

## 2026 LIFE TIME GRAND PRIX WILD CARD ROSTER UNVEILED

**Six athletes will earn their way into the series and chase a record  
\$350,000 equal-pay prize purse**

**Chanhassen, Minn., (Thursday, February 19th):** With under two months to go until the opening round of the 2026 [Life Time Grand Prix](#), the Wild Card roster has been confirmed.

Last season, Cameron Jones stunned the cycling world, riding into the series as a Wild Card and charging all the way to the 2025 overall men's title. Jones' success story instantly elevated the Wild Card program into one of the most closely watched entry points in elite off-road competition, an increasingly competitive one.

"The Wild Card selection has quickly become one of the most anticipated elements of the Life Time Grand Prix, and the caliber of the 2026 roster reflects the incredible depth we're seeing in off-road cycling today," said **Kimo Seymour, Senior Vice President of Events at Life Time and Director of the Life Time Grand Prix.**

"Asking athletes to perform at both Sea Otter and UNBOUND Gravel gives us a clear picture of who is prepared for the intensity of the Grand Prix. It's a route that proved its value last season – Cameron Jones famously turned a Wild Card opportunity into a championship run – and we expect this year's field to bring the same level of ambition."

Just as last year, three spots in each of the men's and women's fields will be filled following the completion of the [Life Time Sea Otter Classic](#), which takes place on Thursday, April 16th, and [Life Time UNBOUND Gravel presented by Shimano](#) on Saturday, May 30th. Wild Card athletes must contest both events, and the top performers across the two races combined will earn themselves a spot in the 2026 series.

**The athletes set to compete for a Wild Card spot are:**

### **Women**

- Mikayla Arends- 29, Kelowna, BC, Canada
- Gabriella Arnold - 29, Indianapolis, IN, USA
- Laurie Arseneault - 28, Bromont, QC, Canada
- Anet Barrera - 27, Zapopan, JA, Mexico

- Charlotte Clarke - 23, Timaru, New Zealand
- Leslie Ethridge - 35, San Francisco, CA, USA
- Natalia Franco Villegas - 30, Tellico Plains, TN, USA
- Elizabeth Hermolle - 31, Blackpool, United Kingdom
- Siena Hermon - 23, Big Bear City, CA, USA
- Michelle Howe - 37, Tucson, AZ, USA
- Caitlyn Kellogg - 31, Scottsdale, AZ, USA
- MJ Lopez Aguirre - 23, Chandler, AZ, USA
- Colleen Maher - 33, Brevard, NC, USA
- Deanna Mayles - 32, Colorado Springs, CO, USA
- Cristina Harner - 30, Lafayette, CO, USA
- Emily Newsom - 42, Fort Worth, TX, USA
- Lejla Njemcevic - 31, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Florence Normand - 23, Quebec, Canada
- Laurel Quinones - 27, San Francisco, CA, USA
- Jenna Rinehart - 41, Mankato, MN, USA
- Hannah Shell - 41, Longmont, CO, USA
- Danielle Shrosbree - 31, Poole, United Kingdom
- Sierra Sims - 28, Roanoke, VA, USA
- Haley Smith - 32, Waterloo, QC, Canada
- Jen Tavé - 35, Redwood City, CA, USA
- Michaela Thompson - 23, Durango, CO, USA
- Sofia Waite - 22, Wheat Ridge, CO, USA

## Men

- Carter Anderson - 23, American Fork, UT, USA
- Martins Blums - 30, Priekuli, Latvia
- Caleb Bottcher - 24, Palmerston North, New Zealand
- Hayden Clarke - 22, San Antonio, TX, USA
- Cole Davis - 26, Roseville, CA, USA
- Andrew Dillman - 31, Fairdale, KY, USA
- Derek Dotlich - 28, Indiana, USA
- Griffin Easter - 34, Park City, UT, USA
- Nicolò Ferrazzo - 34, Volpago Del Montello, Italy
- Russell Finsterwald - 34, Colorado Springs, CO, USA
- Kyle Fry - 36, Shuniah, ON, USA
- Julien Gagné - 31, Sherbrooke, QC, Canada
- Truman Glasgow - 25, Alpine, UT, USA
- Joe Goettl - 33, Sandy, UT, USA
- Lance Haidet - 28, San Luis Obispo, CA, USA

- Piotr Havik - 31, Gouderak, Netherlands
- Cole House - 37, Oneida, WI, USA
- Dylan Johnson - 30, Brevard, NC, USA
- Yusuf Johnson - 22, Baltimore, MD, USA
- Kyle Kalish - 29, Columbus, IN, USA
- Nathan Knowles - 24, Tucson, AZ, USA
- Lasse Konecny - 22, Breckenridge, CO, USA
- Alban Lakata - 46, Lienz, Austria
- Michael Lambert - 27, Platteville, WI, USA
- Mathijs Loman - 26, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- Sampo Malinen - 26, Lahti, Finland
- Justin McQuerry - 30, Austin, TX, USA
- Leandro Messineo - 46, Open Door, Argentina
- Daxton Mock - 24, Lake Mills, WI, USA
- Lawrence Naesen - 33, La Gleize, Belgium
- Henry Nelson - 23, Durango, CO, USA
- Amaette Nsek - 26, Ontario, CA, USA
- Gustave Orain - 24, Girona, Spain
- Jonas Orset - 35, Oslo, Norway
- Ethan Overson - 25, Superior, CO, USA
- Ethan Pauly - 25, Victoria, BC, Canada
- Georwill Perez Roman - 32, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
- Cullen Perkey - 22, Englewood, CO, USA
- Matt Pike - 28, Longmost, CO, USA
- David Ramon Rubinat - 28, Corona, CA, USA
- Jacob Richards - 26, Ogden, UT, USA
- Adam Roberge - 28, Prévost, QC, Canada
- Brody Sanderson - 26, Severn, ON, Canada
- Miguel Santillanes Garcia - 32, El Paso, TX, USA
- Tim Savre - 35, Minneapolis, MN, USA
- Rogan Smart - 28, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa
- Marcus Spratt - 30, Millcreek, UT, USA
- Nathaniel Spratt - 30, Millcreek, UT, USA
- Travis Stedman - 23, Durban, South Africa
- Nathan Surowiec - 23, Forest Hill, MD, USA
- Skyler Taylor - 30, San Anselmo, CA, USA
- Jose Eduardo Tijerina Cuesta - 22, Monterrey, Mexico
- Daniel Van Der Walt - 24, Bellville, South Africa
- Jacob Velasco - 23, Rocklin, CA, USA
- Cory Wallace - 41, Jasper, AB, USA
- Chase Wark - 29, Winona, MN, USA
- Alex Wild - 33, San Jose, CA, USA
- Matthew Wilson - 24, Maungatautari, New Zealand

"The Wild Card spots are proof that the Life Time Grand Prix cares about finding the strongest riders on the scene," said **Cameron Jones, overall men's winner of the 2025 Life Time Grand Prix**. "It gave me the chance to prove that a Wild Card entry isn't just a filler spot, it's a chance for a genuine contender to shake up the standings. I truly believe that the talent pool is deep enough now that we may well see another Wild Card take the overall title in 2026."

The men's and women's rosters for the 2026 Life Time Grand Prix [have already been announced](#). The countdown to the opening round of the 2026 Life Time Grand Prix is now on.

**The calendar for the 2026 series is as follows:**

[Life Time Sea Otter Classic Gravel](#) – Thursday, April 16, 2026

[Life Time UNBOUND Gravel 200 presented by Shimano](#) – Saturday, May 30, 2026

[Life Time Leadville Trail 100 MTB presented by Kenetik](#) – Saturday, August 15, 2026

[Life Time Chequamegon MTB Festival](#) – Saturday, September 19, 2026

[Life Time Little Sugar MTB](#) – Sunday, October 11, 2026

[Life Time Big Sugar Gravel](#) – Saturday, October 17, 2026

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