

PLATINUM DESIGNATION

What is “Platinum” Designation?

- professional cyclists
- highly ranked USA Cycling amateurs
- event participants who have earned the designation
- “Platinum” is for safety to group the most experienced riders together
- “Platinum” is not an award

How to attain “Platinum”

- Finish a qualifying Perimeter Bicycling event within specified times (see chart below)
- Platinum designation expires **3 years** from date it was earned. Since we did not have events in 2020, **Platinum Designation is extended for 4 years**
- Hold a current USA Cycling/ UCI Professional, Cat 1 or 2 racing license for ROAD (track, cyclocross & mountain do not qualify) Must input license number during time of registration
- Tandems: BOTH riders must have earned platinum designation either on a tandem or individually. (Platinum Tandems will start in the VIP, the first group behind the Platinum in the 102-mile category)

PLATINUM TIMES

El Tour	Men	Women
	Time under (hours)	Time under (hours)
100-Mile events	5:00	5:30
63-Mile events	3:00	3:15

Platinum Meetings & Passes (Wristbands & Ride Numbers Required)

- Required for entry into Platinum corral at events
- Passes available ONLY at Platinum meetings at Expo/Package Pick-up: Meetings are at 12:00pm and 6:00 pm on Thursday November 16, 2023 & Friday, November 17, 2023
- You will receive a **PLATINUM WRISTBAND** that must be worn for your admittance to the Platinum corral.
- Must attend Platinum meeting to acquire ride credentials and wristband.
- **THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION OF PLATINUM DESIGNATION AT THE PLATINUM MEETING OR AT THE START LINE**
- Platinum passes NOT available ride morning
- **Platinum corral closes 30 minutes before start of El Tour de Tucson. BE ON TIME. (This is 6:30 am for the 102-mile and 8:30am for the 63-mile)**
- The ride is a neutral start, and you **MUST** stay behind the pace car and the lead police motorcycles. The Subaru pace car will be going under 15 mph due to narrow roads and turns before Aviation Highway. **When the pace car drops the flag, you can proceed full speed. Anyone passing the pace car or police will be disqualified.**