

Greetings 2026 Fondo Athlete!

We are thrilled to welcome you to this year's event! To ensure you have a smooth, stress-free start on ride morning, please save this guide to your phone and review it thoroughly. It contains all the essential details you need for a fantastic day in the saddle.

Rules of the Road

Remember: This is not a closed course. All roads remain open to normal vehicular traffic during the event. Cyclists must obey all Indiana traffic laws, including all traffic lights and stop signs. Local law enforcement may ticket violators, and riders who break traffic laws face immediate removal from the event. You are personally responsible for knowing and following the rules of the road.

Safety

To ensure a safe ride for everyone, please keep these key details in mind:

- **Course Conditions:** The route alternates between busy urban streets and rural country lanes with varying road surfaces. Stay alert for traffic, blind turns, rough roads, and potholes.
- **Communication:** Pass other cyclists with care and always call out your intentions clearly.
- **Stay Right:** At no time should you ride to the left of the center of the road.

Group Riding Safety

The Fondo takes place on open public roads with cyclists of varying experience levels. Sudden, unannounced changes in speed or direction are the leading cause of accidents on the course.

- **Keep Moving:** Never stop in the travel lane for wayfinding, rest stops, or mechanical issues. Pull completely off the road if you need to stop.
- **Missed a Turn?** Do not slam on your brakes or make a sharp, sudden correction. Call out the missed turn to the group, maintain your predictable line, and loop back when the road is clear.

Emergency Protocol

In the event of a crash or medical emergency, please follow these steps:

1. **Call 911 Immediately:** Secure prompt medical attention first.
2. **Contact Support:** Call Nine13Sports Mechanical Support at **317-741-7792** or **317-619-5835**.
3. **Stay Safe:** Secure the immediate area without putting yourself or fellow riders in danger.
4. **Report Your Location:** Give support staff your route (Medio or Gran), street intersection, current mileage, and the Turn # from your Ride with GPS cue sheet.

Course Routes

The official, live routes are hosted on Ride with GPS. Any last-minute course adjustments publish dynamically to these links.

- **Gran Route (60 Miles):** [Official 2026 Ride with GPS Long Route](#)
- **Medio Route (30 miles):** [Official 2026 Ride with GPS Medio Route](#)

Course Pace & Neutral Start

The ride is **NEUTRAL for the first 2.5 miles** until riders reach E. New York St. A police escort maintains a controlled pace of 13–14 mph until this point to ensure everyone exits the downtown area safely.

To complete the course before the 12:30 PM cutoff, riders must maintain a minimum overall average pace of 12 mph (calculated using 60 miles over 5 hours of total riding time).

Mechanical & SAG Support Protocol

When a mechanical issue occurs on the route, please follow these guidelines:

- **Pull Off Safely:** Verbally announce the issue to trailing riders, stay with the flow of traffic, and move completely off the road. Do not block the course.
- **Fix or Call:** You are encouraged to handle basic repairs yourself or with the help of other riders. For further assistance, call our support team at 317-741-7792 or 317-619-5835.
- **Vehicle Transport:** If your bike is unrideable, SAG vehicles transport you and your bike to a Rest Stop or the Start/Finish hub.
- **12:30 PM Cutoff:** All official SAG support ends at 12:30 PM. Any riders still out on the course after this time must navigate back to the venue independently, as support vehicles are no longer active.

Schedule, Packet Pick-Up, & Parking

Parking Options

- **Bottleworks District Parking:** Multiple surface lots and a parking garage are available directly within the Bottleworks District.
- **Meter Parking:** Surrounding street meters operate Monday–Saturday, 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM.

Friday Schedule (July 10, 2026)

- **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Packet Pick-Up:** Beat the Saturday morning rush! Pick up your packet early at the **Bottling Room** located on the north-end of The Garage Food Hall (**906 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202**). While you are here, grab some food, check out the live DJs, and enjoy the pre-party atmosphere!
- **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Spectate the Street Sprints:** Watch an exciting, bracket-style drag race take over Carrollton Ave.! Riders compete head-to-head in high-speed, short-distance elimination sprints right through the center of the Bottleworks District.

Saturday Schedule (July 11, 2026)

Fondo Schedule

- **6:00 AM | Check-In & Packet Pick-Up Opens:** Located in **Bottling Room** on the north-end of The Garage Food Hall (**906 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202**). Please have your registration QR Code ready to show our volunteers. *(Note: Your athlete wristband MUST be worn on the ride to verify your participation and to claim your post-ride food hall voucher).*



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- **7:05 AM | Group Photo Opportunities:** Gather under the official Start/Finish line for event photos with your team or club.
- **7:15 AM | Opening Ceremony & Major Taylor Tribute:** Join us at the line for opening remarks and our annual tribute to the legacy of Major Taylor.
- **7:20 AM | Rider Staging & Safety Instructions:** Line up in the staging area on Carrollton Ave. for the final pre-ride safety briefing.
- **7:30 AM | Ride Start:** The Fondo officially rolls! **START/FINISH IS ON CARROLLTON AVE.**
- **12:30 PM | Fondo Route Cutoff:** The start/finish line chute on Carrollton Ave. officially closes for the ride.

Race Day Schedule

- **1:00 PM | Kids Races:** The future generation of speed takes over the course!
- **1:30 PM | Amateur Races Begin:** High-energy regional racing categories kick off.
- **6:00 PM | Celebrity Street Sprints:** Catch your favorite familiar faces matching up head-to-head on the straightaway.
- **6:15 PM | Zipp Wheelset Grand Finale Drawing:** Gather back at the Start/Finish line for our ultimate grand prize drawing!
- **6:30 PM | Women's Pro Race:** The pro women take the field for a fast, tactical race.
- **7:50 PM | Men's Pro Race:** The pro men close out the evening at twilight.

Timing Chips & Results

All Fondo riders are timed. A chip number plate with a disposable timing tag is issued to you at check-in. You **MUST ATTACH THE TAG TO THE FRONT OF YOUR BIKE HANDLEBARS** using the three provided twist ties (see example image).

- **Personal Assignment:** Do not swap your tag with other riders; it is uniquely assigned to you.
- **Placement Matters:** Do not place the timing tag anywhere other than the front handlebar.
- **Disposable:** Do not return the tag after the event. Simply remove and dispose of it after you finish.
- **No Tag = No Time:** Proper placement ensures you receive an accurate finish time.
- **2026 Ride Results:** Results post dynamically online as participants cross the finish line.



Event Merchandise

Want to gear up for ride day? If you already ordered a custom jersey, it is on its way and ships directly to you. If you missed the pre-order window, you can still purchase custom jerseys online at online store. Plus, make sure to swing by the festival area right here in the Bottleworks District to check out the official on-site event merchandise available throughout the weekend!

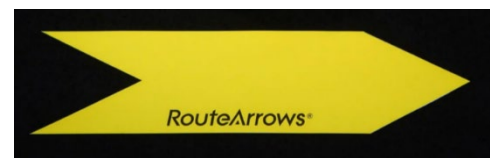
Fondo Finish & Post-Ride

- **The Line:** Police traffic assistance runs from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM to support our 12 mph minimum pace requirement. You **must ride through the Carrollton Ave. chute** to receive an official finish time.
- **Bike Parking:** After crossing the line, roll to the secure, on-site bike parking area managed by Pedal & Park and Central Indiana Cycling.
- **The Party:** Head over to **The Garage Food Hall** to celebrate! There is no official closing time for post-ride hangouts. Show your athlete wristband to claim your custom meal ticket, valid at the vendor of your choice. *(Meal tickets are for registered riders only).*

Navigation & Rest Stops

- **Signs:** The course uses bright yellow Route Signs and follow-up pavement Route Arrows at every key intersection. Live cues are always available on your Ride with GPS links.
- **Rest Stop #1:** Meijer Store Cumberland (Miles 13 & 49) | 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM (11351 E Washington St)
- **Rest Stop #2:** Mohawk United Methodist Church (Mile 24) | 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM (2045 W 400 N)
- **Rest Stop #3:** 5670 W 600 N, McCordsville, IN 46055 (Mile 40) | 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

All course rest stops close by 12:00 PM, while moving SAG support vehicles remain active until the final 12:30 PM route cutoff.



Weather Alert

We ride rain or shine! Protect yourself with sunscreen and chamois cream, and prioritize hydration. Rest stops remain stocked with water, hydration, and snack until their posted closure times.