



Welcome to the Tour of St. Louis

For us to hold this race we will be very firm on our COVID guidelines. Please know that if there is an event audit by the St. Louis City Health Department over the course of the weekend and it turns out that racers are not compliant the event would be in jeopardy. Details are below – here are the event rules we feel will be challenging:

1. **There is no spectating.** Please warm up away from the course and depart the venue after you compete. We know this is not super fun, but we have a firm limit of 300 people on site at any given moment. To be below this limit, we cannot have fans, spectators, or racers lingering. This includes parents.
2. **You must wear a mask** until just before the race begins. (Correctly: over your nose and mouth).
3. **No Team Tents** – gathering along the course or in the parking lots is not allowed. We will ask you to take your tents down, leave it at home.
4. **Wrist bands must be worn.** Each day we will take your temperature and give you screening questions and a wrist band. You must wear it to start each race. These will be checked on the line.
5. **Riders will be spaced out in the start chute.** For fields above 25 riders the first lap will be neutral.
6. **There is a neutral wheel pit with an official.** There will not be a mechanic. We will provide tables, stands, and tools.
7. **Time Trial Results and Omnium Results will be posted Online Saturday Evening.**
8. Time Trial numbers are on the **RIGHT**. Saturday Criterium numbers are on the **RIGHT**. Sunday Criterium numbers are on the **LEFT**.
9. **Time Trial Parking and Drop Off is ONLY in the Church Lot.** Do not try to leave equipment or park at the Start/Finish. Please be aware of a train track crossing at Mile 1. The road is open to traffic.

Tour of Saint Louis- Pre-Event info!

Thank you for participating in this awesome early season race! Here is some helpful information to know.

March 20 – The Wildwood Centaur Time Trial - Bibs on right side **USE YOUR TIME TRIAL NUMBER**

March 20 – Carondelicious Criterium – Bib # placement will be on your right side.

March 21 – The Mike Murray Classic Criterium in Forest Park – Bib # placement will be on your left side.

Website: <https://bigshark.com/articles/2021-the-tour-of-st.-louis-bicycle-races-3-20-21-and-3-21-21-pg1289.htm>

Pre-event packet pick-up:

Friday March 19th – Big Shark Bicycle Company 1155 South Big Bend Blvd, 63117 – 4 pm – 7 pm

Covid Safety Guidelines:

- All athletes will have to check-in at our Covid Screening each day for temperature check, questionnaire, and contact tracing log. You will be given a wrist band after you have been cleared to race.
- Masks must be always worn at the event. You may take your mask off immediately prior to racing in the start chute. Masks must cover your mouth and nose. Keep the mask on your person.
- There will be no gathering at the start/finish area. This includes friends, family members, and teammates.
- Failure to adhere to the race guidelines will lead to disqualification and removal from the event.
- Please enter and depart the course away from the start/finish area before and after racing.
- Team tents will not be allowed near the start/finish area, racer parking, or race registration footprint.
- Event staff, volunteers, and officials will be required to always wear masks during the event.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- There will be no congregation of racers or fans at the finish line, officiating tent, or registration tent.

- No team tents will be allowed in the parking lot or along the course.
- Racers who are pre-riding the course will have to wear masks.
- Pre-event and race-day registration will be ONLINE ONLY. You can register race day on BikeReg.
- Prize money will be mailed post event.
- There will be no on-site protest period.
- Riders will be staged 6' apart at the start. We will have a much wider start chute than normal to allow for social distancing.
- Race standings will NOT be published and available at the park but will be available online.
- Participants will be instructed to leave the park after the completion of their race.
- We ask that all athletes depart the venue after racing, please do not bring fans, family, or spectators. We have been given permission to hold these races provided ALL racers, friends, and spectators understand that we MUST abide by these rules. This means- team tents, tailgating, and gathering is not allowed.
- Our staff will ask participants and fans attending the event to observe these guidelines. You will only be asked one time.
- Protocols and procedures may be modified if state or local regulations are changed before or during the series.

EVENT PARKING:

Each venue has plenty of parking. Please park **“smart”** by storing any belongings out of sight and lock up your bike(s) when you are not racing.

Time Trial Parking: DO NOT OFF LOAD EQUIPMENT AT THE START LINE. Parking will only be in the Church Lot.

Packet/Bib # Pick-Up for the Time Trial will be at the primary Parking Lot at The Crossing Church. The Crossing Church, 114 North Eatherton Road, Chesterfield MO, 63005

Carondelet Parking: On street only. The Park has been closed to traffic for the past year.

For the Mike Murray Classic at Forest Park - use the Upper MUNY lot or Forest Park Visitors Center lot, please. The start/finish area has moved to the Lower MUNY parking lot and access to registration will be much easier. Please do NOT PARK at the Lower Muny Lot- access will be blocked.

RESTROOMS:

Port-a-Potties equipped with hand sanitizer and trash cans will be available at each venue.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Our Parks are great places to recreate- please keep them clean by picking up any trash before leaving.

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING FOR THE TOUR OF ST LOUIS- we sincerely appreciate your choice to race locally! We know that the race experience is diminished by the pandemic and we hope that we can roll out the carpet and have some fun at future events. We appreciate everyone’s help making this a safe event.

The Big Shark Events Crew