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14 Pro Cycling Teams Accept Early Invitations to Race in August at the 2019 Tour of Utah

TOU Attracts International Flavor with Five Countries Represented at “America’s Toughest Stage Race”

SALT LAKE CITY (April 18, 2019) – Fourteen of the world’s best international and domestic men’s professional cycling teams have accepted invitations to compete at the 2019 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah on Aug. 12-18. Five countries are represented among the current lineup - Australia, Colombia, Israel, Italy, and the United States.

Two teams racing the Tour of Utah for the first time are from the UCI Pro Continental ranks with Manzana Postobon (Colombia) and Neri Sottoli-Selle Italia-KTM (Italy). Among the returning U.S.-based teams, six have competed for five or more years in Utah -- EF Education First, Trek-Segafredo, Hagens Berman Axeon, Rally UHC Cycling, Arapahoe I Hincapie powered by BMC and Wildlife Generation Pro Cycling presented by Maxxis.

The longest streak for competing at the Tour of Utah is 11 years and belongs to Rally UHC Cycling, a UCI Pro Continental team managed by Circuit Sport. Last year the team competed as Rally Pro Cycling. Another new name in the peloton is Wildlife Generation Pro Cycling presented by Maxxis. This squad competed for six years in Utah under the Jelly Belly Pro Cycling colors.

These teams have accounted for 37 stage victories and overall classification titles at the Tour of Utah since 2011, the year the Tour was elevated internationally by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). Three additional teams will be added later this spring for “America’s Toughest Stage Race,” for a total of 17 teams in the final field of the UCI 2.HC stage race. Rosters for each team are expected to total 120 riders and will be announced in late July.

TEAMS ACCEPTING INVITATIONS (as of 4/18/19)

- 303 Project (USA)
- Arapahoe I Hincapie presented by BMC (USA)
- Aevolo Pro Cycling (USA)
- EF Education Pro Cycling (USA)
- Elevate - KHS Pro Cycling (USA)
- Hagens Berman Axeon (USA)
- Israel Cycling Academy (Israel)
- Manzana Postobon Team (Colombia)
- Neri Sottoli-Selle Italia-KTM (Italy)
- NIPPO-Vini Fantini-Faizanè (Italy)
- Rally UHC Cycling (USA)
- Trek-Segafredo (USA)
- Team BridgeLane (Australia)
- Wildlife Generation Pro Cycling presented by Maxxis (USA)



“The Tour of Utah continues to attract a prestigious field of teams for seven days of fierce competition across our beautiful state,” said John Kimball, managing director of the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. “The world-class quality of teams matched with the challenging terrain of Utah always

creates a worthy champion. We expect the 15th edition of the Tour of Utah will again deliver triumphant moments at the finish line each day for the riders and spectators.”

Four of these teams will be competing in May at the Giro d'Italia, one of the three Grand Tours of men's stage racing. EF Education Pro Cycling and Trek-Segafredo will participate as UCI WorldTour teams. Israel Cycling Academy and NIPPO-Vini Fantini-Faizanè are both UCI Pro Continental teams and received wild card entries for the event. It is the third year Israel Cycling Academy will compete in Utah and the fourth year for NIPPO-Vini Fantini-Faizanè.

The Tour of Utah will begin on Aug. 12 at Snowbird Resort for a prologue (short time trial), one of four ski resorts that is part of the event. The Tour will conclude on Aug. 18 in Park City. Additional host venues are North Logan City, Brigham City, Powder Mountain Resort, Antelope Island State Park, North Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, and Canyons Village at Park City Mountain.

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah is free to all spectators, making professional cycling one of the most unique professional sports in the world today. It remains a 2.HC-rated stage race on the UCI America Tour, making it one of the premier events for professional cycling teams in North America. The Tour is also part of the USA Cycling Pro Road Tour. More information about the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah can be found by visiting www.tourofutah.com, as well as social channels [Facebook](#) (tourofutah), [Twitter](#) (tourofutah), [Instagram](#) (thetourofutah) and [YouTube](#) (Tour of Utah).

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About the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, referred to as "America's Toughest Stage Race™," is a week-long, professional cycling stage race for the best men's teams in the world. The 2019 event will be held Aug. 12-18. Last year the Tour covered 548 miles of racing and 43,780 feet of elevation gain. Now in its 15th year, the event was elevated in 2015 as a 2.HC-rated UCI stage race, making it one of the premier events in North America. The Tour of Utah is owned by Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment. More information about the Tour of Utah, host venues and professional teams can be found by visiting www.tourofutah.com.

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