

Colorado Springs, Colo. (February 19, 2010)— The 2010 USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship will be held in the northern Chicago suburb of Glencoe, Ill. on Saturday, August 14, the national governing body announced today. The event, which attracts many of the nation's top professionals, has historically been held in Downers Grove, Ill. but will move to a new location for the first time in the event's 24-year history.

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship will feature a new course and will be sponsored by AT&T. The day's premier event, featuring the donning of the prestigious "Stars-and-Stripes" jersey to the top American finisher, will also be moved from its traditional Sunday slot to Saturday in Glencoe.

Glencoe, a thriving village on Chicago's North Shore, is approximately 15 miles north of downtown Chicago and 26 miles from Downers Grove, the USA Cycling Professional Criterium Championship home for the last 23 years. This new location is accustomed to bike racing and has been home to the Glencoe Grand Prix for the past three years. The Glencoe Grand Prix is organized by the Glencoe Educational Foundation, a charitable organization that supports schools in Glencoe. The event's long-time promoter, Special Events Management is coordinating with the Glencoe Educational Foundation to bring a new level of professional bike racing to Glencoe.

USA Cycling will again be working with Special Events Management, which has produced the USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship since 1987. Although not national championship events this year, there will be continued strong support for a professional women's race, as well as a race for elite riders that are at the top of the amateur ranks.

"We look forward to Glencoe and a new course for our fastest and most exciting road national championship," said Sean Petty, USA Cycling chief operating officer. "We also appreciate AT&T's support of this great event and we're confident Special Events Management will continue to organize a first-class event."

"The Foundation, along with the Village of Glencoe and AT&T, is thrilled to help host this year's USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship," said Jon Knouse, President of the Glencoe Educational Foundation and Race Director of the Glencoe Grand Prix. "Bringing the national championship here to augment the GGP is a great honor and we know the entire Glencoe community will welcome the cycling community with open arms and a big red carpet."

"At AT&T Illinois, we're proud to actively support events and initiatives that enrich and strengthen our communities. That's why we're so pleased to support the AT&T USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship at the Glencoe Grand Prix," said Paul La Schiazza, President of AT&T Illinois. "At AT&T, we're in the business of connecting people, everywhere they live and work and doing it better than anyone else. The Glencoe Grand Prix as part of this national championship is a special event that connects people and participants from throughout the country and throughout our state with the welcoming Village of Glencoe. We're extremely proud of our partnership and look forward to welcoming the cycling community to Glencoe and Illinois for what promises to be an exciting event."

"We are proud to be working with USA Cycling again to produce for the 24th consecutive year, this national championship event," said Hank Zemola, CEO of Special Events Management. "Our skills and experience producing some of the best professional bike races in the USA fits nicely with the enthusiasm and support coming from the Glencoe Educational Foundation and the Village of Glencoe."

The AT&T USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Championship is part of the USA Cycling Professional Tour, a men's-only, season-long calendar that determines the best professional rider and team on American soil. It is also one of 16 national championship events that USA Cycling endorses across five disciplines of cycling for various divisions of amateurs and professionals.

Check out the [2010 USA Cycling National Championship](#) webpage for a schedule and more information on all of USA Cycling's 2010 National Championship events.

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