

Competition Format 2012 Winter Solstice Cycling Challenge

Rule #1: This is a no-drop ride!

Rule #2: No pulls, no points!

Rule #3: The field must be together at start of all points segments and completely regroup after points are taken. See below.

Rule #4: No Lactate Inhibitors for any rider until the group finishes.

No points unless you follow the rules!!

Points are only available to riders in the main group. If you decide you're a TT specialist and like to ride alone, you're on your own--wanker!

The main group will stay together in a tight and brisk paceline the whole way. We can separate while going for Sprints and KOMs but both the lead groups and chasers must work together to bridge and regroup as quickly as possible after the points are taken. When the points segments arrive, they will be called out to the group and the WHOLE group must be together before attacks are launched for the points. Unless otherwise stated, prior to and immediately after all points segments, ALL riders must regroup ASAP

Sprint #1:

Santa Ana Valley Road - This sprint is about a mile before last year's Sprint #1. It's probably about 1.5 miles in on Santa Ana Valley Rd and the line is marked by a white mailbox with the address "1400." It's on the left-hand side of the road and just after a right-hand corner. The sprint starts as soon as the group is together and the sprint is called out. Regroup immediately after for a slight climb and bio-break if needed. [Start](#) Lat: 36°51'39.10"N Long: 121°20'26.05"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°51'35.30"N Long: 121°20'19.50"W

Sprint #2:

Santa Ana Valley Road - This sprint is the same as last year. It starts on a right-hand corner and is a ranch entrance on the left-hand side of the road about a 1/4 mile after the right turn. There is no real way to show you this one other than the link below and some markers. You'll know we're close when the road turns east and we ride by a long grove of trees on the left side of the road. After the trees, there's a right turn in the road heading south. Right after this turn, it's time to wind-up for the sprint. The group must be together into the right-hand turn. It's just .25K up the road and is the first driveway/ranch-entrance on the left. Regroup before John Smith Rd, about a mile or so down the road and just before the first KOM. [Start](#) Lat: 36°51'12.82"N Long: 121°18'32.66"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°51'6.22"N Long: 121°18'26.54"W

KOM #1:

This is the first serious hill of the ride. A very short one but a good hilltop KOM. The field must be together to a little bridge (culvert) just after John Smith Rd (Old Barn on right). You'll know the point by seeing the hill start. Regroup at intersection of Quien Sabe Rd, which is the nearly the start of yet another KOM, KOM #2. [Start](#): Lat: 36°49'21.26"N Long: 121°16'53.50"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°49'9.89"N Long: 121°16'52.45"W

KOM #2:

This is a tougher one and is to the top of Quien Sabe Rd. Attacks can start as soon as you see the green cone on Quien Sabe. The top of this one marked by two structures on each side of the road and a telephone pole on the left side. Look for the orange cone to mark the line. A long descent comes next. Regroup at church parking lot just across the intersection of Quien Sabe Rd and Highway 25. [Start](#) Lat: 36°48'4.25"N Long: 121°17'24.76"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°48'15.10"N Long: 121°18'5.93"W

KOM #3:

This is same as last year. The top of the climb to the Pinnacles. This one is about 1440 ft and then heads down to the Pinnacles entrance. Attacks must not start until the group is completely together and we have crossed the bridge at Willow Creek. You'll know the climb has come when you look at the road ahead. You should see the green cone just after the bridge. You'll know the top when you get there, pretty obvious but the line is the orange cone. Feel free to hammer the downhill section to the feed stop, no points, just glory. Our halfway sag stop is either at the entrance of the park or inside the park about 1.5 miles from the entrance. There is a store inside the park as well as restrooms. A long sag. [Start](#) Lat: 36°35'38.88"N Long: 121°11'40.84"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°34'32.23"N Long: 121°11'10.08"W

Sprint #3:

This one is well up Cienega Rd a few miles from the final KOM. It's hard to pinpoint the exact position with markers but the sprint is only 500 ft. In fact, the line is the entrance of a Thousand Trails RV park. The start is a "500 ft ahead" marker for the park on the right side of the road. It's an uphill sprint and you will see the "500 ft ahead" sign on the right side of the road. Yes, I or someone else will let you know it's coming. Again, the group must be together at the start of the hill and must regroup immediately after the sprint. [Start](#) Lat: 36°41'3.74"N Long: 121°17'48.94"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°41'10.07"N Long: 121°17'55.71"W

KOM #4:

This KOM is the same as last year and starts right after the main entrance to the Hollister Hills motorcycle SVRA park. This is the last KOM but is also pretty tough given where it is in terms of mileage. Not terribly steep or long, but always pretty harsh. Again, the group must be together passing the SVRA park, then you can go for it. You'll know you're at the top when you get there, it's almost 900ft and you'll see only down and the surrounding valleys. Regroup at Cienega Rd and Hospital Rd (First major Y in the road). [Start](#) Lat: 36°46'7.36"N Long: 121°24'44.29"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°47'3.39"N Long: 121°24'18.05"W

Sprint #4:

Final points and potential tie breaker. It comes well after the railroad track crossing on Bolsa Rd. Just a ways after we turn onto Bolsa from Bloomfield but well after the railroad tracks. The group must be together before sprinting starts. The sprint will take a sharp right-hand corner at speed so be careful, then wind it up. The line is a white mailbox on the left side of road on top of a concrete pier, near a left-hand corner and across the street from a lone residence on the right side of the road. [Start](#) Lat: 36°58'13.70"N Long: 121°32'47.18"W [Finish](#) Lat: 36°58'19.70"N Long: 121°32'50.08"W

That's it! If you want to sprint into Christmas Hill Park, feel free, but you're a wanker!

Okay, shut-up and ride!