



43rd Annual
**COPPEROPOLIS
ROAD RACE**

No, it is not in Copperopolis, it is nearby in Milton, Calaveras County, CA!

A California Road Racing Classic



LIMITED FIELDS, ENTER EARLY; POSSIBILITY OF 2ND FIELDS FOR FULL GROUPS
Saturday, March 30, 2024 Milton, California

the Day before Easter

Velo Promo, LLC & Golden Chain Cyclists; Under USAC Rules & Permit 2023-7298

Registration: Each Category registers in Milton, 6:30 a.m. to 15 minutes before that category's scheduled start time. Address for gps: 16974 Milton Rd, Farmington, CA 95230, but the race is far east of Farmington itself.

Bike Reg online entry: <https://www.bikereg.com/copperopolis-road-race>

Directions: Take Hwy 4 east from Stockton through Farmington for 22 miles, then north on Milton Road (J-14) 6 miles to Milton. The race is not in Copperopolis itself. Important: do not park blocking driveways, nor on private property nor alongside roadways where orange cones or tape are. **The Milton Masonic Hall burned down in 2017; please keep out of the burned area.** – An historical survey and dig are being conducted.

Course: This is the same course as always: Milton, Rock Creek, Salt Spring Valley, Hunt, Milton Roads, counter clockwise loop. A 21 mile loop of fair to bad paving, two climbs and a fast, bumpy, twisty descent. Strong wheels, thick tires and no loose water bottle holders or dentures recommended. Tighten all your bolts (including brakes, brake hoods, seat bolts and stem bolts)! Please riders, use the facilities and stay off of private property!! No gas or phones available in Milton.

Events:	miles	laps	start	fee	places	value	limit
Cat 1/2/Pro***	105	5	8:00	\$48	10	\$380	75
Category 3	84	4	8:10	\$48	6	\$100	70
Mst 35+ 1/2/3	84	4	8:15	\$48	6	\$100	70
Category 4	63	3	8:20	\$48	6	\$100	70
+Jr 15-18 1/2/3	63	3	8:25	\$38	6	\$50	25
Novice Open (5)	63	3	8:30	\$48	6	----	50
Women 1&2&P***	63	3	8:35	\$48	10	\$380	50
Women 3 & 4	63	3	8:40	\$48	6	\$100	50
+Junior Wm 15-18	42	2	8:45	\$38	6	\$50	25
+Jr 15-18 4/5	42	2	8:50	\$38	6	\$50	25
Mst 35+ 3/4	42	2	11:00	\$48	6	\$100	60
Novice Mst 35+	42	2	11:05	\$48	6	---	60
Women 4	42	2	11:10	\$48	6	\$100	50
Women Novice	42	2	11:15	\$48	6	----	50
Mst 50+ 1/2/3	42	2	11:20	\$48	6	\$50	70
Mst 50+ 4/5	42	2	11:25	\$48	6	\$50	50
Mst 60+ 1/2/3/4	42	2	11:30	\$48	6	\$50	50
Mst 65+	42	2	11:35	\$48	6	\$50	50
Mst Wm 40+50+60+	42	2	11:40	\$48	6	\$100	25
*Jr 13-14	21	1	11:45	\$38	6	\$50	25
Jr 12 and under**	10	½	11:15	\$38	6	\$50	25

***Cat 2 riders also picked out separately for points only

**Separate start area at Hunt and Salt Spring, ½ way around the course. Vehicles driving there would need to leave well before the 11:00 a.m. starts

---Second Groups MAY BE available for full fields

Prizes: Cash (minimum \$600) and tee shirts (SMALLER LISTS ARE ONLY TEE SHIRTS)

Rules/Information: Please, please use the toilets provided, and be civil to the local residents. They can make it really tough to hold another race here. While racing or warming up, ride to the right of the roadway as possible; let autos pass. Official follow vehicles only (any volunteers?) There may be none for your group; be prepared with pump and spare. Feeders may drive to feed zone, and then backtrack back to start. Please do not discard gel packs and inner tubes along the course.

How to Enter:

---via **On-line** at www.BikeReg.com, from now to March 24 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From March 25-27 the fee on-line is \$12 additional. No on-line entry after 11:59 p.m. PST Thursday March 27.

---**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 March 22 to Velo Promo/Copperopolis, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$12. 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:** Race day entry is ok, with the additional \$12 fee; paper entries can be turned in, online onsite entries may be available (depending upon connections)

2024 USAC license required (available online- keep a copy on your phone). One day licenses (\$10) are available only for Novice riders (including Women, Junior, and Masters) . Entry fees include \$3 NCNCA and \$5.75 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Credit for another VP race will be given if you follow the below procedure by 5 pm Wednesday 2/28 letting us know that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system.

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$9 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 \$9, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required

Covid-19 Mitigations: Mitigations mirroring CDC, California and Calaveras County guidance regarding Covid-19 will be undertaken, depending upon conditions and guidance on the day of the race. If you have Covid, have been exposed to it in the past 5 days, or have symptoms of it, don't come. Those not following the mitigations will be asked to correct or leave.

Rules: Warming up in an unsafe manner (blocking traffic) will be penalized. Using anything other than regular bathroom facilities will result in disqualification. There is other traffic on the roadways; always be aware of it and prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards. Bring your own water and feed zone support; no neutral this year.

Camping: Salt Spring Valley Resort has camping (at the dam/lake, top of the climb on Rock Creek Road, about 4 miles from the start) Call (209) 785-7787 for more info. NOTE: Rock Creek Road is closed to westbound traffic after 7:45 a.m.

Lodging: Lots of motels in Angels Camp, and the Gateway Hotel in Copper Town Square in Copperopolis, check with the Calaveras Visitor's Bureau at (209) 736-0049.

Further Information: Available at (209) 604-1354, or velopro1@gmail.com or our website at www.velopromo.com

Copperopolis: The **Paris-Roubaix** of California

