



WORLD'S TOP CYCLING TEAMS AND RIDERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

*Fans Across California Will Cheer on Five Returning Race Champions,
World and National Champions, and Olympic Medalists in May*

LOS ANGELES (March 14, 2019) – AEG, owner and presenter of America's only [UCI WorldTour](#) race, has confirmed teams and select riders who will compete in the 2019 [Amgen Tour of California](#) and the [Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM](#).

From May 12-18, 2019, 19 men's teams of elite professional cyclists will contest 773 miles of California's most scenic highways, mountain roads and coastlines from Sacramento to Pasadena. The simultaneous women's event will feature 16 teams, kicking off in Ventura on May 16, then running concurrently to also finish May 18 in Pasadena.

Both events welcome back past race champions: Boels Dolmans' Olympic gold medalist and current World Champion **Anna Van der Breggen** (2017) and California-based reigning race champion **Katie Hall** (2018) will return to compete in the [Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM](#), while men's returning champions include Team Jumbo-Visma's **George Bennett** (2017); BORA-hansgrohe's three-time World Champion **Peter Sagan** (2015), who also holds the race record for stage wins (16); and EF Education First Pro Cycling's U.S. veteran rider **Tejay van Garderen** (2013), whose credits include three top-10 Grand Tour finishes and the race record for the largest winning margin of all time (+1.47" ahead of the next competitor).

"I'm excited to say I'll be coming to California in May to race the Amgen Tour of California. California is really special to me – it's my home state, and I'm excited to race these new courses in Southern California," said **Hall**. "This is going to be an exciting race! The courses are new and well-designed, and will make for some aggressive and exciting finishes."

"I'm really looking forward to coming back for my 10th Amgen Tour of California. I really love the Amgen Tour of California...come visit us and enjoy!," said **Sagan**.

2019 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA (MEN) – 19 TEAMS

World Tour (13)

- Astana Pro Team (KAZ)
- BAHRAIN – MERIDA (BRN)
- BORA-hansgrohe (GER)
- CCC Team (POL)
- Deceuninck – Quick-Step (BEL)
- EF Education First Pro Cycling (USA)
- Team Jumbo-Visma (NED)
- Team KATUSHA ALPECIN (SUI)

- Team Dimension Data (RSA)
- Team Sky (GBR)
- Team Sunweb (GER)
- Trek-Segafredo (USA)
- UAE Team Emirates (UAE)

Pro Continental (5)

- Cofidis (FRA)
- Hagens Berman Axeon Cycling Team (USA)
- Israel Cycling Academy (ISR)
- Rally UHC Cycling (USA)
- Team Novo Nordisk (USA)

National Teams (1)

- USA Cycling (USA)

The 2019 Amgen Tour of California will feature the current top-three WorldTour teams and a world-class peloton featuring World and National Champions, Olympic and Tour de France veterans including*:

- Veteran sprinters **Peter Sagan** (BORA-hansgrohe), **Marcel Kittel** (KATUSHA ALPECIN), **Mark Cavendish** (Team Dimension Data) and **Nacer Bouhanni** (Cofidis) will battle for the coveted green jersey
- Despite the lack of a time trial in this year's race, BAHRAIN – MERIDA general classification leader **Rohan Dennis** will return to California to showcase his all around climbing skills. He is the current individual time trial champion and a two-time stage winner at the Amgen Tour of California
- Astana's 2018 Tour de France stage winners **Magnus Cort Nielsen** (DEN) and **Omar Fraile** (ESP)
- Northern Californian **Peter Stetina** (Trek-Segafredo), who placed 2nd on the Gibraltar stage in 2016
- American riders with an eye to the 2020 Olympic Games competing with USA Cycling

** Additional riders will be confirmed in the coming weeks.*

AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S RACE EMPOWERED WITH SRAM – 16 TEAMS:

- Astana Women's Team (KAZ)
- BePink (ITA)
- Boels Dolmans Cycling Team (NED)
- CANYON//SRAM Racing (GER)
- CCC – Liv (NED)
- Cogeas Mettler Look Pro Cycling Team (RUS)
- Drops (GBR)
- Hagens Berman | Supermint Pro Cycling (USA)
- Rally UHC Cycling (USA)
- Sho-Air TWENTY20 (USA)
- Swapit/Agolico Cycling Pro Team (MEX)

- Team Sunweb (NED)
- Team TIBCO-Silicon Valley Bank (USA)
- Trek-Segafredo (USA)
- Valcar Cylance Cycling (ITA)
- WNT ROTOR Pro Cycling Team (GER)

Seven of the current top-9 UCI ranked women's teams will compete in the three-day road race, including top-ranked Boels Dolmans (NED). The elite field will include the top three finishers from the 2018 event (Hall, Wiles, Niewiadoma), Olympic medalists and champions: World Champions **Lizzie Deignan** (2015/Trek-Segafredo) and **Chantal Blaak** (2017/Boels Dolmans); WNT ROTOR Pro Cycling Team's German rider **Lisa Brennauer**, who holds multiple World and National Champion titles; and Astana's **Arlenis Sierra** (Astana), who claimed the green jersey at the 2017 California event and a stage win in Sacramento last year.

Also expected to compete are Ventura, Calif. sisters **Kendall Ryan** (TIBCO-Silicon Valley Bank) and **Alexis Ryan** (CANYON//SRAM), and gifted climbers **Ashleigh Moolman Pasio** (CCC – Liv) and **Kasia Niewiadoma** (CANYON//SRAM), who took third place at last year's race. Trek-Segafredo will mount formidable U.S. riders **Taylor Wiles**, who placed second in last year's edition, and **Ruth Winder**, who claimed a stage at the 2018 Giro d'Italia Femminile. Known as a race where young riders can make their names known, phenoms will punctuate the action including 2020 Tokyo Olympic hopefuls **Emma White** (Rally UHC); **Chloé Dygert** (Sho-Air TWENTY20), who set a World Record on the track for individual pursuit last year; and Tustin, Calif.-based speedster **Coryn Rivera** (Team Sunweb), who at age 26 holds 72 national titles and a 2017 stage victory in California.

Presented by Visit California, a visual overview of the men's and women's courses is viewable at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

Fans and cycling enthusiasts will have the opportunity to ride part of the 2019 Amgen Tour of California course just like the pros on the ascent to Mt. Baldy near Los Angeles when the annual **L'Etape California by Le Tour de France** public ride returns to Southern California Sunday, June 9. Riders of all levels can experience the essence of the Tour de France complete with expect spectacular views, peaceful twisting roads, and an abundance of climbing in this year's edition. Registration is open at www.letapecalifornia.com.

In addition to lining the race course, fans of all ages will once again have the opportunity to experience the race as a VIP from an all-inclusive hospitality tent or through once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. To learn more visit: <https://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/vip-experiences>. VIP Hospitality Passes for stage starts and finishes are available at <https://www.axs.com/amgen2019>. For questions, contact sales@amgentourofcalifornia.com.

About the Amgen Tour of California

The Amgen Tour of California and the Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM are Tour de France-style cycling road races created and presented by AEG. Running concurrently, the races challenge the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along demanding courses that traverse hundreds of miles of California's iconic highways, byways and coastlines each spring. The teams chosen to participate have included Olympic medalists, Tour de France contenders and World Champions, and award important, world-ranking points to the top

finishers. For more information visit the Amgen Tour of California on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

About Amgen

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