



# UCI Women's Criterium

July 8, 2026

## Tech Guide

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**WELCOME REMARKS**



“Global Relay is extremely proud to be hosting the 2026 Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix. The rebirth of this event has been an astounding success - reflective of the appreciation the Vancouver community exhibits for cycling and local sports events. The energy, athleticism and history of the race has ignited and inspired our staff, volunteers and community partners. Global Relay is proud to make cycling a cornerstone of our legacy in Gastown and beyond.”

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**WARREN ROY**  
*CEO, GLOBAL RELAY*

## COMMITTEE

Race Director  
**Mark Ernsting**

Chief Medical Officers  
**Odyssey Medical**  
**BCEHS**

Race Organizers  
**Davide Larosa**  
**Juliana Dupuy**

Road Safety  
**Vancouver Police Department**  
**Universal Traffic Management**

Registration  
**Susie Ernsting**

Media Liaison  
**Paul Done**

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## 2026 COMMISSAIRES

President (PCP)  
**Michael Pinkoski**

Member Commissaires  
**Isaac LeBlanc**  
**Bruce Tonkin**  
**Gary Leung**  
**Phyllis Tso**  
**Marko Rosic**  
**Pierre-Olivier Neault**

## RIDER SIGN-IN

All riders **MUST** sign in and present a 2026 UCI licence. **Sign in opens at 4:30pm and will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the race.** We will accept Team Directors to sign in the team with valid documentation.

Sign in is located behind the Main Stage at Water St and Cambie St. (North Side)  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

**TEAM ALLEY**

1. Abbott St, between Water St and Cordova St.
2. Abbott St, South of Cordova until the Alley.

\*Access to Team Alley will be available from 2pm onwards. Access via Hastings Street, north onto Abbott Street. Team Alley space is limited to two tents or one car and one tent per team.

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**RACE DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Mark Ernsting**  
604.760.7373

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**AREA HOSPITAL**

**St. Paul's Hospital**

1081 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y6

Phone: 604.682.2344

**Vancouver General Hospital**

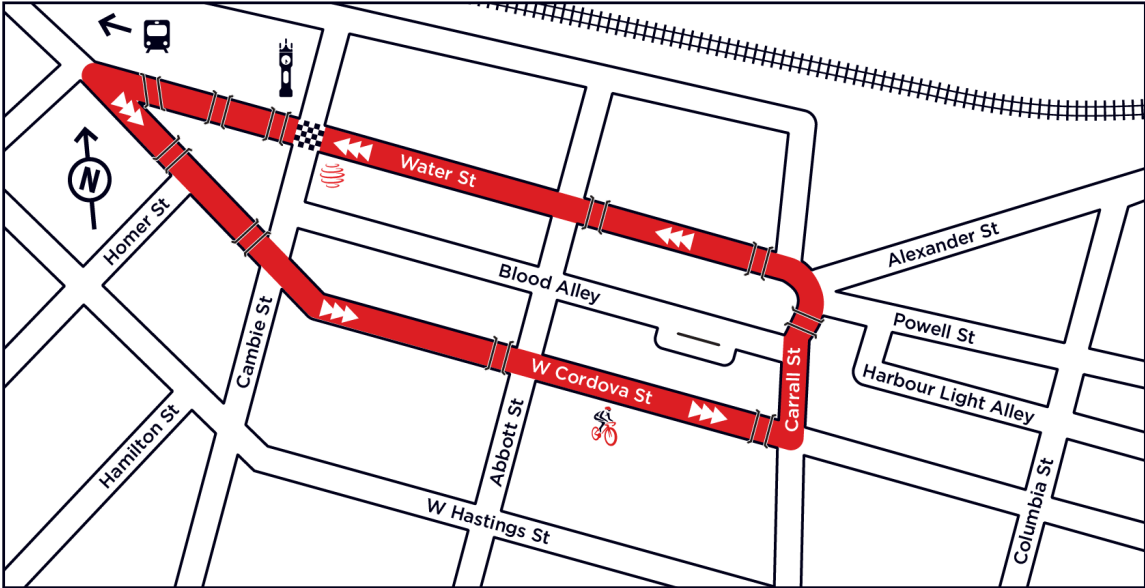
899 W 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M9

Phone: (604) 875-4111

\*\*On-site medical provided by Odyssey Medical and will be located behind the VIP tent on Cambie Street (between Water Street & Cordova Street).

**COURSE**

Start Time: 06:15 PM  
Estimated Finish: 07:15 PM  
Distance: 42.1 km  
Laps: 36  
Course Distance: 1.17km



## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION**

The Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix is organized by Global Relay Grand Prix Society under the regulations of the International Cycling Union. It is to be held on July 8, 2026.

### **ARTICLE 2. TYPE OF EVENT**

The event is open to athletes of the Women's UCI Elite and U23 categories. The event is entered on the UCI America Tour calendar. No UCI points are awarded.

### **ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION**

The event is open to individual riders from the following teams: UCI pro teams, UCI continental teams, UCI cyclocross professional teams, national teams, regional teams, and club teams. A maximum of 6 riders from a single team may participate.

\*Women that are in their second year of Junior may be included in these teams, provided they have authorisation from the National Federation that issued their licence.

### **ARTICLE 4. RACE HEADQUARTERS**

The race headquarters is located at the Global Relay Head Office at 220 Cambie St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2M9.

### **ARTICLE 5. NEUTRAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Technical support service will be offered during the race. The neutral support is taken care of by a pit setup of mechanics in the left lane prior to the start / finish line. Team managers and mechanics (up to two per team) are allowed entry into this area.

Riders requiring mechanical assistance or because of a crash must report to the pit to get a free lap. There will be no free laps given in the final 5 laps of the race. In the case of a recognised mishap as defined in the provisions governing track races (article 3.2.021), the rider shall be entitled to a neutralisation of one or two laps.

**ARTICLE 6. PRIZES**

The following prizes are awarded: (see page 11).

A grand total of \$25,000 CAD will be awarded in prize money at the event. The prize money awarded will not exceed \$25,000 CAD.

**ARTICLE 7. ANTI-DOPING**

The UCI and CCES anti-doping regulations are entirely applicable to the event.

The anti-doping tests will take place at: Global Relay, 220 Cambie St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2M9.

**ARTICLE 8. AWARDS CEREMONY**

The following riders must attend the official awards ceremony: The first three riders of the event.

The riders will present themselves at the podium at the completion of the men's event.

**ARTICLE 9. PENALTIES**

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

**ARTICLE 10. PULLED RIDER**

The rider deemed to be out of contention may be asked to withdraw if deemed out of contention by the officials in the Neutral Service area. All eliminated riders must withdraw from the race immediately upon being called out by the race official on the course. Failure to withdraw will result in disciplinary action.

All other riders shall be classified in accordance with their position.

**ARTICLE 11. LAPPED FIELD**

If before the last 5 laps, two or more riders should lap the field, the field will sprint for final placing with 3 laps to go. The bell will sound at 4 laps for the group. Lapped riders in the Criterium shall be eliminated upon being passed by the Lead Commissaire and must immediately leave the course.

**ARTICLE 12. NUMBER & FRAME CHIP PLACEMENTS**

Racers should place timing tag on the seat post. Each athlete will also receive two bib numbers which should be attached as per the drawing below.



**ARTICLE 13. ENVIRONMENT**

All staff and riders are to respect the community by not littering along the course. Eliminate all water bottles after the race in designated garbage and recycle stations where appropriate. Team staff should assist in ensuring all team areas are clean when leaving.

**ARTICLE 14. CLOSURES**

The course will be under full closure from traffic for the entire duration of the event. All pedestrian intersections will be marshalled for access and exit with only emergency vehicles allowed on course.

**ARTICLE 15. COMPETITION AMENDMENTS**

The commissaires and race organisers reserve the right to make adjustments to the race program as deemed necessary by circumstances on race day.

## **PRIZE MONEY & PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

Prize money for the **Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix** will be delivered immediately after the official protest period has elapsed. Prize money will be distributed at the Global Relay office, 2nd floor. The prize money will be awarded in accordance with the official results delivered to the Lead Accountant who will manage the payment process. ID is required.

### UCI Prize Money in CAD

<b>Position</b>	<b>Canadian Dollars (CAD)</b>
1	\$12,000
2	\$5,000
3	\$2,000
4	\$900
5	\$750
6	\$600
7	\$550
8	\$500
9	\$450
10	\$400
11	\$350
12	\$300
13	\$250
14	\$200
15	\$150
16	\$140
17	\$130
18	\$120
19	\$110
20	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>