

PLATINUM DESIGNATION

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What is “Platinum” Designation?

- professional cyclists
- highly ranked USA Cycling amateurs
- event participants who have earned the designation, based upon gun time
- “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 based on gun time, (see chart below).
- Platinum designation expires **3 years** from date it was earned.
- 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 de Tucson	Men	Women
	Time under (hours)	Time under (hours)
100-Mile Events	4:30	5:00
63-Mile Events	3:00	3:15
Tour de Scottsdale	Men	Women
	Time under (hours)	Time under (hours)
63-Mile Events	3:00	3:15

Platinum Meetings & Wristbands (Wristbands & Ride Numbers Required)

- Must Attend a Platinum Meeting to acquire ride credentials and wristband.
- Meeting are at 1:00pm and 6:00pm on Thursday, November 20, 2025 & Friday, November 21, 2025
- At the Platinum Meetings you will receive a PLATINUM WRISTBAND that must be worn for your admittance to the Platinum corral
- The Wristbands are available ONLY at the Platinum Meetings at the Expo/Package Pick-up
- The Wristband is required for entry into the Platinum Corral
- **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 8:45 am 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.**