



Joe Martin Stage Race

Fayetteville, AR 28 August 2021

Women Elite

DECISION OF THE COMMISSAIRES PANEL



Communiqué No. 3

AFTER Stage 3, Devils Den Time Trial

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Time Cut:** The time cut for Stage 3 was 15:08. All riders were within the time cut:
2. **Criterion Reminder:**
 - No warming up is allowed on the course.
 - Intermediate sprints are on laps 12 and 8 to go: the bell is rung at 13 and 9 to go.
 - Mountain points on lap 10 to go: bell rung at 11 to go.
 - Per the Technical Guide, the 3 km rule will be extended to apply from 4 laps to go until the finish. Riders with an incident shall report to a neutral pit.
 - There will be a free lap for legitimate race incidents which ends once the leaders of them lap see 4 laps to go. Free laps must be taken in one of the two designated neutral support pits only.
 - Riders off the back will be pulled and will be given a prorated time. A prorated time does not guarantee that they will make the time cut.
 - Riders exiting the course without being pulled by a Commissaire or without reporting to a Commissaire in a service for an incident pit will be considered to have abandoned the race.

RACE ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Criterion Rules:** See the attached addendum of the Technical Guide for Criterion rules for Stage 4 from the race organization.
2. **Transponders:** Per inscription instructions, please return all issued team transponders no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of your event. Return to Jeff Lucido in the timing trailer at the finish line or Caroline Harding at registration. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

UCI Commissaire's Panel

Addendum to the Technical Guide

Stage 4 Criterium Rules Clarifications

Lapped Riders: Lapped riders may race with riders on other laps (example: break-away laps the field). However, riders dropped by the main bunch may be withdrawn.

Intermediate Points – Sprint/KOM:

Points and, if applicable, time bonuses, will be awarded according to 1) distance ridden and 2) order of crossing the finish line.

Timing: All riders will finish on the same lap as the leaders unless the Alternate Field Finish is used. Riders who have been lapped by the leaders will receive a time penalty equal to the average lap time for the race for each lap they have lost to the race leaders.

Alternate Field Finish: If riders lap the main bunch and are still in the main field at 3 laps to go, the bell will be rung at 3 laps to go to indicate the final lap for the field. The lapped riders will finish their race at two laps to go, and are to exit the course at the deviation point. If no deviation point is available, they must exit the course before the other riders get the bell at 1 lap to go. They may not cross the finish line at 1 lap to go [*loss of one lap to rider giving pace and to riders on the same team who are completing the final lap*]. To account for laps missed, two times the average lap time will be added to their finishing time. The last lap of the race is only to be contested by riders who have lapped the main bunch.

Mishaps: Riders who have been denied a neutralized (free) lap in the pit will receive a penalty of the average lap time in the race for each lap missed. On returning to the race, the rider(s) will return to the back of the group they were with at the time the mishap occurred. In the case of a crash involving a large number of riders or a crash that blocks the course, the race may be neutralized and re-started with the time gaps and composition of the groups of riders being re-established with the re-start.

Primes: Cash or merchandise primes may be awarded to the leading riders on the lap, or for any group or field of riders, but they may not be awarded as an incentive to catch other riders. When primes are announced for a given group, only riders 10" in front of that group or behind it at the beginning of the prime lap are eligible. Lapped riders are not eligible for primes except in the following situation: when a breakaway has lapped the main field, riders in the main field and the breakaway riders are then both eligible for primes.