



# Palen Farm

## “Fat Tires on the Farm”

April 2-3, 2022

### Season #2 Kick-Off Kansas NICA

#### Welcome Palen Farm!

Located near Glen Elder Kansas, this 4th generation family farm, with over 100 years of history, has also been the home of Cruise the Blues, mountain bike race and festival for the past 19 years. Kids will be cheered on by spectators as they whip through this beautiful course on the Blue Hills of Kansas!

North Central Kansas offers us beautiful open scenery to accompany the even more beautiful people hosting race #2 for Kansas Kids. We'll see you all down on the farm April 3!

**Off Area-Limits**, defined as any area not directly constructed within the course route or event infield as outlined by the course map below will be off-limits during sanctioned NICA hours as posted by the event activities schedule.



We are very privileged to have our event on this beautiful piece of private land. Palen Farms is a working farm, and therefore has a lot of equipment housed around the PitZone, Start Finish, and many outbuildings that are not designated for use during our event. Please be respectful and stay off all equipment, and out of buildings/houses that are not part of our event. Thank you.



## Address and Directions

**Palen Farm**  
**1031 180 Rd. Glen Elder, KS. 67446**  
**[www.palenfamilyfarms.com](http://www.palenfamilyfarms.com)**

## Parking

- Vehicles must park in the designated areas identified with signs at the venue and as shown on the venue map
- All vehicles must abide by the instructions of parking volunteers and/or league staff. Any violators risk imposition of penalties against their respective team
- Handicap parking is available in the parking lot near PitZone, PitZone drop off area.
- Vehicles must use the designated loading/unloading zone and immediately move to designated parking areas after unloading at the Pit Zone area
- Vehicles must follow one-way directional traffic in/out of Pit Zone drop off area (see venue map)

## Registration

Online registration closes Wednesday before each race at 12:00 midnight. No day of registration.

- Students must be league registered and “race-ready” in order to participate
- DO NOT LOSE YOUR RACE PLATE! Students will receive a race plate for the race series to be used for all races. Race plates have chips on the back and require care to avoid damage. There is a \$10 fee to replace race plates if lost, or forgotten. Replacement plates are at registration.



## Volunteering at our Events

Race day would not be possible without the incredible work of our volunteers. It takes a “village” to put on quality youth mountain bike races. Many parents and cycling enthusiasts find that getting involved with our events is a fun and rewarding experience.

### **Saturday and Sunday positions are available**

We know some positions can look complex and possibly overwhelming for first-time volunteers. Rest assured ALL of our volunteer positions are fun and require no previous experience and our Core Race Staff are with you every step of the way. You will feel confident and well prepared for your task.

View volunteer training videos [HERE](#)

Pick one (or two) that sound interesting to you, and look forward to the fun! CLICK HERE TO GUARANTEE YOUR PREFERRED VOLUNTEER SPOTS FOR EACH OF THE RACES! [\*\*\*Volunteer & Join the Fun!\*\*\*](#)

For more information contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Darby Cochran-Wilson** at [\*\*darbycochranwilson@yahoo.com\*\*](mailto:darbycochranwilson@yahoo.com)

## Event Weekend Schedule

### **Saturday**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Volunteer Shifts Begin
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Pit Zone Access Open
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Registration Opens
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Coaches Meeting
<b>1:00 PM</b>	*Coaches Only Pre-Ride
<b>2:00 PM</b>	*Pre-Ride Open to all riders
<b>4:00 PM</b>	*NICA GRiT Ride - meet at the NICA GRiT Tent
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Pre-Ride Closed - (No riders allowed on course after pre-ride is closed)
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Registration Closes

\*Everyone on course must have a race plate (student, coach, league staff) affixed to their bikes.



## **Sunday**

<b>6:45 AM</b>	Volunteer Shifts Begin
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Registration Opens
<b>7:30 AM</b>	*Pre-Ride Open to all riders
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Pre-Ride Closed
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Head Coaches Meeting at Start/Finish line
<b>9:15 AM</b>	Staging - Wave 1 MS Boys
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Racing Begins
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Staging - Wave 2 Girls
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Registration Closes
<b>12:15 PM</b>	Staging - Wave 3 HS Boys
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Racing Concludes
<b>2:15 PM</b>	Pit Zone Break Down Begins
<b>3:30 PM</b>	Awards Ceremony

\*Everyone on course must have a race plate (student, coach, league staff) affixed to their bikes.

\*\*Registration closes 60 minutes prior to each wave start

## **Pit Zone Information and NICA Rules**

- Pit Zone is open for loading/unloading
    - Saturday: 11:00am -5:00pm
      - There will be no riding on course prior to the pre-ride opening
    - Sunday: 7:00am -8:00am and after the infield is taken down
  - NO BIKE RIDING ALLOWED IN THE PIT ZONE
  - Garbage expectations - There will be dumpsters onsite
  - Grilling is allowed in PitZone
  - No Gas Generators in the PitZone
  - No inappropriate language allowed
  - No Dogs allowed in PitZone, on course or in race venue area
  - Traffic/Parking Plan - Check race map for marked parking locations
  - Encourage to stay for awards
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- No parking in the Pit Zone-1 vehicle per team will be allowed to drive/drop in Pit Zone
  - Athletes only in the staging area - Parents and Coaches should head to the race start spectating fan zone
  - Teams must remove all garbage from Pit Zone and camping areas whether or not a dumpster is on site



- No Smoking, Alcohol in Pit Zone
- No dogs allowed in PitZone, or around race venue
- Conflicts and/or disputes should not be dealt with in the team Pit Zone area
- Any violation of the above rules may result in a team penalty and/or expulsion from the Pit Zone and infield area

## Pre-Ride

### Pre-Ride Hours

Coaches Only (Saturday 1:00PM -2:00PM)

Saturday afternoon (2:00 PM–5:00 PM)

Sunday morning (7:30 AM–8:30 AM)

**There will be no riding on course prior to the pre-ride opening**

All racers should pre-ride the course

Athletes must be accompanied by their coach during pre-ride

**RIDERS MUST ADHERE TO ANY COURSE RESTRICTIONS**

NICA GRiT Ride is from 4-5pm Saturday..Meet at the NICA GRiT Tent at 3:50pm

**TO BE ON COURSE: ALL RIDERS (STUDENTS & REGISTERED COACHES) must be fully practice ready in the Pit Zone and have their number plates affixed to their bike**

**NO UNREGISTERED PARENTS/SIBLINGS ALLOWED ON COURSE**

## Stay up-to-date

Information in this race flyer is subject to change. Please check back just prior to the race weekend to make sure you have the most current information available.

**SEE YOU AT THE RACES!!!**

For more information contact:

- Tina Khan, League Director at [tina@kansasmtb.org](mailto:tina@kansasmtb.org)



- Venue/Race day specific questions - Sarah Underwood, Race director at [sarah@kansasmtb.org](mailto:sarah@kansasmtb.org)
- Other inquiries at [rules@kansasmtb.org](mailto:rules@kansasmtb.org) or your Kansas Team Director
- Follow us on Facebook at KansasMTB and Instagram @kansasmtb

## Wave Start Times

**STAGING** will begin 15 minutes before each wave.

Note: Final lap count decision per category will be finalized and confirmed at the start of each race in addition to any lap cut-off times. Staging for all races begins 15 minutes prior to the wave start.

### Wave 1: Middle School Boys

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	START TIME	Maximum Lap Count	*ESTIMATED FINAL LAP CUT-OFF TIME	ESTIMATED DURATION	RACE PLATE COLOR
8th Grade Boys (6000's)	9:30 AM	3	9:56 AM	25-45 minutes	Yellow
7th Grade Boys (5000's)	9:32 AM	3	9:58 AM	25-45 minutes	Purple
6th Grade Boys (4000's)	9:34 AM	3	10:00 AM	25-45 minutes	Green

### Wave 2: Girls

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	START TIME	Maximum Lap Count	*ESTIMATED FINAL LAP CUT-OFF TIME	ESTIMATED DURATION	RACE PLATE COLOR
JV Girls (100's)	10:30 AM	4	11:46 AM	45-90 minutes	Pink
Sophomore Girls (400's)	10:32 AM	3	11:26 AM	45-90 minutes	Orange
Freshman Girls (700's)	10:34 AM	3	11:28 AM	45-90 minutes	Dark Blue



8th Grade Girls (3000's)	10:36 AM	3	11:02 AM	25-45 minutes	Yellow
7th Grade Girls (2000's)	10:38 AM	3	11:04 AM	25-45 minutes	Purple
6th Grade Girls (1000's)	10:40 AM	3	11:06 AM	25-45 minutes	Green

### Wave 3: High School Boys

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	START TIME	Maximum Lap Count	*ESTIMATED FINAL LAP CUT-OFF TIME	ESTIMATED DURATION	RACE PLATE COLOR
JV Boys (200's)	12:30 PM	4	1:46 PM	60-100 minutes	Pink
Sophomore Boys (500's)	12:32 PM	3	1:26 PM	45-90 minutes	Orange
Freshman Boys (800's)	12:34 PM	3	1:28 PM	45-90 minutes	Dark Blue

\*Estimated Final Lap Cut-Off Time - riders must finish before the estimated duration time of the race expires. If they are not able to finish all of the laps within the estimated duration, riders will be pulled at the finish line and given a finishing time and score.

### Staging

**STAGING** will begin 15 minutes before each wave. No Coaches or parents in the staging area. Riders will know their start position before staging begins.

### Chip Timing Info

All riders will receive a permanent number plate with chip timing transponder on the backside. Riders will use the same plate for the entire race series, so please remove this number plate before mounting the bike for transport to prevent loss. **Replacement number plates will be available at the registration tent for \$10.**





## Cancellation/Weather Policy

### Kansas League Weather and Refund Policy

The Kansas League strives to put on world class events and provide all of our constituents with the best resources possible. To achieve the best resources, we make a financial investment to cover insurance, training, and planning activities. Those expenses are continuously incurred and are only partially covered by the participation fees into the league. In order to maintain the sustainability of the Kansas Interscholastic Cycling League, it is necessary we implement a NO-REFUND policy.

We greatly appreciate you being a part of our family and look forward to seeing you at the next event.

### Weather Policy

Below are the guidelines for how the Kansas League will conduct races in the event of challenging weather. Our primary considerations are the safety of racers, race support staff, race visitors, and potential damage to the race venue (trails and infield). Any decisions regarding canceling, postponing, or altering race start times, lap length, number of laps, etc. will be made jointly by the Kansas League Director, Chief Course Marshal, and land manager. Often this decision cannot be made until the day of the race due to the unpredictable and emergent nature of wet or stormy weather. That said, we will do our best to make the call to cancel, change venue or reschedule a race by noon the Thursday immediately preceding race weekend.

The Kansas League will make every attempt to notify the racing population via email (addresses taken from rider, parent, and coach emails entered when registering in the Pit Zone online registration system), Facebook, and website updates as early as possible.

### Kansas League Weather Guidelines

- Races are held on their scheduled dates unless the race course on the day of the race is deemed un-rideable and dangerous.
- The League will have the option to delay the start of a race from the published times if the weather has created dangerous conditions.
- Courses and/or lap lengths may be altered or shortened because of weather conditions. Last minute changes will be broadcast to racers at the start of each wave via the race announcer. If conditions require a change in number of laps during a race, a person will be stationed at the lap line advising riders of the change.



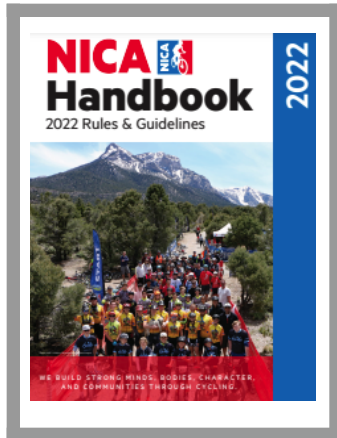


- The League will develop wet-weather course alterations in case of extremely wet conditions that threaten the trails used for the race.
- All racing will stop immediately in the presence of lightning as signified by the chief referee or race director. Racing may continue once the league director, chief referee, and the head timer have conferred.
- Re-starting a race that has been stopped due to lightning;
  - depending on schedule and number of laps completed, the race may be declared over
  - if time permits, racers will be able to resume laps beginning from the lap line
- Communication of delays, changes in start time, courses, and so on will be made by the League as follows:
  - on the league web site (prior to the race day, if possible).
  - on the public address system for Kansas Coaches and Team Directors
  - via forms of social media.
- League will not refund pre-registration fees due to inclement weather.
- League does not allow registration transfers to subsequent races due to inclement weather.

*Note: Weather Policy is standard NICA League policy.*



All participants are required to read, understand and abide by all league policies, rules and protocols while attending any league event.



## Kansas NICA Race Duration Guidelines

Riders will complete laps with the following Race Duration Guidelines for each category:

- <45 mins for Middle School
- 45-90 mins for Frosh/Soph boys and girls & and JV girls
- 60-100 mins for JV boys
- 90-120 mins for Varsity boys

Student-athletes may be asked to withdraw at the finish line after cut off time limits have been reached.

Race officials reserve the right to determine these time limits at any time.

Time limits may be imposed for reasons that include, among others: safety, heat, cold, rain, and muddy conditions.

Course closures may be announced at any time.

Racers who do not make the time limit cut-off will still be scored and ranked.

Due to weather or course closures, these duration guidelines may be changed at League Discretion.



## Coaches Meeting

A mandatory head coaches meeting will be held **Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 8:30 am Start/Finish Arch.**

Each team must have 1 representative present at the meeting.

## Camping and Lodging

The Kansas League encourages racers, coaches and parents to camp out! Overnight camping will be offered by Palen Farms and the surrounding area.

### Camping at Palen Farms

The race venue, Palen Farms, will provide each team, free of charge, a camping site with a single access point with two standard 15 amp power outlets. These sites will not have individual water or sewer access. Each site will be allowed to have any combination of six vehicles or trailers and up to 4 tents (i.e: 3 trailers and 3 vehicles, 2 trailers and 4 vehicles, 1 trailer and 5 vehicles etc...) Any additional units must park in the designated parking area. There will also be an additional designated tent only camping space (no vehicles) available for 8 tents with no per team limitations. All of these individual camping locations and tent sites will be first come - first serve and open on Friday April 23, at noon. No reservations taken.

### **Palen Farm Guidelines:**

- Parental supervision required, no exceptions. League staff, team coaches, and Palen farms are not responsible for student athletes outside of pre-ride and race day
- There will be dumpsters on-site
- Port-a-johns will be provided
- All campers must follow all rules and guidelines laid out by our host Palen Farms

### **Additional Camping Options:**

- Glen Elder State Park - Waconda Lake - 15 minutes north of the farm  
<https://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Glen-Elder>



- Also check out <https://www.mitchellcountykstourism.com/amenities.html>

### **Hotel Accommodations:**

- Beloit, KS: Super 8 3018 US-24, Beloit, KS 67420. (785) 738-4300 - 20 miles NE of the Farm

### Contact Information

#### General League Questions:

Tina Khan, Kansas League Director, [tina@kansasmtb.org](mailto:tina@kansasmtb.org)

#### Race/Venue Specific Questions:

Sarah Underwood, Kansas Race Director, [Sarah@kansasmtb.org](mailto:Sarah@kansasmtb.org)

#### Volunteer Questions:

Darby Cochran-Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator, [darbycochranwillson@yahoo.com](mailto:darbycochranwillson@yahoo.com)

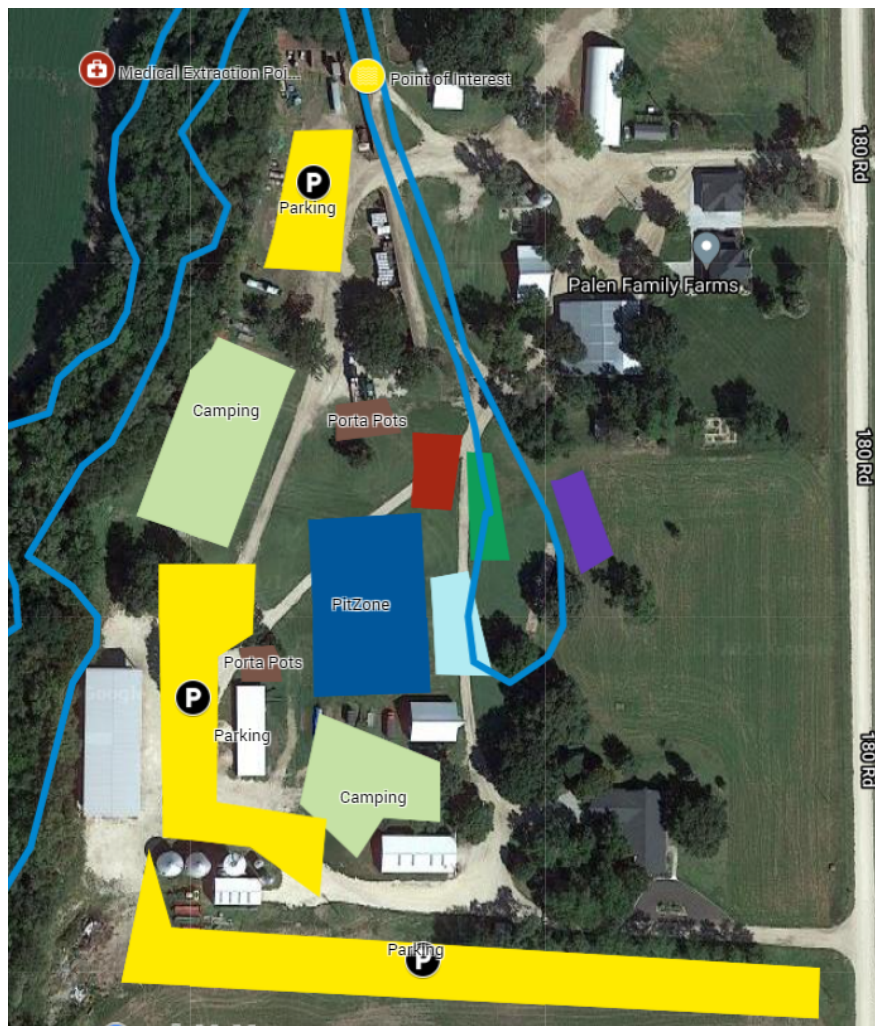
Race Officials [rules@kansasmtb.org](mailto:rules@kansasmtb.org)

Please note that most staff arrive onsite Thursday or Friday of each race weekend and may not have sufficient cell/data coverage to respond to calls/emails. Please plan accordingly.



# NICA

## Venue Map



## Course Map

**\*Please access the full course map for Party at Palen Farms here:**

**[Course Map](#)**



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## NICA Safety Reporting and Insurance Coverage

### **Safety Reporting**

Incident reports are mandatory whenever a student-athlete or coach is injured during a NICA activity. These incident reports are submitted by each Team's Designated Reporter or an independent rider's parent. For more information on Safety Reporting reporting please see our [brochure here](#).

### **Insurance Coverage**

NICA Insurance coverage is for registered student-athletes and registered coaches injured while participating in the sanctioned pre-ride and race events.

For more information on NICA Insurance Coverage, please see our [FAQ here](#).



The Kansas Interscholastic Cycling League is a Project League of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit youth development organization, guided by the core values of fun, inclusivity, equity, respect and community. The league promotes interscholastic mountain bike racing, provides training and education to new teams and coaches, and offers a comprehensive infrastructure to grow youth cycling in a professional, safe and engaging manner.