High School Arizona Cycling League

Project League Proposal
National Interscholastic Cycling Association

May 2012
The purpose of this document is to illustrate the preparation, readiness, dedication and excitement of the Arizona League Development Committee (AzLDC) in the competitive bid process, with the ambition of being awarded a Project League for the 2013 season from the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). This bid is a comprehensive document encompassing all of the criteria set forth by NICA to achieve Project League status. The AzLDC is highly committed to the success of its bid and the operation of a project league (and subsequent Chapter League) in the State of Arizona.

Arizona League Development Committee Objectives

Discussion and anticipation of organized high school mountain bike racing has been brewing in Arizona for some time. The AzLDC sees this opportunity as a critical step in the advancement of mountain biking in general for Arizona as well as an opportunity to increase the athletic potential for all interested high school students. This opportunity has proven, in the existing NICA state leagues, that high school mountain bike racing will help develop well-rounded student-athletes with skills and knowledge that establish solid values which they will carry with them throughout their adult lives.

The Strategic Objectives for the Arizona League Development Committee are to:

1. Provide a healthy, safe and structured environment for personal development, coaching and competition in mountain bike racing for all Arizona high school students.
2. Provide all Arizona high school students the opportunity to participate in mountain bike racing regardless of skill level.
3. Develop life-long skills and behaviors through coaching, mentoring and competition that transcend mountain bike racing alone.
4. Provide for effective and sustainable league management and operation in accordance with all NICA rules and regulations.
5. Provide for financial accountability as set forth by all laws and regulations of a financially successful non-profit organization.

The AzLDC is prepared to begin racing in the fall of 2013. This timeline complements the existing and long-standing state race series that runs from January to May annually. It also will allow for thorough fund raising, optimal team formation/organization, and effective logistical planning and execution of a successful inaugural high school mountain bike race season.
**WHY ARIZONA?**

**TEEMING WITH MOUNTAIN BIKING TRADITION**

There are many compelling reasons to accept Arizona as a NICA Project League in 2013. Arizona has a deep-rooted mountain bike racing culture that originated in the boom of the 1990s. For years the Cactus Cup was the unofficial start of the international mountain bike racing season. This event featured the original stars of mountain bike racing including Ned Overend, John Tomac, Dave Wiens, Tinker Juarez, Juliana Furtado, Alison Sydor and Susan DeMattei.

For more than 20 years, the Mountain Biking Association of Arizona (MBAA) has been promoting, protecting and preserving the Arizona trail experience through advocacy, education and responsible recreation. This has included a statewide championship race series (nearly 500 riders are competing this season) as well as participation in trail development and maintenance. The MBAA has pledged its support for the development of NICA high school mountain bike racing in Arizona, both financially and with time and action. www.mbaa.net

The high desert outside Oracle, Arizona is currently the site of the largest 24 hour mountain bike race in the United States, 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo (1,800 racers). Prescott, Arizona hosts the Whiskey Off-Road, which offers the largest single day cash payout ($30,000) in professional mountain bike racing in the United States. The Whiskey Off-Road draws the maximum number of racers allowed by the United States Forest Service for the area (1,750 racers). The Coconino National Forest outside Flagstaff, Arizona is the site of the Barn Burner 104. This race is in its 4th year and is now a Leadville Trail 100 qualifier. www.epicrides.com www.redrockco.com

Arizona also has a strong history of junior development in mountain bike racing. With the success of the NOVA Youth Cycling Foundation and subsequent transformation into AZ DEVO, Arizona has had consistent success with junior racers. Currently AZ DEVO has multiple members who are highly successful in the national ranks as well as international training and racing. The rider profiles speak to the caliber of racers and AZ DEVO’s focus on developing excellent students and citizens. www.azdevocycling.com

**LEADERSHIP WITH DEDICATION AND VISION**

Our leadership team is the final and key component to developing and maintaining a successful high school racing league in Arizona. Our founding chair is dedicated to the success of this Project League. He assumes this role with a complete understanding of the time and effort requirements inherent in a task of this scope. The AzLDC is also acutely aware of the commitment required to support the founding chair and the Project League development. The payoff is very clear to all of its members: a successful Project League provides excellent opportunities to all Arizona high school students via mentorship, coaching, training and competing in mountain bike racing competition.

In the early stages we quickly realized the depth of talent and desire amongst the interested individuals forming the potential AzLDC. The AzLDC has come together from many diverse professional fields across the state with the common bond of mountain bikes and racing. Members include parents, riders, racers, educators, public safety professionals, business leaders and race organizers, and many with significant non-profit experience. Each individual in the group is dedicated to providing positive leadership, role modeling, credibility and vision to NICA and Arizona High School Cycling.

**DIVERSE AND PLENTIFUL RIDING YEAR-ROUND**

Climate is a significant reason for the entrenched culture of mountain bike racing in Arizona; much of the state is rideable and raceable year round. The desert areas of central Arizona provide riding through every season, even in the summer months, though it is then prudent to get out early. Winter riding in the Arizona desert is ideal, with mountain biking possible day and night. In the spring, summer and fall, the higher altitudes in northern and southern Arizona offer great diversity and escape from the desert heat.

Arizona also possesses tremendous venue opportunities. These venues are in all regions of the state and can be reached within roughly a three-hour drive from any of the three metropolitan hubs of Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff/Prescott. They are diverse in region and range from Sonoran Desert landscapes to the higher altitude ponderosa forests in Northern Arizona. Venue elevations range from 1,000 feet to 8,000 feet. These areas have excellent established courses that are well suited for NICA league racing, and land access issues are very rare.
League Definition

As a competitive sport. In turn, the Maricopa County Community College District now has certified cycling teams for Phoenix College, Glendale Community College, Mesa Community College and Gateway Community College. This provides a significant growth in the opportunity for high school racers to continue into college with scholarship potential.

There are 626 high schools in the state of Arizona, with 335,172 students in grades 9 through 12 (October 2011 enrollment). The mix of schools is remarkable in that there are 281 traditional public, 259 charter and 86 private high schools.

About Arizona

The State

Arizona is the sixth largest state in area in the United States (113,998.30 square miles). Arizona’s population is 6,482,505, making it the 16th most populous state and the most populous landlocked state (2011 estimate). Its capital and largest city is Phoenix. The second largest city is Tucson, followed in population by eight cities of the Phoenix metropolitan area: Mesa, Glendale, Chandler, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Tempe, Peoria, and Surprise. The Phoenix metropolitan area, often referred to as The Valley of the Sun, includes much of the central part of Arizona (~60% of Arizona’s population). The population of the two-county metropolitan area is 4,192,887 (2010 Census).

Arizona is best known for its desert landscape, which presents exceptionally hot summers and mild winters. Less well known is the pine-covered high country. Mountains and plateaus are found in more than half of the state. Despite the state’s aridity, 27% of Arizona is forest, a percentage comparable to modern-day France or Germany. The largest stand of ponderosa pine in the world is contained in Arizona.

Due to its large area and variations in elevation, the state has a wide variety of localized climate conditions. Arizona is the state which has both the metropolitan area with the most days over 100°F (Phoenix), and the metropolitan area in the lower 48 states with nearly the most days of below freezing temperature (Flagstaff).

Cycling Bedrock and Student-Athletes

Recreational cycling and mountain biking is very popular in Arizona. The bike industry is well represented with 275 bike shops across the state. Arizona is home to 12 companies that service the bicycle industry. Currently Arizona has 84 cycling clubs registered with USA Cycling. The Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA) has 71 registered teams throughout Arizona. The International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) has 12 affiliated mountain bike clubs in Arizona.

Arizona has a strong collegiate cycling environment. Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Grand Canyon University have designated cycling clubs. These clubs encompass both road and mountain biking. The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has certified cycling
Mike Perry
FOUNDDING CHAIR

Mike fell in love with riding his bike at a very young age. The childhood joy never faded; rather it developed into a lifelong passion. He has ridden throughout much of the U.S. and Europe, on roads and on trails, savoring the distinct and timeless two-wheeled perspective. Mike has been involved in competitive mountain biking since he first got his then-NORBA license 20+ years ago, and has been a member of MBAA and IMBA throughout.

Mike brings extensive strategic planning and business development experience to the Arizona league leadership committee. He was previously Vice President of Marketing for Cox Communications where he was accountable for all marketing activities in the Arizona region. Cox provides video, telephone, Internet and wireless phone services and has over two million customer relationships. Mike has also held senior leadership positions with Qwest Communications (now CenturyLink) and Bank of America. Mike is an active volunteer with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and formerly served on the board of directors at Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona.

A graduate of the University of Washington with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, majoring in finance and business economics, Mike has also completed the Executive Management Program at the Harvard Business School. Mike resides in Scottsdale, Arizona.

John has been riding and racing bicycles since the age of eight. He started racing mountain bikes in 1990 and has been involved in the mountain bike riding/racing scene ever since. As one of the founding members of the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance and the current Vice Chair of the Board he has gained invaluable experience working in the non-profit world. He is the Chair of the Trails Committee and has worked closely with the City of Prescott, the Prescott National Forest, and Arizona State Land Trust. He is one of two course designers of Epic Rides’ Whiskey Off Road and holds the title of Course Director. John has been a professional mountain bike guide for many years, understanding how to support riders’ interest in mountain biking and help them realize their desire to improve skills. John has played an active role in the Arizona mountain bike community and has built many relationships that would benefit both NICA and Arizona High School Mountain Bike Racing.

John is a husband, the father of 11-year old twin girls, and a Fire Captain/EMT for the Phoenix Fire Department. He has worked as an instructor on the Technical Rescue Team and the Ladder Training Committee, and he’s a current member of the department’s Urban Search and Rescue Arizona Task Force 1.
Chris has been riding and racing mountain bikes since 1988. He raced in one of the first formal mountain bike races in Young, Arizona in 1989 as a part of the Arizona Dirt Racing Association motocross race series. This fueled a lifelong passion for riding bicycles off road. Chris has been fortunate to travel across Arizona and the United States to race. Chris is a longtime member of the IMBA, MBAA and the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. He has participated in Phoenix area trail maintenance/improvement projects, specifically in the City of Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

Chris has been a firefighter for the City of Phoenix since 1993. He has worked on some of the busiest fire companies in Phoenix. As a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Arizona Task Force 1, he has responded to multiple national disasters including the Northridge, California Earthquake in 1994, Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and World Trade Center bombing in 2001. Most recently Chris has been a Planning Section Chief for the City of Phoenix Homeland Defense Bureau. This position requires planning operations for large scale public safety events and incidents including the Arizona Rock n’ Roll Marathon, dignitary visits (foreign and domestic) as well as multiple events within the City of Phoenix with upwards of 100,000 in attendance (in direct coordination with Phoenix Police Department).

Chris is most proud of his family. He has been married to his high school sweetheart Andrea since 1997. He has two sons in elementary school. His family has been very supportive and participative in his cycling endeavors.

Miriam is an accomplished business professional with ties throughout the state of Arizona. She graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a B.S. in Accounting, currently lives in Phoenix and works as the Director of Financial Planning and Analysis for the Arizona Cardinals Football Club. After graduating from the University of Arizona, Miriam spent most of her career working in San Francisco where she obtained her CPA with KPMG LLC. Her career in finance includes building the financial planning function at Electronic Arts (producer of Madden Football) during its staggering worldwide growth in the early 90s and running the financial and business functions of several technology and software development IPOs in the Silicon Valley. Miriam is now beginning her 7th season with the Cardinals during which time she has helped support the evolution of the organization to regular post-season appearances including Super Bowl XLIII. Her professional relationships in Arizona extend to individuals and organizations of various business disciplines that actively support youth and interscholastic sports.

Miriam enjoys a busy and active life with her fiancé Michael and 13-year old twins, all enthusiastic mountain bikers who take to the trails every chance they get. Miriam owns a historic home in Prescott, Arizona where she and her family spend as much time as possible outdoors and on the trails. Supporting this sport and contributing to the youth in the community is a personal goal that ties perfectly with her personal and professional lives.
ROB HARTER

As an outdoor enthusiast from an early age, Rob believes in the merits of the outdoors as an essential learning tool in the development of today’s youth. Graduating with a degree in physical education, Rob began competing in triathlons in 1982. He soon recognized the benefits of athletics and competitive racing, and the importance of sharing his experiences to encourage and motivate others. For the past 30 years, Rob has been involved with the successful development of programs for young adults ranging from residential summer camps to mountain biking, white water rafting adventures and most recently summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro with a delegation of college athletes. Rob’s athletic abilities and vast programming experience, coupled with his desire to make a difference in the lives of others, fuels his desire to mentor and motivate others to set and achieve significant goals.

Rob’s athletic career includes over 100 triathlons culminating with the successful completion of the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii. Rob continues to enjoy competition and has made a successful transition to the sport of mountain bike racing. He also commutes to work via his mountain bike, racking up approximately 4,000 miles annually.

As a Professional Technical Rescue Firefighter and Instructor, Rob continues to serve, inspire and motivate others in his professional career. Rob enjoys the support of his loving wife of 17 years.

MICHAEL MAIER

Michael is currently a Technology Account Manager and Engineer at Empire CAT. He has been racing and enjoying mountain biking for over 20 years. In 2008 and 2009, Michael served as President of the NOVA Youth Cycling Foundation (NYCF) and Race Director for the NOVA Desert Classic, a USA Cycling US National and UCI-sanctioned race. During his run as director for the NYCF, he also directed a kids’ race series based around the MBAA state series. In two years, over 100 kids participated.

Michael and his fiancée have enjoyed mountain bike racing and seen it provide a positive peer environment for their children. As their older children attended high school, they found there were few opportunities for kids in high school athletics, but persisted and raced competitively in the USA Cycling MBAA state series for the NOVA Youth Cycling Foundation (NYCF) at the state and national level. As their “Brady Bunch” family grows, they now have 13-year old twins participating in the MBAA state series and looking forward to the possibility of competing at a NICA-sanctioned Arizona High School Cycling League.
Darrin has applied 24 years of his life to the study and development of athletic performance. With his background in metabolic rate testing, implementation of Functional Movement Progressions and exercise physiology, Darrin has coached some of the top junior mountain bikers in the country.

Now in his second year as Coach/Trainer for the AZ DEVO, Arizona’s elite junior cycling development team, Darrin has led four young athletes to compete internationally for USA Cycling U23/Juniors in Europe. Darrin has an acute understanding of the developing needs of younger riders and is an innovator in cycling training. Leadership and commitment have been integral aspects of Darrin’s coaching programs. His athletes learn to apply these principles, both in community and the sport of cycling.

Darrin is an Arizona native and works extensively with coaches and teams throughout the state in many sports and at various levels. His experience in youth programs and in high school, college and professional sports has led him to be one of the most respected coaches in the state. In addition to coaching, he currently works with the NJCAA, Maricopa Community College District and USA Cycling to get cycling recognized as a team sport at the collegiate level to advance scholarships and educational opportunities.

Todd Sadow has a genuine passion for mountain biking and racing and has dedicated his professional career to it. Todd is the founder of Epic Rides. Epic Rides has successfully produced three mountain bike events in Arizona over the last 13 years. Todd created 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo, raced outside of Tucson, Arizona. It is the most attended 24-hour race in the United States and is in the top three worldwide. Todd created the Whiskey Off Road, held in Prescott Arizona. The Whiskey boasts the largest one-day cash purse in the world for mountain bike racing. This race has pioneered the middle distance endurance mountain bike racing format in the nation. Todd also created the Soul Ride Endurance Mountain Bike Event. This race was a long distance event (100 miles), indefinitely cancelled due to land management issues in the area of route. Subsequently, Todd acquired the Tour of the White Mountains. Under Todd and Epic Ride’s direction, this race has grown from 300 riders to 700 riders. It is the longest standing endurance mountain bike event in Arizona.

Todd’s events have contributed significantly to local economies, charities and the tourism sector in Arizona. Epic Rides has been identified as a high profile event management team in the business sector. This management team is seasoned in coordinating, communicating and cooperating with major international corporations, land owners and managers (BLM, NFS, AZ State Land Department). Major regional, national and international cycling print media have consistently covered Todd’s events.
LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

Bob has been a practicing attorney in Arizona since 1984 and is a senior partner in the firm of Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, PC. His practice includes the drafting and review of event, insurance and indemnity agreements, and Bob has presented and participated in dozens of professional risk management seminars. He is a founder and original board member of Arizona’s largest girls’ basketball non-profit club, the Arizona Thunder, and he has been certified as a coach by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). He has served as assistant varsity girls’ basketball coach at Thunderbird High School in Phoenix since 2004. The team has qualified for the state tournament every year, made the final four on four occasions, and won the state title in 2004.

Bob began mountain biking in the early 1980s when a law school friend told him stories of riding beach cruisers in the forests of Marin County, California. He actively participated in the citizens’ committee meetings to open the urban Phoenix Mountain Preserve to mountain biking as well as hiking and equestrian use. He currently lives adjacent to the preserve, and has been an active volunteer in trail maintenance and preservation. To the continued embarrassment of his biking partners, his favorite ride remains the vintage Cannondale.

AZLDC TACTICAL OBJECTIVES

As a Project League, Arizona is prepared to produce leadership summits, coaching clinics, team recruitment activities and top-quality mountain bike race experiences. In order to accomplish these in an effective manner, clear tactical objectives must be planned and communicated prior to execution. Each event will require appropriate planning, logistics and financial tracking to ensure success and sustainability. These events are business activities and are to be managed accordingly by AzLDC with tactical objectives to meet strategic imperatives. The overall goal is to provide an excellent experience to Arizona student-athletes, teams and parents.

SUB-COMMITTEE LEADERS

1. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
   - Mike Perry (Chair)
   - Rob Harter
   - Patrick Kell (Southwest Region Director, IMBA)

2. VENUE COMMITTEE
   - John Shumaker (Chair)
   - Michael Maier
   - Todd Sadow

3. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
   - Chris Stewart (Chair)
   - Mike Melley (Chair, MBAA)
   - Todd Sadow
   - John Shumaker

4. TEAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
   - Darrin Permenter (Chair)
   - Joe Howard (Assistant Superintendent, Prescott Unified School District)
   - Bob Spurlock
Arizona High School Mountain Bike Racing

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Organization
We are a group dedicated to bringing organized high school mountain biking to Arizona. We're currently working with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) to be awarded a league for the 2013 season.

About

We just hit 900 "likes". Thank you all for your support. Our bid gets submitted to NICA on Tuesday and the decision should come on June 1st. Send some positive thoughts our way. Thanks!

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Our bid is due to NICA on May 15, just one week remains for you to get all your friends to "Like" us. Let's make sure our numbers demonstrate how eager we are for Arizona to be the next league.

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Entering the finish chute.
League Following

Student-Athlete Participation

In coordination with MBAA, AzLDC has compiled the racing data for high school aged racers (14 to 18) in the Arizona State Championship Series. We have seen steady numbers for the past three years with an increase in 2012. Currently 34 riders (27 boys and 7 girls) are competing in the championship series. AzLDC recognizes there are many other high school student-athletes mountain biking in Arizona who would be great candidates for racing. This includes the Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy, which has 20+ kids participating on its mountain bike team. Additionally, AzLDC recognizes the need to attract more girls to the sport and plans targeted recruitment efforts to promote high school mountain bike racing among girls.

AzLDC has contacted established high school cycling teams/clubs identified through research and communications outreach. These include: Notre Dame Prep, Pinnacle High School, Desert Mountain High School, Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy and AZ DEVO. These groups have unanimously offered support and a desire to see a state league come to fruition. AzLDC believes there is tremendous student interest in mountain bike racing in Arizona.

The Support Network

Volunteers are critical to the success of this league. Pools have been identified from contacts at bike shops, interested supporters and racers, and postings on Facebook. “How can we help?” is a question asked repeatedly. We have established a contact database of these interactions to cultivate in the future. AzLDC has also identified the MBAA, Epic Rides, United Phoenix Firefighters and Phoenix Police Athletic League as sources of considerable volunteer support. Parent volunteers will be utilized as well, thereby allowing them to have a vested interest in the operation and success of the league.

AzLDC has developed a database of local professional and amateur racers that have expressed interest in participating in the development, leadership and coaching clinics for this Project League. AzLDC has specifically sought female role models for the development of this league. The most notable is professional racer, U.S. Olympic Long Team member and Cannondale rider Krista Park. Krista has produced skills clinics for women and girls across the United States. AzLDC has also has been approached by former professional racer Dara Marks-Marino to assist with girl-specific training and mentoring.

Interest and Awareness

In preparation for becoming a Project League, AzLDC has initiated dialogue with all principal groups of the Arizona mountain bike culture. With the support of the MBAA, Epic Rides, AZ DEVO, Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance, local bike shops and the Arizona-based bike industry, AzLDC has developed a significant following. With over 900 Facebook “Likes,” the awareness is spreading quickly and enthusiastically. As printed on the NICA t-shirt, “I wish this had been around when I was in high school” has been a recurring sentiment.
LEAGUE PARTNERSHIPS

EVENT ORGANIZERS SUPPORTING THE LEAGUE

AzLDC has directly sought to embed current Arizona-based event organizers on our team. These individuals include Todd Sadow from Epic Rides and Michael Melley of MBAA (and formerly Red Rock Company). These members have proven themselves as dedicated leaders in mountain bike advocacy and racing within Arizona. They are smart, savvy event organizers who have consistently produced high caliber events.

COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

AzLDC is utilizing the network of cycling coaches currently working with AZ DEVO to develop a cadre of interested coaches from all areas of Arizona. Darrin Permenter is the lead coach for AZ DEVO and has direct connection to the coaching community. Darrin has begun to develop a peer foundation across the state for the coaching that would come with a Project League. AzLDC has a list of over 20 USA Cycling Certified Coaches who have stated their willingness to obtain the necessary NICA coaching credentials to participate in a high school mountain bike racing league. Communications with members of the Arizona cycling and racing community with interest in becoming coaches for a high school team has been constant. These offers are also being cataloged in our database for further contact in establishing coaching and leadership clinics.
High School Race Loop
Race loop consist of 3 miles of varied terrain. Approximant elevation gain 150 feet per loop.

Rider Staging
Rider Staging alongside the Pit Zone. Wide (60") course starts and finishes along Pit Zone uphill.

Parking
Plenty of parking with overflow lot.

Camping
Camping available onsite

Competitive Track
The third competitive track in Maricopa County Regional Park system, located in the Estrella Mountain Regional Park, was completed in February 2000. Development for the Estrella Track was made possible though a partnership with Phoenix International Raceway. Amenities include raceway infrastructure.
High School Race Loop
Race loop consist of 4.5 miles of varied terrain. Approximant elevation gain 300 feet per loop.

Rider Staging
Rider Staging alongside the Pit Zone. Wide (60") course starts and finishes along Pit Zone.

Parking
parking with overflow lot.

Camping
Camping available throughout the park.

Granite Basin Lake Recreation Area is located 9 miles northwest of Prescott in the Bradshaw Ranger District. The rugged, boulder strewn cliffs of the 9000 acre recreation area provide a scenic setting for this area among ponderosa pines. The course for the scholastic racing is a smooth flowing trail system.
High School Race Loop
Race loop consist of 4 miles of varied terrain. Approximate elevation gain 400 feet per loop.

Rider Staging
Rider Staging alongside the Pit Zone. Wide (60") course starts and finishes uphill.

Parking
Plenty of parking with overflow lot.

Camping
Camping available onsite.

The McDowell Mountain Competitive Track is one of many competitive tracks built and maintained by Maricopa County parks and recreation. McDowell Mountain was the site of the Cactus Cup and the Nova Desert Classic. Both big National Races. As many as 2,500 racers participated in any one of these national races with over 30,000 spectators watching.
Tucson Mountain Park

Race Course

- High School Race Loop
  Race loop consists of 3 miles of varied terrain. Approximate elevation gain 100 feet per loop.

- Rider Staging
  Rider Staging alongside the Pit Zone.
  Wide (60") course starts and finishes along Pit Zone.
  Parking
  Plenty of parking with overflow lot.

- Camping
  Gilbert Ray Campground.

Tucson venue to be held at Old Tucson Studios. 201 S Kinney Road Tucson, AZ. Built in 1939 for the movie Arizona, old Tucson has been the setting for more than 300 movies and TV productions. Amenities abound to facilitate large groups and the mountains in the Tucson Mountain Park offer exciting trails for scholastic racing.

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Tucson Mountain Park
High School Race Loop
Race loop consist of 4.3 miles of varied terrain. Approximant elevation gain 250 feet per loop.

Rider Staging
Rider Staging alongside the Pit Zone. Wide (60") course starts and finishes along Pit Zone.

Parking
Plenty of parking with overflow lot.

Camping
Available onsite

Competitive Track
White Tank Mountain Regional Park offers many miles of mountain bike trails. The Competitive Track is designed to provide challenging, strenuous, and high-speed outdoor recreation for individuals, groups, and organized events. Race track is designed to comfortable hold large events. They are designed for cross-country runners and joggers, fast bicyclists and racers, and trotting/galloping equestrians and endurance riders.

White Tanks

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