

AKSARBEN TIRC

Q & A



WHAT IS A CRITERIUM?

A NEW KIND OF RACING will hit the streets in the Aksarben Village with a national competition featuring the top cyclists in the U.S.! A criterium, better known as a crit, is a short loop bike race held on a closed road circuit of about 1 mile or less; think Formula 1 or Grand Prix on bikes!

This national level event will be held Saturday, May 17, and bring in around 500 athletes and 3,000+ spectators to the inaugural event. Omaha's race will be known as the Aksarben Tirc (Crit Nebraska, backwards).

WHY OMAHA?

Omaha is a great sports city! Omaha Sports Commission (OSC) is a non-profit dedicated to bringing sporting events to the Omaha area and increasing the image of our great city as a sports destination!

OSC has created this event in partnership with USA Crits to place this event on a 9-Series National Circuit, taking this event to the highest stage possible in year 1!

WHAT EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE?

5 races occur throughout the day, starting with open races, consisting of rider levels 3-5 categories (skill level) and ending with professional (categories 1-2), racing at twilight. A kids race, for youth ages 5- 14 will occur prior to the professional races.

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Schedule:

3:00pm - 4:00pm

4:10pm - 4:50pm

5:00pm - 6:00pm

6:10pm - 6:50pm

7:05pm - 8:05pm

8:15pm - 9:30pm

Men's Open Race

Women's Open Race

Master's Race

Tiny Tirc Kids Ride, in waves

USA CRITS Women's Professional

USA CRITS Men's Professional



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WHAT TO EXPECT

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

1. Riders will reach speeds of 25-35 mph.
2. Race atmosphere consists of lots of energy, community vibes, vendors in the expo space and spectators on the fences watching the athletes zoom by!
3. It is FREE to come watch. Tailgate spaces are available for purchase and provides the ONLY opportunity to be on the start/finish line.
4. The best place to spectate is on the start/finish line or at the corners.
5. A pace car will lead every lap and a motorcycle will follow the last rider every lap. The pace car will honk its horn while it drives around the course so you will always know when the leader is coming!
6. Officials will remove rider off the course if they fall too far behind.
7. Each race has a designated time cap, lasting anywhere from 30-90 minutes. About halfway through the race, officials will calculate the speed of the riders and set a lap countdown to reach the desired race timeframe.
8. Each race will have anywhere from 75-125 riders.
9. Races will occur in any weather (with the exception of life-threatening situations, i.e. lightening). Wear your walking shoes and be ready for a day of fun!
10. We want you to cheer and be loud! Bring noise makers, cheer on a rider, just remember to keep your arms and personal belonging on the outside of the fence line.
11. Food - visit the establishments in the Aksarben Village area while watching!

RACE TERMINOLOGY

Peloton - the main pack of riders

Breakaway - a small group trying to escape the large pack of riders (the Peloton)

Chase Group - riders between the peloton and breakaway trying to catch up

Prime (pronounced preem) Lap - a bonus sprint mid-race for prizes

Gap - the time or distance between groups of riders

