

State Championships Survey Text Responses

4) Would you rather have all races (category, junior & masters) in one location on a single day (i.e. all crit events Saturday) or keep them split up like recent years?

8 text respondents

Drop the age based races - Too many "old" pros to contend with for us old 4s.

Don't care - just don't like SE KS venues.

Institute a mtn bike race instead of leaving it to the sunflower games.

Does not matter to me.

That I have not attended I can not comment.

Use 1 venue but use a fri, sat and sunday to get races in.

Don't mind either way, but probably won't travel for ALL of them.

Doesn't matter, the Omni & State Champ races don't mean that much.

6) Please choose your favorite 40K TT course.

10 text respondents

I like Capps/Auburn but do not do 40K yet.

Whichever is most flat which makes it a test of tt and not climbing.

Closer to major population centers.

I'm too slow to TT for a State Medal.

Not sure; new to KS racing.

Old Topeka course used 5 yrs ago and before.

None....TT sucks!

Anything close to KC Metro.

Never done a Baldwin or St. Mary's 40k a change would be great!

Have only raced at walnut - no comparison available.

7) Why didn't you come to Pittsburg/Arma?

38 respondents

30 Too slow, fat, injured, don't do that kind of race or out of commission.

2 Not age based.

1 The crit course is not very exciting.

1 Dangerous crit course.

1 Results slow not posted on USAC

1 Other more important races held the same weekend

1 course itself is not that great. not good enough to warrant driving 2 hours.

Gets expensive to travel for all of these plus pay to race.

Too far to drive for too small of fields

Not worth the drive if not going for Omnium!

8) Why didn't you come to Olsburg?

40 Respondents

32 Too slow, fat, injured, don't do that kind of race or out of commission.

3 Don't like age category.

Hard to get to and remote as well as fairly hilly course.

Too far to drive for too small of fields.

Event Date Conflict.

Weather threat.

Low turnout for age groups - not a fun race - just a long TT.

9) Why didn't you come to Walnut?

46 Respondents

14 Too slow, fat, injured, don't do that kind of race or out of commission

3 Doing other races

Like a rolling course - too flat

Not too hard or too easy -- we just need to keep one venue for tt champs

10) Why didn't you do Wichita?

36 Respondents

27 Too slow, fat, injured, don't do that kind of race or out of commission

Scheduled at same time as USAC Jr. Road Nationals-please hold before Nationals

Event conflicted with Jr. Nationals in Bend, OR

Wichita seems to have problems with results so I just don't go there.

Classes/categories; didn't want to race with 40+

Boring courses

Timing...had another event to do.

Other events at the same time

Too far to drive for an easy course with low turnout.

12) If any of the recent races were too far for you to drive what is your ideal metro location?

7 Respondents

Anywhere close to major population centers.

Closer to KC always better for participation

If course is fun and fields are big/I am willing to go anywhere. but KC is ideal

Within an hour of the greatest concentration of licensed riders would be good.

Within 2 hours of the KC Metro unless it's well attended (50+ racers)

Anywhere in summer, limited during school year
South Johnson County??

14) What's your idea of a minimum acceptable one day total prize list (for all categories)?

3 Respondents

Good swag is OK - better than \$.

Decent medals

For state champs it should all be about a JERSEY and some gas money to liven up.

15) How deep should a race pay?

13 Respondents

Depends on competitors 3 at least.

Top 20% of finishers.

Depends on field size...at least top five.

Depending on number of entries.

No opinion.

Why does cycling pay at all? no need to.

Really depends on field size, especially with women.

Top 20-25%

State champs 1-3

Never in the payout anyway, but deeper gives more people a chance

How many isn't as relevant - payout should never be less than entry fee

Depends on number of entrants in each event

Proportional to prize list

17) Which state championship races in the last 5 years have you liked and why?

63 Respondents (Many chose more than one)

Note: Only specific sites were tallied, not general kudos like "I loved them all."

Olsburg – 16

Pittsburg/Arma – 14

Walnut – 13

Leavenworth Cross – 12

Corporate Woods – 8

Auburn TT – 7

Leavenworth Crit – 4

KC Woodlands RR – 3

Wichita – 2

OP Crit – 2

St. Mary's TT – 2
North KC RR – 2
Manhattan RR '99 – 1
Topeka RR – 1
Track – 1

This year age crit. Close to home and I like the crit course at Lake Afton.

State age group TT (Auburn): good course, not too far away, not much traffic.

State age group RR(Olsburg) big hills, good road conditions, no traffic

State Cross because of the larger fields

KS State RR Championship course in Olsburg - fun route!

Corporate Woods Crit because of close proximity to KC and course layout.

Doing Time in Leavenworth.

KS state Cyclocross race at St. Mary's

Olsburg Good course and I won.

all

Walnut TT-decent roads, light traffic, sections of course divided between 4 directions.

Olsburg RR- good pavement, selective & challenging course.

Capps/Auburn

The only one I've done (sad to admit) is the Manhattan RR in '99. Three laps of perimeter road around Ft.Riley,damn near killed me...but I got r' done...cool hills! St. Mary's TT course is great...the low traffic lets you focus on the suffering!

CX was more fun as there was competition. I prefer road racing, TTs and Crits equally over CX.

Olsburg: Challenging course.

Wichita: Close to home.

Pittsburg State: FUN course

RR north kc, crit in overland park were okay. I think that cx season has had a good strategy for getting more women out there...cheap entry fees. I'd also really like to see KS state champion jerseys return as a prize.

Arma/Pittsburg championship races. Well organized and back to back days mean you can make a weekend of the races for as much traveling as there is involved for me. Road course could be harder but still works into an attrition race. Good facilities for after race cleanup.

I liked the Pittsburg criterium and Olsburg road race

KC RR Woodlands: long climbs, minimal wind and easy access from all over. Just move the finish to be safer.

Pitt Crit: Windy technical sections, slight hill to break the pack and a finish 200 meters from the last corner off the hill is great

Leavenworth Crit: Hill, technical, more than 4 corners, and close to KC. 2008s course was the best.

I loved the Olsburg course and much prefer it to the Arma one. Unfortunately, I can't race masters so I haven't had the chance to race Olsburg in a while. I'd like to see the category and masters races rotate venues each year so that racers have the chance to do each course.

Olsburg because of the field

Liked the road course at Olsburg, also the one at Don's steakhouse S of Topeka was good - variety of hills, good surfaces, little traffic - hate the one at Arma - flat with one hill. It might as well be a hill sprint, outcome would be the same. Olsburg is really good - hard enough , long enough, not boring.

Liked Capps Rebound 20K TT Course - too old to race 40K course. Nice course, fairly centrally located in state.

Liked corporate woods crit - close to home.

Liked KCK (Woodlands start) RR - close to home and interesting course.

Like Olsburg course just few women racers.

I'm new to racing, I'm excited to get involved but lack the experience to share an opinion on most of these questions.

I liked all of them. Pittsburg and Leavenworth are quite a drive for me.

cx champs 2008-2009 St Mary's

age tt champs 2007 Auburn

--great courses, pretty close to home

'07 category crits (close to home, although late in season)

'08 category RR (decent course, although long drive)

I enjoy all the races that I attended.

Olsburg---Classic road course with long straights with wind. Epic hills for true separations. Perfect length. Great road surface. Light traffic.--right hand turns. It is hard, but fair. This is by far the best road course in Kansas.

Cyclocross, because 'cross is fun.

Why does KCA send me this stuff? I have never done a RR, Crit, or TT in the state of KS. I race CX and MTB, neither of which KCA deems worthy of acknowledging, other than taking some money off the top of every USAC event I enter.

All races are super that I have attended. Good organization, great venues.

Kc Corporate woods , well organized fast and big fields, lots of people.

09 CX, great course, great promoter

I have only competed in the Arma RR - good course - will compete again in 2010 along with the Crit in Pittsburg.

Only one I have done is the 2009 TT. I enjoyed it despite the rain.

I have only done two - both this year. Walnut TT and the Leavenworth Cyclocross (which is not mentioned in this survey). I really enjoyed both.

Walnut TT - The L-shape of the course ensures that you will experience head, tail, and side wind and the course is fairly low traveled. Would like to see a completely flat 40k TT course for either the category or age group State TT for the pure TT riders. This is Kansas and a purely flat location can be found.

2008 and 2009 Kansas State Cyclocross

I really enjoyed the St. Mary's 40km TT because it was dead flat and fast but the traffic was probably upset at us. I liked that one though. Also the Capps age group TT was good. I think it had more turnout than some of the age group road races and age group crits.

Well organized Capps TT, challenging, plenty of refreshments for athletes and volunteers

DeStad Cyclocross.

Always like the Olsburg course. varied terrain and usually windy. Arma has great facilities, but the course is less than entertaining. Would like to see a different course here, just cause its too flat.

I raced at Corporate Woods (not sure what year) and liked the course and spectator friendly. Easy to monitor traffic too.

Kansas, Missouri and Iowa

A race is a race

The Arma event has to be one of the best supported and best amenities for racers. The Walnut TT is an excellent course.

I have always enjoyed the Pittsburg RR and Crit. It is well run. It was one of the first races I ever travelled to and have always liked the courses

state crits at corporate woods in overland park. good course and great fields. fields since have been poor at best.

KS cyclocross races. Good fields, good course, good organization

Olsburg Category race. That course is classic and deserves bigger fields than Age Group races attract.

Olsburg is always good, just so far away; Walnut is good; Pittsburg/Arma is great; also CROSS states at St. Mary's was GREAT

I've enjoyed every Cyclocross state championship and had a blast at the Track Championships this year. Generally I like Time Trials and Criteriums...Road races take more training time than I have available to compete in comfortably. The crits at Corporate woods were great. I like venues near where people live or work or play. Spectators = bonus!

Walnut TT, fast, flat, and no traffic.

Pitt Crit, technical and challenging.

Corp Woods Crit, technical and close to home.

I've enjoyed all, but the Walnut TT with "Start House" was pretty cool. I liked the KCK road race because of the proximity to spectators.

All the State CX races.

OP crit and WYCO RR

Olsburg and Leavenworth RR Both challenging, liked Olsburg best. Leavenworth crit, challenging and relatively safe.

age group road race. Good hard course. Best rider wins.

All of them.

I have participated in the Pittsburg Crit and Walnut Time Trial. Roger Lomshek does a great job organizing these events.

All the TT are well run and on good courses. I like the state crit in Corporate Woods several years ago due to ease of getting to.

I love Roger's races in Pittsburg - venues and organization are great!

Wichita crits have been fine in the past, just not this year.

RR courses anywhere are hard for a lousy climber.

I enjoyed the state crit a few years back at corporate woods.

I've liked all the State Championships. Last year I won all of them. It is a long way to drive. Seeing how KS has less than 500 licensed riders, and most are in the metro KC area, it would be nice if it were closer. The fields would be a lot larger too, for sure! Thank you for everything and all you do!! LIVESTRONG!!!!

I have only done the Arma/Pitt mass start courses and I enjoy both venues. They are selective enough to make sure the strong rider wins but not so bad to make people drop like flies. I enjoy both the Walnut and Olsburg TTs for very different reasons - one is dead flat - awesome and the other challenges with climbs.

I have only raced at the 2009 events. I liked the Walnut time trial - though it was a long drive from KC.

In order of preference for Kansas RR with rating on 0-to-10 worst-to-best : 1) Fort Riley-10, 2) Lake Wilson-9, 3) Olsburg-9, 4) Richland/Topeka-8, 5) Woodlands-KC-7, 6) Arma-3, 7) Heritage Park/KC-1

18) Which state races in the last 5 years have you not liked and why?

48 Respondents

Olsburg – 1-Narrow finish, 1-Not enough Jr's, 1-Too hilly, 2-Too far

Arma – 2-RR tracks, 1-Too far, 7-Too easy, 1-Small fields

Pittsburg Crit – 8-Too dangerous, 1-Too easy

Walnut – 1-Not enough Jr's, 2-Too far

Auburn TT – 2-Too far

Heritage Park/South KC RR(Bill Marshal RR) – 2-Dangerous, 2-Too flat, 2-Heavy traffic

Wichita Crit – 1-Small fields, 1-Badly run, 2-Too far

None really are bad, it is just getting there and racing.

Category RR- Arma-poor condition of railroad tracks caused several bikers to crash.

Pittsburg-Age Group Crit-layout through parking lot and past buildings seemed unnecessarily dangerous dodging around beams, structures, whatever and straw from bales all around that could be slippery.

Olsburg-not enough room for bunch sprint with yellow line

Crits because I am 63 years old and have to normally race with 40 year olds

Olsburg and Walnut - not enough Junior competition.

Pittsburg races - Driving distance too far

Walnut TT - Driving distance too far

Note: Velotek GP is getting sloppy. They need chip timing this year. A 2 plus hour wait at the end of last years event is excessive! Time for Whittaker to step it up.

The course south of 151st street and East of Blackbob. All flat. I need hills to leave the big guys behind.

Alma RR-didn't seem like the course was very hard and just had one climb

RR & TT were frustrating due to lack of competition. Races closer to population centers may help.

Pittsburg RR. RR tracks are a bother. No REALLY fair way to rule if a train is involved in the race.

Wichita Crits; low # of racers showed. Not much to be proud of if you win that one.

RR in south overland park, too much traffic.

Auburn and Walnut TT races but only for long way to travel for a 40K. Really like the Walnut course but a long way to drive for a 40K TT. Auburn course not as nice as Walnut but also still a long drive for a 40K TT.

The Arma road course is boring.

Overland Park State Crit, the dangerous dog leg off the finish saw too many bad crashes. Otherwise a very good Crit course with great access.

I just really don't like the Pittsburg crit course. I prefer downtown crits or ones on a course that isn't in a parking lot.

Olsburg because of the hills

Road race at Arma. Boring course, too short. Classes got mixed up, nasty wrecks. The race was all about the last hill. Hate to drive to SE KS. Nothing to do, no place to stay there.

Any with small ladies fields but that is not fault of promoter.

The 2007 downtown Leavenworth crit. The course was too technical (too many turns, downhill finish).

'08-'09 category crit (bad course & long drive)

Most age group races due to lack of participation

like them all

Mainly the Arma RR. Boring, not challenging. Encourages defensive racing. No separation points. Everyone simply waits for the final 400 meters.

If the temperature goes about 95 F, it's dangerous to race. Therefore I skip most races in July and August.

Age Group in Wichita, too far.

all to small , too far, states should be all at same area.

The Cross results are still not posted (that I can find, anyway). If I were to ask for improvement, it would be to improve the posting of results and photos online. I did not notice this time lag following the TT.

Pittsburgh Crit Championship - The course had steel barriers/fencing, potholes, and a curb drop off on a 90 degree turn in which oncoming traffic was allowed. That is dangerous IMO.

Pittsburg, in saying that I didn't hate it. It's just a far drive and it would be nice if there was more of a turnout but that's not the deciding factor for me. Also all age groups should race at the same time so weather conditions are similar. It seems like the wind can change direction out there at a moments notice. Well run otherwise.

There was a little confusion in start times at Walnut but overall I have been impressed with all events in Kansas.

The fact that the majority of the racers have to drive to unpopulated or non racer populated areas to race rather boring if not horrible courses

Masters crit in Pittsburg. Too hot, too long, dangerous course, small fields.

Anything in or near Wichita - too far for KC folks

Don't much care for the remoteness of the Olsburg course. Don't really like having to drive several hours to any race, especially back to back days or weekends. Once in a while is fine, but then I'll pick and choose.

All the road races. Every course, the RR at Heritage Park, the RR at the Woodlands, the Arma RR...none are challenging enough. The VeloTek GP RR course is a better example of what a state RR should be like...or the MO RR course...hard and challenging for all.

Pitt crit- not selective enough...not that it matters since the fields are so small.

Pittsburg RR not hard enough for state event. Pittsburg crit has a bad corner.

Ones that are too far away, don't have any value (i.e. prize list, championship jersey or free entry fees for category winners within discipline) and have low rider turnout.

Didn't like the Wichita crit - way too disorganized, insane amount of traffic on the course, location change at the last minute as well.

Arma RR, but that's my training, not the race.

Pittsburg crit has one bad (dangerous) corner at the bottom, if they could remove that it would be much safer.

I haven't been to one I didn't enjoy.

Alma RR - too flat & straight.

Heritage Park was a fiasco, too narrow, whole fields passing whole fields, sheer craziness on the road. I miracle no major accidents occurred. Terrible race.

Arma is way too easy. I don't believe the order of the results would be any different if the race started at the bottom of the hill and only raced the one kilometer to the finish line.

19) Please list the top one or two promoters/races in KS and why you like their events.

63 Respondents

- 14 – Jim Whittaker
- 11 – Roger Harrison
- 10 – Roger Lomshek
- 7 – Chris Locke
- 5 – Peter Greig
- 5 – Chad Marshall
- 3 – Tour of Lawrence
- 3 – Wichita
- 2 – Curtis Martell
- 2 – Brendan Sheehan
- 2 – Bill Marshall
- 2 – 360
- 2 – Jeff Unruh
- 1 – Jack Mason
- 1 – Dave Bottoms
- 1 – Baldwin City

The Wichita events, just due to the close location.

Tailwind because Roger works very hard but still a has lot of fun with all of us racers and he brings the music. He has a great attitude which reminds us to enjoy the experience

Dave Bottoms - BRBC Racing

Roger Harrison and Jim Whittaker - all their events are fun!

Roger Harrison events, well managed and safe.

Brendan Sheehan - Joseph Sheehan Road Race, a great spring RR well managed and safe.

Bill Marshall events. well managed and good prize list.

I liked the Baldwin City races from 4 years ago. Good courses, good prizes and good accommodations for racers.

I also like the spring races at Clinton state park and the spring races around the dam at Perry lake. Good solid course and early training.

I hope this helps you in 2010.

Revolution=realistic

360/Heartland=OCD

Tour of KC (August races)-good courses, decent prize list, large fields.

Velotek gp. I like the stage race format. Brings more factors into play and equalizes racers. Jim Whittaker also does a good job promoting.

Whittaker's Spring Fling Series and Velo Tek GP are at the top of my list for the past 7 years. Very well organized, great officiating and near instantaneous results. Jims passion for the sport shows in every event. Tour of K.C. gets my top vote as well.

Jim Whittaker/GP Velotek Grand Prix, Roger Harrison/That Dam Race Again and Again and Again. Why? Hard and Fun, fun, fun.

I like them all. Anyone willing to go to the trouble of a flyer, course, sponsors and race day craziness to put on a race gets an A+ from me and I hope they keep doing it.

Roger L. The volunteers, facilities, payouts, primes, and crit course!

Roger Harrison, smooth, positive, lots of help. He supports women racers. Seems like 360 has done a great job with cross races this year too.

Arma/Pittsburg races - 2 well-organized races on one weekend. Good for when traveling long distance.

Velotek Stage Race - Challenging road, crit and TT courses with good fields and good payout. Not the most organized on results this last year but a good weekend of racing.

Don't catch many 1 race weekends due to travel considerations.

Chris Locke is well organized and so is Roger Lomshek. Both go the extra mile and have all the details covered so the riders enjoy it.

I love them all! They all do a great job providing KS with more races then most other parts of the country.

Idea: The KCA should have a small State Championship fee added to each KS event to help provide the promoter sponsoring that year's championships a fund to help cover expenses or raise the prize list and improve prizes.

Revolution racing - convenience

Tour of KC - the new courses this year were awesome! The prize lists were good, the chip timing should be done at all races (even if it means increased entry fees), and the vibe was very "pro".

Tour of Lawrence - top notch courses, great payout, and very organized. Just a very well run event.

Wichita Crit. Well organized

Can't really think of promoters, but in general I like events with festival atmosphere, swag and prizes in abundance. Curtis Martell does this well at cross races, as do many cross promoters. Jeff Unruh puts on well organized events, every detail covered.

I think nearly all the promoters in KS work hard to promote quality races. Our biggest obstacle is small field sizes.

Revolution Racing - Jim Whittaker. Jim's events are run fairly and are always fun.

Could other races between the early spring and cx in the fall be organized into series? How about encouraging 60+ category in some of the big races? Thanks! Looking forward to 2010.

- 1) Cliff Drive (great course)
- 2) Baldwin City RR (great course)
- 3) Breakthrough Tour (well-run & decent courses)
- 4) Tour of Lawrence (well-run & decent courses)

Roger Lomshek, kept on schedule.

Curtis Martell

Brandon Sheehan

I really liked Doug Palen's 6 hour mtb race in north central, KS. I feel like its pretty safe to say that its one of the richest prize lists in KS.

Jeff and the Series 60 guys did a great job with the HTP Grand Prix CX race.

Chris Locke and Roger Harrison

Well organized, well publicized, racers are taken care of, good music, great awards, all efforts are making racing safe.

Jim Whittaker; concern for riders, good prizes and venues. spring fling and Perry lake

R. Harrison, always quality and safe

None anymore...way too small of fields.

Tour of KC - it is local and not too far to drive - being Cat 5, do not have the ability to win money to offset cost of travel.

Chris Locke, Roger Harrison, Jim Whittaker. Not sure these guys all qualify as promoters, but I have enjoyed their events over the years.

Specs Racing puts on class events. The payouts are adequate and the courses for their events are safe and well monitored IMO.

Chris Locke

Jim Whittaker- Jim is very motivated to put on class events and is always helpful to newbies. Without Jim there is very little spring racing in Kansas.

Jack Mason- I thought he did an excellent job last year at his inaugural road race. Well organized, great prizes and plenty of refreshment. He cares about the athlete and caters to them. Cool dude

Roger Harrison's work on any event is outstanding. Kansas races are so much better organized than anything in MO where races run late and racers are still being registered at race time. Overall, I have enjoyed every event in Kansas and the Power and Light crit. These promoters work very hard to put on their events and should be commended!!!!

I have no preference. I will try to support anyone who promotes races.

talk to cx promoters. They get it. road promoters need to join the club. Talk to scot capstak and heartland promotions. They get it.cx is the fastest growing segment of bicycle racing scene? Go where racers live. Create some fun.Y no ?'s dealing with cx?u guys just don't get it.u really hate cx that much?KCA's views r old. join the fun.try mtb & cx.

Chris Locke

SKC racing weekend in June

well run, good fields, great venues

Sunflower cross, Lawrence. Great course

University of St Mary's, Leavenworth. Great facilities

Jim W. Gotta love crit series', and local stage race (velotek grand prix)

they all do a great job and try very hard to put on the best event possible - keep up the good work

I don't think it's dependent upon specific promoters, but rather upon venue choice and timing. Races near the racing population will have both higher rates of participation AND spectators. They have the opportunity to create a "festival" around the event, and that makes it more fun to stick around and watch, attend awards ceremonies and hang out.

Jim Whittaker, you know what you're getting and the races and support behind the races are there every year.

Tour of KC AUGUST, great courses, great turnout, good prize money.

That's pretty tough, since everybody works hard.

Bill Marshall when he's on, not so when he's off.

Roger Lomshek puts the amenities together.

Chris Locke works it hard.

The Breakthrough Tour of KC in June-
good crit courses
use of timing chips
variety of locations
good amenities for racers/volunteers

Tailwind

All promoters did a good job. However I don't like paying a late entry fee.

The team CX events. Family like setting. Enjoyable for many to participate and watch.

Roger F. Harrison

As stated above, I think Roger Lomshek works hard to make sure each race is well organized.

Capps always puts on a good race. Any race from Lomshek and his crew seems to be well run also, although I've just done state TT's the past several years.

Lomshek, Harrison provide a variety of fields for different levels, fine facilities, well organized races.

SKC did a great job because of the timing chips-quick and accurate. faster results would be nice. I enjoy spring fling even though Jim has issues with flyers and results. I also enjoyed the Lawrence crit this year

Chad Marshall and Roger Lomshek - courses well laid out, solid volunteers, solid communication pre/post race.

Tour of Lawrence - very interesting circuit course. Challenging, technical, but not too dangerous at any point.

Tour of Kansas City - Overland park Crit, another course that is challenging and technical Both had large, competitive fields which made the events very fun to compete in.

I like any promoters that start their races after noon. I don't believe any "professional" sports race in the early mornings as far as I know? One MAJOR advantage of starting races after noon is that travel from longer distances is possible without incurring the cost of staying overnight.