

2nd Annual Governor's Ride presented by ING DIRECT

FAQ's

Key Dates

Registration opens Feb 1. Only first 3,000 riders accepted.

Packet pick up: Friday May 18 from 3:00 til 8:00 pm
 Saturday May 19 9 am til 5 pm
 Bike Boutique
 The Nemours Building
 1007 North Orange Street
 Wilmington, Delaware 19801
 Sunday May 20 6:30 am til 7:30 am
 Delaware Art Museum

What is the ride distance?

Governor's Cycle Tour is 15 miles/ 24 km long.

What is the entry fee?

Governor's Ride

\$45 until April 15

\$75 April 16 until May 19

What do you get for your entry fee?

Participants receive a welcome packet, USA Cycling rider insurance, course marking, aid stations, post ride party, t-shirt, medal, bike valet service at festivities and more.

Where and how do I register?

We partner with USA Cycling. You can register at wilmgrandprix.com/governorsride/registration.

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What type of bike can I ride for the event?

We suggest you use a road bike as it is the best option to ride in groups. Its light weight makes climbing easier. You can also ride a mountain bike, touring bike or single speed (with two brakes). A triathlon bike is fine as long as you keep your hands on the brake lever while riding in

a group. If you chose to ride as a tandem, both riders have to register for the event. Recumbent bikes, trailers and bike seats are not allowed for safety reasons.

The Governor's Ride is not timed and non-competitive.

Can someone else pick up the packet for me?

For safety reasons, every participant has to be present at packet pickup on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

At packet pick up you are required to sign the insurance waiver.

You will need a photo ID.

You will receive your wristband and number, t-shirt and welcome packet

What is going on during Wilmington Grand Prix Weekend?

The Wilmington Grand Prix kicks off on Friday with a Time Trial along Brandywine Park beginning at 4:00. Slots are available for amateur, youth and pros. The event culminates with a Party in the Park after watching riders climb the famed Monkey Hill.

Saturday is the Wilmington Grand Prix Criterium races and downtown street festival. Opening ceremonies start with a parade and are followed up with Pro Women, Men's and Youth races. Live music, outdoor cafes, free family activities dot the entire course. Present your wristband along the course for racer/rider discounts at local restaurants and retailers.

Where do I stay overnight?

We have partnered with a number of hotels in the area.

Doubletree Downtown
Christiana Hilton
Quality Inn Skyways
Sheraton Suites Wilmington

What do I have to wear?

You must wear the wrist band provided at registration and have your rider number on your handlebars. Helmets with buckled chin straps must be worn at all times. Headphones of any kind are not allowed.

Which charity benefits from the rides?

The rides benefit the Food Bank of Delaware.

How many aid stations will there be and what do they provide?

There will be three aid stations spread out along the course with food and drinks as well as at the finish party. Make sure your bottles are filled and carry a snack that keeps you going for the first part of the ride.

Is this a rain or shine event?

Yes, rain or shine unless the event is cancelled by the authorities due to e.g. a severe storm.

How do riders line up at the start?

Gran Fondo racers first, Governor's Ride riders next. Apart from that, as it is not a start-to-finish race, it doesn't matter where you start. However, to allow as little interference as possible, we encourage beginner and slower riders to line up at the back of the start. With this you will be able to ride your own pace unobstructed.

Are the roads closed for traffic?

Some but not all roads will be closed for traffic. At all times, however, riders have to obey traffic laws and ride on the right hand side of the street. Riders have to follow the instructions of police officers and volunteers to avoid disqualification.

How fast will riders go?

Governor's Ride average will be 1 to 2 hours

Will there be restrooms at the start/finish and on the course?

Yes, start/finish area as well as aid stations are equipped with porta potties.

If I have a mechanical issue on the course, what do I do?

We highly encourage all participants to know basic safety and repair skills, including in particular fixing a flat tire. Be prepared and bring your own pump and extra tubes for your bike. However, if you are still unable to make the repair, SAG (Support and Gear) teams will be traversing the course and assist those who need it. Course marshals will also be located throughout the course and can assist you in requesting a SAG vehicle. Should you not be able to continue either because of equipment failure or fatigue, a bus will take you to the finish line.

If I need medical service, what do I do?

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be on the course and on call. Police officers and bike mechanics will be traveling on the course on motorcycles and in cars. Police officers will be controlling traffic at intersections and volunteers will be guiding athletes for turns at intersections. Each of these people will be armed with the EMS contact numbers. If you need

help, inform someone on the course and they will get help to you (or someone else) as quickly as possible and stay with you until help arrives. No matter at what point, help will always be close.

If I have a bad day and realize I won't be able to finish, what do I do?

We will have SAG (Support and Gear) vehicles along the course for any cyclists who are unable to complete the event.

Try to make it to the next or previous aid station, there you will have food, water, emergency medical services as well as volunteers to keep you company. If you are unable to ride to an aid station, there will be police officers controlling traffic at intersections as well as volunteers guiding athletes for turns at intersections, so ride forward or backwards until you see a police officer or volunteer and they will inform the SAG vehicle to pick you up. If you are unable to ride, move off the road and wait along the shoulder of the road until a marshal or police officer or mechanic rides by, they will be on the lookout for stopped cyclists. If you are riding and you see a cyclist on the side of the road who asks for help, when you get to the next police officer or volunteer, report that you saw a stopped cyclist and their approximate location.

Will there be food at the finish?

Yes, there will be great food and drinks at the post event awards party. Friends and family can buy food and drinks at the party.

If your question has not been answered with the above, please contact us at contact@wilmgranprix.com.