

AV Western Challenge

January 23–25, 2026

Edmonton, Alberta



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2. Welcome Remarks

Welcome to the Alberta Velodrome Western Challenge and Junior Test Event. The official operational rehearsal for the 2026 Junior Track National Championships. This event provides athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers with an opportunity to experience the venue, refine race flow, and prepare for the national stage.

The Alberta Velodrome Association, in partnership with Do North Events, the Alberta Bicycle Association, Cycling Canada, and the City of Edmonton is committed to delivering a world-class racing environment. Under the leadership of General Manager Tanya Dubnicoff and Head of Events Amanda Scott, this test event allows us to evaluate timing systems, volunteer coordination, venue logistics, and athlete services ahead of Nationals.

We are excited to welcome riders from across Alberta and Western Canada to Edmonton's Coronation Park Sports and Recreation Centre for a weekend of development, preparation, and fast racing.

Sincerely,
Alberta Velodrome Association

3. General Information

3.1 Event Overview

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The AV Western Challenge and Junior Test Event is designed to simulate the full operations of the 2026 Junior Track National Championships. The event provides U17 and U19 riders with valuable preparation while allowing organizers to test timing systems, volunteer roles, race flow, and venue logistics.

This event welcomes riders from across Alberta and Western Canada and serves as an important development opportunity for local athletes.

3.2 Venue

[Alberta Velodrome](#)
[Coronation Park Sports and Recreation Centre](#)
[11160 135th Street](#)
[Edmonton, Alberta](#)

Phone: 866-573-2045

Participants load in on the East Entrance. The Main doors are not officially open yet.

3.3 Race Staff

General Manager: Tanya Dubnicoff (Alberta Velodrome Association)

Head of Events: Amanda Scott (Alberta Velodrome Association)

Organizing Committee: DoNorth Events

Provincial Sanctioning Partner: Alberta Bicycle Association

Race Director: Amanda Scott

Assistant Race Director: Tanya Dubnicoff

Volunteer Coordinator: DoNorth

Marketing/Communications: DoNorth/Alberta Bicycle Association

Timing: Racetiming.ca

3.4 Officials

Technical Delegate: Michael Pinkoski (ABA / Cycling Canada)

Chief Commissaire: Michael Pinkoski

Panel: Janet Liu

Panel: Linda Berger

Panel: Paul Dumont

Panel: Sarah Morin

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Timing: Abraham Rojas

3.5 Race Headquarters, Awards, Media

Race Headquarters is located in the infield of the Alberta Velodrome.

Awards ceremonies will take place in the infield at the end of each session or as schedule permits. The media must check in with the Race Headquarters.

3.6 Useful Links

Cycling Canada: <https://cyclingcanada.ca>

UCI Track Regulations: <https://www.uci.org>

Alberta Bicycle Association: <https://www.albertabicycle.ab.ca/regulations>

Event Website: www.albertavelodrome.ca

Registration: www.ccnbikes.com

3.7 Race Schedule

Thursday January 22 nd 2026	
1:30pm	Experienced rider wanting Fast Track Certification for AV Western Challenge Session Booking *prerequisite required
2:00pm-4pm	Open Training for riders that are fully Certified on Alberta Velodrome Session Booking here

Friday January 23rd 2026	
2:00pm (30min)	Experienced rider wanting Fast Track Certification for AV Western Challenge Session Booking *prerequisite required
2:00pm–3:30pm	Rider Confirmation / Package Pick-up
2:30pm- 3:50pm	Open Training
3:50pm	Track Closed
4:00pm SESSION 1	Kilo / 500m U15,U17, U19 only U15 Fun Race Individual Pursuit U17/U19 only A,B,C Scratch A 10 km B 7.5 km C 5 km
Awards	Kilo, 500, Fun Race, Scratch A,B,C
Saturday January 24th	
8:00am	Facility Opens
9:00am	Track Open
10:20am	Track Closed
10:30am	Sprint Qualification U17, U19, A,B,C
SESSION 1	TBD based on number of riders
	Omnium I Scratch (A,B,C) A 10 km B 7.5 km C 5 km
	Sprint
	Omnium II Tempo (A,B,C)
	Sprint
	BREAK Deadline for Team Entry Sunday
3:30pm start SESSION 2:	OMNIUM III Elimination (A,B,C)
	Sprint
	OMNIUM IV Points Race (A,B,C)
	Sprint Finals
Awards	Sprint & Omnium
Sunday January 25th	
9:30am	Open Track
10:30am	Team Sprint (All categories U17, U19 +A,B,C)
	Team Pursuit (All categories U17, U19 +A,B,C)
	Keirin Qualification (A,B,C)
	Keirin First Round, if necessary
	Keirin Finals
	*Madison Demonstration Event

4. Event-Specific Information

4.1 Rules & Racing Format

All events are run under current ABA, CC and UCI regulations.

4.2 Eligibility & Licensing

All riders must hold a valid 2026 UCI race license. If you have not purchased your 2026 race license you through this [link](#)

4.3 Categories

U19, U17, U15 and Ability Categories (A,B,C). U19 (2008 & 2009) and U17 (2010 & 2011)eligibility criteria will follow ABA/UCI guidelines. Youth will ride in their respective age categories for Friday ITT and Saturday Sprints only. All other events U19 and U17 will ride an Ability Category. Organizers may combine or separate categories based on enrollment numbers. U15 race Friday only.

Any second year U15 (2012) wishing to achieve U17 time standards may race in the U17 category for timed events.

4.4 Youth Ability-Based Racing

Time Trial Specific events will be offered for U19, U17, U15. 3k, 2k, 1k, 500m. Time trial events are run as a straight final (one ride only). Youth will race in ability categories for omnium events. Organizers may further separate categories if high numbers of riders have enrolled.

Second year U15 (2012) riders wishing to apply for an *age* upgrade to race at the 2026 Canadian National Track Championships may register in the U17 individual timed events (200m, 500m and 2000m) in order to achieve the Team Alberta time standards. **Please register as a U17 in CCN**

4.5 Registration & Package Pickup

- Registration for the event closes at 23:59 MST on Tuesday January 20, 2026.
- Package pick up will take place prior to the start of each day's racing.

4.7 Fees

\$10 U15 Friday only, \$80 Friday-Sunday for all other riders, including U15 who wish to race Saturday/Sunday in A/B/C categories

4.8 Track Accreditation & Certification

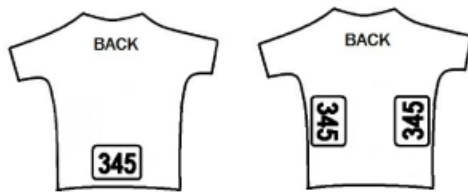
All athletes must be fully Accredited at the Alberta Velodrome to race in this event. If you have raced on a 250m track in Milton, Bromont or Burnaby you can register and must successfully pass the Experienced rider certification before the Track opens each day.

4.9 Race Numbers & Timing

Race numbers will be issued during rider confirmation / package pick up.

Riders are required to wear clothing that corresponds with the team/club indicated on their license, the only exception being riders representing their provincial team. Failure to wear appropriate clothing may result in a penalty. Independent riders must wear neutral clothing, without sponsors. In the Madison, each team must wear identical jerseys. Numbers must be worn on the lower back as seen in the diagram at the end of this section. As per UCI rules, riders must wear two (2) numbers in all events, except for the events listed below:

- Kilo/500 TT
- Individual Pursuit
- Team Pursuit



4.10 Anti-Doping Regulations

All athletes, coaches, and team staff are responsible for knowing and complying with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the UCI Anti-Doping Regulations.

4.11 Equipment & Gear Restrictions*

- U17 7.12 m rollout 50*15
- U15 6.71 m rollout 50*16
- U13 6.2 m rollout 46*16

*Riders who have upgraded to ride in an older age category are permitted to use gearing in the category to which they have upgraded.

Ability-based categories : No gear restrictions

4.12 Podium Protocol

Athletes must wear their team uniform for podium presentation.

4.13 Results

Live results will be available through [Racetiming.ca](https://www.racetiming.ca)

4.14 Race Services & Amenities

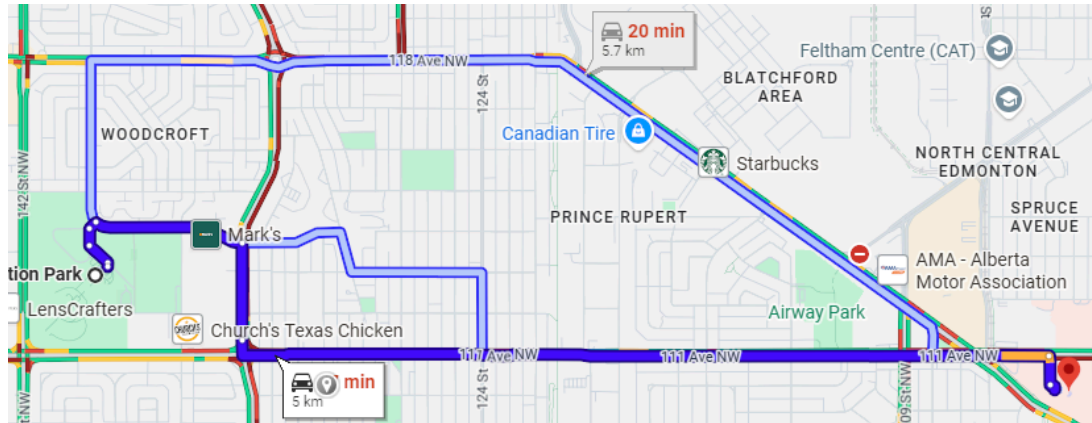
- Team Area, Washrooms, Showers
- Team pits are allocated Friday morning
- Washrooms and showers are available.
- Equipment may be left overnight at your own risk.
- Parking is free for all participants and spectators.
- Admission is free.

- Only technical staff, participants and coaches are allowed in the infield. All other guests must view from the spectator area.

First Aid & Medical

First aid will be on site during racing.

Nearest hospital: [Royal Alexandra Hospital, 10240 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 3V9](#)



Lodging

Recommended Hotel

[Home2Suites West Edmonton](#) - discount secured when mentioning “Alberta Velodrome Western Challenge”

There are a number of hotels located just West of the venue along 100 Avenue and between 184st and 178 st NW that offer reasonable hotel rates.

[Element Edmonton West](#)

[Four Points by Sheraton Edmonton West](#)

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites West](#)

Travel Directions

Alberta Velodrome, Coronation Park Sports and Recreation Centre

[11160 135th Street, Edmonton, Alberta](#)

4.15 Questions

For inquiries, please contact:

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