



What: Minnesota State Gravel Championships

When: October 18-19, 2014

Where: Northfield, MN and surrounding area.

Packet Pick-up:

Packet pick-up will be held **Friday October 17th from 6-8pm at FIT to be TRI'd.**

321 Division St

Northfield, MN 55057

We will also have packets available 30 minutes before the beginning of each stage near the starting area. Find the guys around the table.

You will need to turn in your Waiver before receiving your Packet (You can download from website).

Race Numbers:

Each Participant will be given a race number that can be attached to you handlebars. We require that your # be on your bike for each stage.

Cue Sheets:

You will receive them by an email in a PDF format. We will also make them available thru the website.

Notes on cues: Cues are based on the green street signs in most cases, unless a county or state road sign is also present, then that may also be noted in the cue. Yellow highlights mean RACERS BEWARE! - busier roads and/or a missing road sign. There are several one-choice-only 90-degree turns on the route. There are not always cues for these turns. Watch your mileage. When in doubt, go straight! Turns with choices are always cued.

New for 2014 – Gravel Tour – 20 miles

We will be offering a guided gravel tour this year. Our local club will be leading a 20 mile ride that takes in some of the best of rice county's gravel roads. Cheer off the racers and jump on your bike for some great fall scenery. After the ride stick around to cheer at the finish area and enjoy a pulled pork sandwich with a glass of home brewed beer.

Parking:

There is ample parking at each of the starting locations. See addresses in the Title of each stage.

Timing of weekend Stages:

Stage 1: 62km Saturday am (*Caron Park, Nerstrand, MN*)

9am pre-race check-in and packet pick-up at the finish area (see Map).

9:50am Pre Race Briefing

10am Start of the Race.

1-2pm Finishing of all racers.

2pm Post stage awards and recognitions.

1-4pm Beer, BBQ and Music(?) provided by Milltown Mashers local home brewing club.

Stage 2 – 15km Time Trial: Saturday pm (*Caron Park, Nerstrand, MN*)

3pm Pre-race check-in and packet pick-up at the start/finish area.

4:30pm Start of the race, racers will go off in pairs at 30 sec intervals.

5-6pm Expected finish times for all racers.

6:30pm Post stage awards and recognitions.

Stage 3: Sunday (*Sechler Park, Northfield, MN*)

8am Pre-race checking and Packet pick-up at the start area (see Map)

9am Neutral group rollout and start of the race

During Race: Mandatory Check point around 70Km's.

2pm Expected first finishers of the stage.

2-5pm Expected finish of all the racers.

2-5pm Post race activities at the Start area.

5pm Awards presentation and Door prize giveaways.

Post Race Party: (*Starting area*)

We will have food and beverages available to all the racers and volunteers.

We will be giving away door prizes throughout the afternoon.

The Awards Ceremony and recognition of individual achievements.

Photo ops with the Race Mascot.

Non-Race Related Activities:

Evening Activities in Northfield:

[Contented Cow](#) – 302 Division St, 55057 – English style Pub, Live music nightly

[Tavern Lounge](#) – 212 Division St, 55057 – Live music Friday and Saturday nights

[Froggy Bottoms](#) – 307 S. Water, 55057 – Food and Beverages

[Hogan Brothers](#) – 415 Division St, 55057 – Food and Music

[St. Olaf College](#) -- Free Music, Arts, Athletics and Movies

[Carleton College](#) – Free Music, Arts, Athletics and Movies

These are just some of the highlights of what Northfield has to offer for off the bike entertainment. Check out the [Visit Northfield](#) page for more about our great host city.

Visit Northfield has all the links for places to stay if you still need to make arrangements.

Please feel free to email the race director – tombisel@g.com for any questions you may have that have been missed in this info packet.