

2017 Fools Classic

April 15, 2017
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Dear FC Participant,

We have another great event; thank you for making it successful. This document includes information and details to help make your ride this weekend safe and enjoyable. Please read it carefully.

PRIOR TO THE RIDE:

FILL YOUR BOTTLES. Please fill your bottles at home, and save time by being prepared to ride.

PARKING. Please be diligent about where you park, and do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Free parking is available on-site at:

[Point Pleasant Fire Company](#)
6500 Point Pleasant Pike
Point Pleasant, PA 18950

Follow the instructions of the firemen who will be on-site starting at 6:15. Please park in designated areas. Coned off spots are reserved for the fire fighters. Do not block the Fire Engine Bays. Additional parking is available in the rear parking lot.

PACKET PICK-UP. Each registrant must check in personally (inside the firehouse) on Saturday morning, sign their waiver and get their wrist band. All riders under 18 must have their parent or guardian sign their waiver.

Saturday April 15, 2017 6:30 AM – 7:40 AM
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RIDING THE EVENT:

START TIME. All riders must be in the staging area by 7:50 AM. The ride starts promptly at 8:00 AM. The start may be conducted in waves for safety and to help prevent road congestion.

WRISTBAND. All riders must wear their wristband. Wristbands allow access to aid station and post-ride food.

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AID STATION. The only Aid Station is at mile 53.4 at the [Upper Black Eddy Fire Company](#). This will be fully stocked with PB&J, fruit, cookies, gel, drink mix, water, etc. The aid station will be open from 11:40 AM – 1:45 PM. If you arrive after this time, we cannot guarantee that supplies or services will be available.

There are a few stores/restaurants along the route, which are noted on the cue sheets. There are a few stores/restaurants slightly off course as well. Please see the [RideWithGPS Map](#)

MECHANICAL SUPPORT. Please make sure your bike is in working order and that you have your own spare tubes & tools. [Doylestown Bike Works](#) is providing roaming Technical Support. SAG drivers may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. They will have pumps, and a limited amount of spare tubes. There will be a pump and spares at the aid stations. If you need assistance, please call or text [267-744-4538](#) and we will dispatch support to you ASAP.

SAG SUPPORT. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, call or text the event dispatcher at [267-744-4538](#). You will be picked up as soon as feasible and either transported to the aid station, where you can arrange to have someone pick you up, or back to the finish line as required by the demands of the event. Please keep in mind that this is not a door-to-door taxi service, and there are other riders that also need to be supported. Assistance will come as soon as possible.

ROUTE MAPS, GPS Data & CUE SHEETS. Official Cue Sheets are available from the event website. Please print one for yourself, and review it in advance of the ride, as we will not have many available on-site. A Map of the course and GPS data may be obtained from [RideWithGPS](#). Do not use their cue sheets as they are missing pertinent information, and vary from the official cue sheet. If you are not a GPS Computer user, we highly suggest you download a mapping/routing app on your smartphone along with compatible GPS files. Worried about battery life? Portable USB batteries are inexpensive, lightweight, and can be zip tied to your bike.

ROUTE MARKING. All routes will be marked with yellow signs with black arrows. While we are extremely diligent about marking the routes, some signs previously have gone missing (taken down or twisted by area residents), and riders talking and enjoying themselves have been known to miss signs. **Therefore GPS Data and the Cue Sheet should be your primary sources of route information.** Last year we had a few key signs stolen and some riders went off course with very unpleasant results. ***PLEASE BRING A CUE SHEET!***

RULES OF THE ROAD. Please remember that you are on open roads during the entire ride. All cyclists must obey all traffic laws; this includes – but is not limited to – traffic lights and stop signs. Violators may be ticketed by local law enforcement and/or disqualified and removed from the event. All riders are personally responsible for knowing Pennsylvania's traffic laws.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. If you have-or witness—a crash or medical emergency, immediately call 911, and then call or text the event command center [267-744-4538](#) Secure the area to the best of your ability, but do not put yourself or others in additional danger while you wait for emergency personnel.

KEY COURSE POINTS: The course contains a lot of dirt & gravel roads; this is probably why you registered. While all of these are public roadways, they are in a variety of condition; exercise caution and care on each one, as there are hidden holes, large potholes, ruts and loose gravel on most of the unpaved roads. The paved roads also have their deficiencies. The following are a few areas to exercise extreme caution.

The Mile Markers are not necessarily exactly where the obstacles are, but may reflect where that particular road is first encountered.

Cue Sheet Marker	Mile Marker	Road Name	Notes
4	2.0	Schlentz Hill & Covered Bridge Roads	Fast Technical Descent to a tight turn. Uneven surface following the Covered Bridge.
13	7.4	Red Hill Rd.	Many potholes and loose gravel.
14	8.5	Headquarters Rd.	The bridge is closed but navigable by cyclists & pedestrians, though you may need to dismount to get around the barriers.
25	13.3	Quarry Rd.	Technical Descent with loose gravel & Holes.
26 – 29	15.3	Beaver Run Rd.	This road twists and bends; you need to bear right and left a few times to stay on it. There are steep climbs and descents on this road!
35	20.4	Rope Walk Rd.	The descent is faster and more technical than it looks. There are holes & ruts. Be careful of the mailbox sticking out into the roadway.
36	20.9	Center Rd.	Fast Technical Descent with tight turns and a stop sign at the bottom.
48	28.4	Red Cliff Rd.	You need to make a Quick Left and cut across Upper Tinicum Church Rd to get there. It is a very steep and fast descent.
49	29.3	Lodi Hill Rd.	A Very Steep climb that gets steeper as you continue up the road. Many riders don't "clear" this section.
55	34.7	Easton Rd./PA-611	This is a very busy road with fast traffic. You need to merge onto it in a curve. Be very cautious.
57	35.6	Frogtown Rd.	Metal Grate (drain) in the turn from PA-611.
60	38.2	Traugers Crossing Rd.	Fast descent into a sharp curve.
61	38.3	Berger Rd.	Very Steep Descent and Very Steep Climb on Loose Gravel with a lot of Ruts. Many riders don't "clear" this section.
63	40.0	Gallows Hill Rd.	Steep Climb and descent. It is easy to go too fast and miss the turn onto Lehnenberg Rd. if you are not paying attention.
69	44.5	Fireline Rd.	Very technical road, uneven surface, undulating terrain with a hidden turn onto Sunday Road. DON'T MISS THIS TURN! If you miss the turn and If you continue down Fireline, it turns into Kintner Rd, which is a very fast descent with a slippery metal great bridge.
70	44.7	Sunday Rd.	This turn is hidden, and comes up quickly; don't miss it! If you do, please turn around and get back on course. Please see the above note (for Fireline Rd.)!
76	50.6	Bridgeton Hill Rd.	Fast Descent with a very tight turn near the bottom. There is a Stop Sign at the very bottom at PA-32.
80	53.5	Delaware Canal Towpath	You will be on this for ca 5 miles. Other than the turn onto and the turn off of the path, there will not be course markings. Be mindful of other trail users, underpasses and drop-offs.
85	62.1	Mt. Airy Rd.	Looks like a driveway; it is a very steep climb.
86	63.4	Twin Lear Rd.	Fast Technical Descent on loose gravel.
87	64.0	Smithtown Rd.	180 degree turn 150' before River Road.
91	67.5	Stover Park Rd.	Fast Technical Descent leading to a barricaded pedestrian bridge at the bottom.
94	68.8	Tohickon Hill Rd.	Fast Descent curves, with a stop sign at the bottom.

SHORT CUTS: This is a “Spring Classic”, so we only offer 1 official course. However, there are plenty of places to take detours and shortcuts, if you do not think you are going to be able to complete the entire course. We don’t promote official short cuts, but if you examine the map, they will be very apparent. However, if you go off the official course, we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide you with support. **Do Not go down Kintner Rd to reach PA-611 & PA-32; there is a very slippery metal grate bridge over a creek on a very fast descent on Kintner Rd.** See the above course notes.

COURSE CLOSURE/END OF EVENT TIME. The course officially closes at 4:00; we cannot guarantee any course services will be available after this time. The event will be officially over no later than 5:00 PM, at which time no more food or beverages will be served.

POST RIDE:

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SIGN-IN. When you finish your ride, please sign-in; this is one way we try to keep track of who is still out on course. When you do, you will also check here to see if you won a Door Prize.

POST-RIDE. After your ride, we’ll have some cold drinks and hot food available starting at ca 1:15 PM and closing by 5:00 PM. Draft Beer is being provided by [Mad Princes Brewing](#) of Buckingham, PA.

DOOR PRIZES. As stated above, check to see if you won a door prize when you sign back in after your ride. We have a lot of prizes again this year; to avoid the endless raffle process. We are going to distribute smaller prizes without much fanfare; the larger prizes will be called out with full props. You must be present to win and receive your prize.

GET SOCIAL. Please post your thoughts, photos, videos, etc. about the event on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Please tag us and where appropriate use the following hashtags:

#FoolsClassic

#KermesseSport

#tubelessnation

We appreciate your participation in the Fools Classic! Thanks for making this event a spring tradition. We wish you a safe and fun ride!

Best Regards,
Kermesse Sport

Don’t forget the final event in our 2017 Spring Classic Series is the [Fleche Buffoon](#) on April 29th. This event has lots of climbing, but is on completely paved roads.