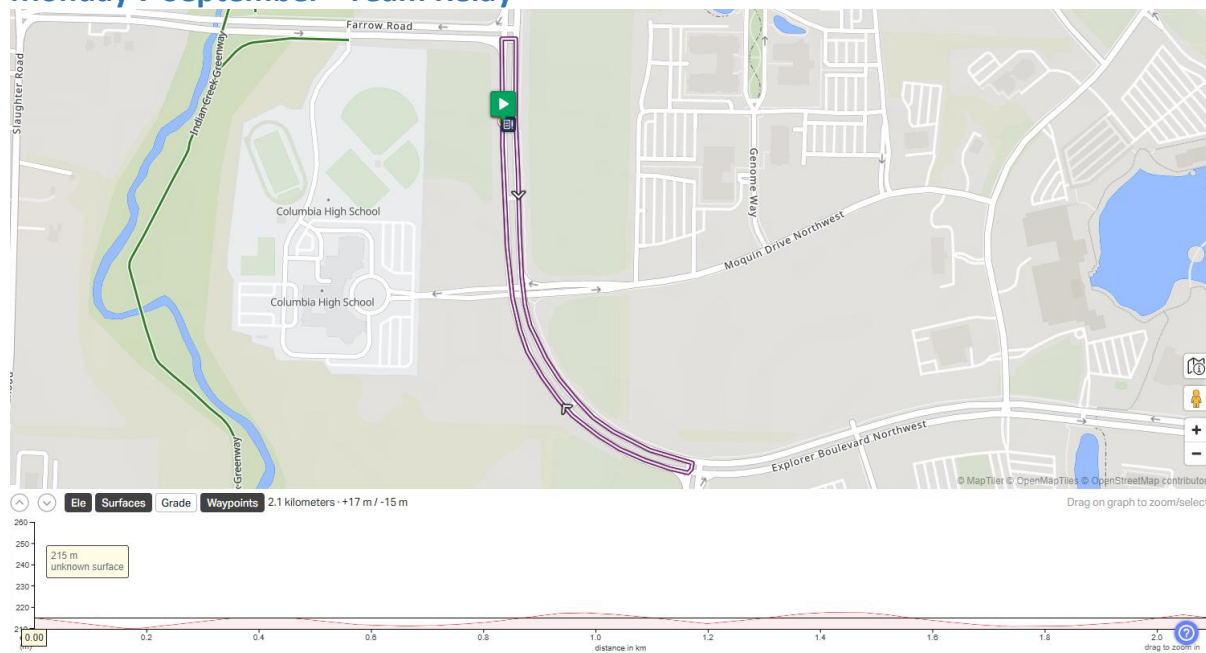
Friday 4 September and Saturday 5 September – Time Trials



Sunday 6 September and Monday 7 September - Road Race



Monday 7 September– Team Relay



PPO/Access to Team Area

To Be Added at a Later Date

Venue Maps Layout

To Be Added at a Later Date

Access Feeding Zones

TBC

31. RACE POSTER

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