



2017 FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW:

The [Amgen Tour of California](#) (May 14-20) is America's largest road cycling race and one of the nation's most recognized annual sporting events. The 2017 edition will bring the drama and excitement of professional cycling to California for the 12th consecutive year. An important event on the international cycling calendar, the prestigious seven-day stage race features elite professional men's teams and athletes from around the world.

The **Amgen Breakaway from Heart Disease™ Women's Race empowered with SRAM** is a four-day stage race (May 11-14) that precedes the men's event.

For the first time, the women's race and the **Amgen Tour of California** men's event are both part of the UCI WorldTour, which is reserved for the premier races in the world, including the European Grand Tours.



WHEN & WHERE:

The 2017 **Amgen Tour of California** events will showcase more than 900 miles of scenic California roadways, coastlines and iconic settings. The men's race will run north to south through 12 official host communities: Sacramento, Modesto, San Jose, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, Santa Barbara, Santa Clarita, Ontario, Mt. Baldy, Big Bear Lake, Mountain High and Pasadena. The women's route will cover South Lake Tahoe for two stages, Elk Grove and Sacramento.

TEAMS:

The **Amgen Tour of California** is an invitation-only race that regularly attracts the top teams in the world, including some of the international sport's best cyclists: Tour de France competitors, National and World Champions, and Olympic medalists.



2016 MEN'S RACE:

Last year's race saw **Julian Alaphilippe** (France) claim the Yellow Jersey on the third day and keep it through the race finale. BMC Racing Team took top honors in the team classification.

1. 31:47:50 Julian Alaphilippe (FRA), Etixx – Quick-Step Pro Cycling Team
2. +:21 Rohan Dennis (AUS), BMC Racing Team
3. +:43 Brent Bookwalter (USA), BMC Racing Team
4. +:52 Andrew Talansky (USA), Cannondale Pro Cycling Team
5. +1:22 Lawson Craddock (USA), Cannondale Pro Cycling Team

2016 WOMEN'S RACE:

Reigning U.S. National Road Race Champion **Megan Guarnier** (Glens Falls, New York) seized the race lead in South Lake Tahoe on day one of the Amgen *Breakaway from Heart Disease™ Women's Race Empowered with SRAM* and held onto it every day to claim the race championship. TWENTY16 – Ridebiker took team honors.

1. 8:31:00 Megan Guarnier (USA), Boels-Dolmans Cycling Team (NED)
2. +:17 Kristin Armstrong (USA), TWENTY16 – Ridebiker (USA)
3. +:28 Evelyn Stevens (USA), Boels-Dolmans Cycling Team (NED)
4. +:42 Marianne Vos (NED), Rabo-Liv Women Cycling Team (NED)
5. +:56 Leah Thomas (USA), TWENTY16-Ridebiker (USA)

- ATTENDANCE:** Continuing to set attendance records for a single sporting event in the state of California, as well as any U.S. cycling event, the **Amgen Tour of California** draws millions of spectators to the course each year, in addition to millions more around the world who tune in via nightly television broadcasts and the race's award-winning website and mobile app.
- ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Each year, the **Amgen Tour of California** and related activities have had an estimated annual economic impact of more than \$100 million on participating host cities throughout the course of the race.
- FESTIVAL:** The 2017 **Amgen Tour of California** will once again feature a free Lifestyle Festival near the finish line each day with family-friendly activities, health information, entertainment and cycling displays.
- ORGANIZERS:** The **Amgen Tour of California** is presented and produced by AEG, in partnership with Tour de France producer ASO.

SPONSOR: **Amgen** returns as the title sponsor for the 12th consecutive year, in order to raise awareness of the important resources available to people affected by cancer and cardiovascular disease through two national campaigns.

These campaigns leverage the Amgen Tour of California and cycling, as an approachable and relatable family activity, as well as innovative partners, media, digital/social and local events.



The *Breakaway from Cancer*[®] initiative, founded in 2005, aims to increase awareness of important resources available to people affected by cancer – from prevention through survivorship. *Breakaway from Cancer*[®] is a collaboration between Amgen and four independent nonprofit partner organizations: Prevent Cancer Foundation, Cancer Support Community, Patient Advocate Foundation, and National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. These organizations offer a broad range of support services complementing those provided by a patient's team of healthcare professionals.

Breakaway from Heart Disease[™] is Amgen's newest initiative, founded in 2016 and aims to increase awareness toward cardiovascular disease in the US. Amgen's mission is to serve patients and continually works to help the whole patient – with innovative medicine, informative resources and inspiring stories. *Breakaway from Heart Disease*[™] partners with the American Heart Association to support their 2020 goal to reduce death from heart disease and stroke by at least 20% by the year 2020 and to improve overall heart health. People should understand their risk of heart disease and be empowered to take steps to improve their heart health. *Breakaway from Heart Disease*[™] is Amgen's commitment to providing the best tools and resources to improve cardiovascular health.

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