



TECHNICAL GUIDE

6th Annual Spring Super Criterium

Welcome to the 6th-Annual Spring Super Criterium! On behalf of Burnham Racing, Spidermonkey Cycling, Blackhawk Farms, the Illinois Cycling Association, USA Cycling, and all of our sponsors, I would like to welcome you to the sixth edition of an event that has become an early-season staple of the Midwest racing calendar.

We are pleased to announce the SSC is again the season opener of the Illinois Cup. Visit IllinoisCycling.org for more details about this series. Winners of the 2012 Cup received free entries to this year's series! We'll look forward to celebrating with this year's champions after the journey is completed and we're honored to be the first step on the path to the Cup championship.

Blackhawk Farms is a beautiful venue for a bike race and their staff was very gracious in allowing us to move our date to accommodate the Easter holiday. We are now in their auto/moto racing season and have been asked to help keep the facility as clean as possible. Please respect our hosts by obeying the rules in this guide, as well as the on-course instructions from staff, volunteer and officials. We all have your safety in mind.

Thank you for racing with us! Best of luck on Saturday and in all of your 2013 cycling endeavors.

Sincerely,

Eric Goodwin

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Managing Director, Burnham Racing

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I. Saturday, APRIL 6th – South Beloit, Illinois

The 2013 Spring Super Criterium (SSC) is a one-day event with categories for all racing levels from Category 1 to 5. These events will be run according to USAC regulations under USAC Permit 2013-441. A current USAC domestic racing license or One-Day license is required to enter these events. All USA Cycling regulations and penalties apply.

TIME	IL CUP	CATEGORY	RACE LENGTH	FIELD LIMIT	PRE-REG FEE	EVENT DAY FEE ^A	PRIZE LIST [5]
8:30 AM		Cat 5	30 min.	50	\$25	\$30	Prizes Top 5
9:10 AM	*	Women Cat 3/4 [1]	30 min.	75	\$25	\$30	\$70 - \$60 - \$50 - \$40 - \$30
9:50 AM		Cat 4/5	30 min.	75	\$25	\$30	\$50 - \$40 - \$30 - \$20 - \$10
10:30 AM	*	Women Cat 1/2/3/4 [2]	40 min.	75	\$30	\$35	\$120 - \$100 - \$80 - \$60 - \$40
11:20 PM		Masters 30+ 4/5	40 min.	75	\$25	\$30	\$50 - \$40 - \$30 - \$20 - \$10
12:10 PM	*	Junior 15-18 & 10-14	30 min.	50	Free	\$10	Prizes Top 3 Each Category
12:50 AM		Masters 30+ 1/2/3/4	40 min.	100	\$30	\$35	\$60 - \$45 - \$30 - \$20 - \$10
1:40 PM		Cat 4	45 min.	100	\$30	\$35	\$60 - \$45 - \$30 - \$20 - \$10
2:35 PM	*	Masters 35+ and 45+ 1/2/3 [3]	45 min.	100	\$30	\$35	\$70 - \$60 - \$50 - \$40 - \$30
3:30 PM	*	Cat 3	50 min.	100	\$30	\$35	\$70 - \$60 - \$50 - \$40 - \$30
4:30 PM	*	Cat 1/2/3 [4]	60 min.	100	\$30	\$35	\$120 - \$100 - \$80 - \$60 - \$40

[1] Women Cat 3 scored for Illinois Cup

[2] Women Cat1/2 scored for Illinois Cup

[3] Masters 35+ & 45+ paid & scored separately for Illinois Cup

[4] Cat 1/2 scored for Illinois Cup

[5] If fewer than 15 athletes are present in any category, promoter reserves the right to adjust payouts.

2. Registration

- Online registration is hosted by **BikeReg.com**. Your hosts are again absorbing the online service charge, so save money and time by pre-registering online. If paying by check the day of the event, please make **checks payable to 'Burnham Racing'**. We will once again have credit card payment option for day-of registrants.
- **Race day (Day-Of) registrations are subject to a \$5 late fee for the first race. Juniors events are free with pre-registration and \$10 for day-of entries.**
- Racers may enter **additional races for only \$10 each** (late fees do NOT apply to additional races). The second race discount is only applied to online registration when you register for more than one event in the same transaction. The more expensive race is always counted as your first race.
- All racers must have a valid 2013 USAC annual license that must also be presented at registration. Category 5 Men, Category 4 Women, Juniors, and Masters Category 5 racers ONLY may purchase one day licenses the day of the event for \$10. Cat 4 (and above) men and Cat 3 (and above) women racers must have a valid 2013 USAC annual license in order to race.
- Annual license may be purchased the day of the event for \$60 (Juniors \$30). To facilitate efficient registration please purchase your annual license online at **USACycling.org** and have your license ready before race day.
- Racers must compete within their USAC designated category. Cat 3s will not be allowed to participate in the Cat 4 race, just as Cat 4s will not be allowed to race in the Cat 3 race.
- On-site registration opens at 7:30am onsite (see following for directions and parking information). **Registration closes 20 minutes prior to each event. If there is a wait list for your event and you have not picked up your bib number 20 minutes before the race your entry will be forfeited and given to waitlisted racers.**
- **All racers will be issued a separate race number for each race in which they compete** (see following for placement). Please make sure to change your number if you are participating in multiple events.
- Pre-registration refunds (less BikeReg.com's transaction fee) will only be granted for medical emergencies or at the discretion of the promoter if the rider provides notice in writing by email as soon as possible before the event.
- The Spring Super Criterium is run rain or shine. If it snows the day before, please visit BurnhamRacing.org or twitter.com/BurnhamRacing for weather updates.

3. Race Age and Eligibility

A competitor's racing age for USAC road events is determined by the racers age on 12/31 of the year in which the current season ends (2013). A racer's category is determined by their 2013 USAC license. In the event of a dispute the Chief Referee will make the final decision about which event a rider is allowed to compete in.

4. Race Numbers

All categories will only have jersey side/back bib numbers. Every competitor will be issued **a different bib number for each race they enter**. Please make sure to change your bib number if you are competing in more than one race. If you PreReg for more than one race but only pick up your number for one race, you will not be scored in the other race(s).

The jersey number is to be placed on the **right** side of the body. The bottom edge of the number should be aligned with the middle to bottom of the jersey's side panel. See photo below.



Misplaced or misapplied numbers may cause a rider to NOT be scored in their race. ***Please make sure to properly attach your bib number according to the above guidelines.*** Please feel free to consult race staff or any USAC official if you have questions on number placement.

5. Course Description

The SSC course is approximately 1.9 miles in length with a goal of 5-8 minute lap times. Blackhawk Farms features three 90 degree right turns, two sweeping curves (one right, one left), and several twists. Going in a clockwise direction when viewed from the air, the Start/Finish line as well as registration and the wheel pit is on the Western (left) side of the course.

Blackhawk Farms raceway was built in 1967 by Tito and Marcia Nappi on a 219 acre farm just west of South Beloit with the original track layout designed by local auto racing legend Jerry Dunbar. The course is designed for cars and motorcycles racing at speeds significantly higher than bicycles are capable of, so turns are wide and safe. The pavement is smooth and pothole free. *Aggressive yet safe racing is possible and in fact encouraged.*



**PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING INTO BLACKHAWK FARMS.
OBEY THE COURSE MARSHALS AND POSTED SPEED LIMITS AT ALL TIMES**

Blackhawk Farms also features a pit-row just before the start/finish line which is used for team tents and a spectator area. This area is NOT part of the race course. **Please feel free to bring your team tent to set up in pit row**, but also bring weights. For 2013 the **wheel pit will again be located next to the start house**. Standard USAC free lap rules apply (see below for free lap information).

6. Directions to the Course
15538 Prairie Road South Beloit, IL 61080

I-90 toward Rockford. Exit 3 for Rockton Road. Left turn onto Rockton Road. Right turn onto IL-251N. Left turn at the light onto Prairie Hill Rd. Left turn at the stop sign onto S. Bluff Rd. Follow the signage to Blackhawk Farms Raceway. Turn left into the Raceway's North entrance and continue to the entrance gate where you will have to sign in (Blackhawk Farms requires all visits to sign a release form). Follow the entrance road to the one and only course crossing and then continue to the parking areas. Still have questions? Visit maps.google.com.

7. Blackhawk Farms Raceway Rules and Regulations

- Do not park in any roped off areas. BHF borders wetland areas and your vehicle may sink into soft ground.
- **Point of emphasis:** All trash must be disposed of in containers provided. This means banana peels, gel wrappers, bar wrappers, water bottles, etc. If you brought it in and don't want to take it home, please throw your trash away in the provided receptacles.
- Pets are allowed and welcome, but must be leashed or confined at all times. Please pick up after your pet.
- Track managers and event organizers reserve the right to eject from or deny access to the premises any person or persons at their discretion.
- Blackhawk Farms Raceway is private property. Please respect the grounds and facilities as we are guests.

In 2013 we are asking racers to please assist us with NOT littering on or off the course. This includes disposing of food packaging during a race. If you intentionally litter on the track, you may be subject to fine or disqualification. USAC Rule 3B8

8. Start Area/Pre-Riding

- The start/finish line is located on the West side of the course at the end of pit-row, adjacent the start house, registration, and the parking lots.
- **Absolutely NO pre-riding the course while another race is in progress.** Riders disobeying requests to clear the course will not be allowed to race. The Chief USAC Referee will determine if further action is necessary.
- Please bring a stationary trainer for warming up as there are plenty of covered areas for you to set up. The surrounding county roads are outside the scope of USAC's insurance coverage for this event and the organizers are not responsible for riders warming up outside of BHF's grounds.
- **All race categories will be given the opportunity to take a lap on the course prior to the start of each race.**
- Still worried about what the course looks like at high speed? Search for Blackhawk Farms on www.youtube.com.

9. Wheel Pit Area & Neutral Service from KOZY'S CYCLERY

A wheel pit area for personal wheels (wheels in/wheels out) will be available **next to the start house**, just past pit-row and the Start/Finish line. Riders may take a free lap up until the chief USAC referee designates the wheel pit is closed (usually 3 laps to go). Racers will be given more specific starting instructions before each race. Riders must re-enter the race with the group of racers they were previously riding with. If you are in a break you may re-enter the race with the break. If you were riding in the main group, you may re-enter the race with the main group, not the break. The organizers, sponsors, and Blackhawk Farms are not responsible for items lost, stolen, or left in the wheel pit.

If you suffer a mechanical mishap or are in need of bike service, KOZY'S CYCLERY will have trained mechanics on-site to provide neutral service. Riders are responsible for any parts or accessories that are available and used for repair. Racers should always arrive with their bikes in competition-ready condition and with bicycles that are compliant with USAC regulations. Racers should be aware of the differences between mechanical failure and mechanical mishap, as USAC officials will award free laps based on these definitions.

10. Spectator Areas

There are plenty of places to view all the action of the Super Crit. **Pit row will once again be open to spectators.** Team tents are allowed and encouraged on pit row to promote a festive atmosphere in the "Spectator Zone". However, **please bring weights for your tent.** Additional viewing areas near the finish line include the start house deck, the start/finish flag bridge and the new tower pavilion above the concession stands. The opposite side of the course is also a short walk to the East across the race village. **Please remember that for safety concerns spectators are not allowed on the course at any time during a race. We all want to have a good time but must maintain safe racing conditions for all racers.**

11. Lapped Riders

- Riders lapped before the final circuit **may be pulled at the discretion of officials. If you are lapped and allowed to remain in the race, you are not allowed to contest the final sprint.** If you are not fast enough to remain with the group throughout the race please refrain from contesting the final sprint. If a lapped rider contests the final sprint they will be scored according to the number of laps they completed. Lapped riders who remain in the race will finish on the same lap as the leader and will be placed according to the number of laps down on the leaders and then their position at the finish.

12. First Aid

- The Blackhawk Farms race track is likely the safest course you will race on all season. But just in case you take a fall the First Aid station is located near the concession stand and will be staffed with a dedicated ambulance and 2 EMTs throughout the day of the race.
- Emergencies should be reported to EMTs, Burnham Racing or Spidermonkey volunteers, and/or Race Officials (all of whom will have race radios).
- If you are hurt before, during, or after your race for any reason, for insurance liability purposes you must report the accident to the race director or officials.
- Your entry fees help to pay for these medical services, so if you are hurt please use them.

13. Awards

Awards and prizes will be distributed as soon as possible after the finish of each race and the contesting period is over. The SSC is focused primarily on rider development, quality early season racing at a reasonable cost, and the opportunity to compete in multiple races on a great course. The race prize purse conforms to Illinois Cup minimums supplemented with merchandise prizes. Awards are checks except for Cat 5 and Juniors. **A podium presentation for the top three finishers in each race will be held immediately after each race. If you place in the top 3 in your race please report to the podium immediately following your race for awards presentations.** Since many riders may be racing in more than one race the promoters may decide to postpone the podium presentation until all 3 riders are available.

14. Anti-Doping

All races are conducted under USA Cycling and USADA anti-doping regulations. Drug testing may take place at the Spring Super Criterium and any future Illinois Cup event. Your cooperation ensures a cleaner, healthier sport.

15. Restrooms

- Indoor restrooms and changing facilities are available just East of the start house and registration. Blackhawk Farms also has showers for your use. Public urination and littering is not appropriate and will result in disqualification from the event and/or a fine.
- Please respect the grounds and facilities as we are Blackhawk Farms' guests. Heated, indoor bathrooms are a rarity at most bicycle races, and your race entry fees are paying for them, so please use them.

16. The Illinois Cup

- The Spring Super Criterium is again the first race of the Illinois Cup, a season-long series that recognizes Illinois' most consistent criterium and road racers.
- Series details and rules can be found at www.IllinoisCycling.org under "Illinois Cup".
- **The Cat 5, Cat 4/5, Cat 4, Masters 30+ 1/2/3/4 and Masters 30+ 4/5 race are NOT Illinois Cup categories.**
- ** Category 1/2 racers will earn IL Cup points in the Category 1/2/3 and Women's 1/2/3 race. However, per the IL Cup rulebook Category 3 racers will not earn points in the Category 1/2/3 race.
- 15-18 and 10-14 Juniors will be started separately and earn points in their respective IL Cup categories.

17. Event Staff

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