

Welcome to the Avout Racing family!

We are excited to have every one of you riding with us this year, from our littles on Strider bikes, to our serious juniors racing on the national stage, to our amazing group of adults. If you are returning, welcome back. If you are new, a huge WELCOME to all things Avout Racing. This isn't just a random camp or activity, it's a cycling family that you are now a part of. There will be a lot more information about the team coming soon, but for now, we have our biggest order of the year for team clothing (aka "kit"). Nothing makes the little kids feel more pro than the team clothing. We have a brand-new design this year that we are really stoked about!

Kit Store Introduction

This is one of those *really important emails*. I know it's long. Please be sure to read it. All of it.

We are sooo excited! It's our biggest kit buy of the year and the kit store is officially open here:

<http://teamorder.serviziocorse.com/index.aspx?pc=EE8A4707-FF46-47CA-84B6-056EE86F4951>

The kit store will close on January 21 at 10:59pm.

We are thrilled to be working with Castelli again this year, who is known for their high-quality, top-notch cycling clothing. Everything that we order is custom, so there are no second chances on getting the correct size. As a result, it is SO important that you try on the items before ordering. If you already own a bunch of Castelli gear from last year, you can likely skip this step, but if not, PLEASE make the effort to try stuff on. If you aren't familiar with high end cycling kit, they are slim!

(Juniors & Coaches: You receive one Youth or Competizione jersey with your registration. If you discover that you entered the wrong jersey size during registration, please let me know.)

Fit Kit Opportunities and Meet & Greet

We are offering kit try on opportunities on **Saturday, January 13, at Mike's Bikes in Highlands Ranch**. This will also be an opportunity to meet some future teammates and

Avout Racing leadership, buy a t-shirt or hoodie, and get your questions answered. If you have friends who are interested in joining, but haven't registered yet, invite them to join! Each program has a different time window to spread out the try-on times. If possible, please come during your assigned time, but these aren't rigid.

10-10:30am: Pre-Rec

10:30 – 12:30pm: Inspire Juniors Rec Ken-Caryl

12:30 – 1:30pm: Inspire Juniors Rec Highlands Ranch + Girls MTB program

1:30 – 2:30pm: Inspire Juniors Rec Castle Rock

2:30 – 3:30pm: Inspire Juniors Rec Conifer

3:30 – 5pm: Academy, Selects, Adult team

If you cannot come on January 13 (please make it happen if you can), we are offering the following time slots at Barry Wiebe's (team founder and Board President) house (22 Amaranth Dr. 80127):

Sunday, January 7, 9-11am and 6-8pm

Wednesday, January 10, 6-8pm

Thursday, January 18, 6-8pm

Please text Barry and Jessica if you are coming by to give us a heads up: 303-378-6417 and 303-263-6997

Non-local: You can also find a local bike shop that sells a variety of Castelli kit and try things on there.

Kit Delivery

The kit you order online will be shipped directly to you. Castelli is planning for the kit to get sent out at the end of March. For our Inspire Juniors, Academy Juniors, and Coaches, the jersey you receive free with registration will be handed out at the first practice.

Design Options

It is important to notice that there are THREE parts to the store: Avout Racing, Inspire Juniors, and Inline (not team customized)

All race-focused team members (Adult Team, Selects, Academy) should only order from the Avout Racing and Inline parts of the store.

All Inspire Juniors Rec and Inspire Juniors Pre-Rec should order their jerseys and tech tees from the Inspire Juniors part of the store but may absolutely order other items from the Avout Racing and Inline part of the store.

So, what should you order?

All **race-focused team members (Adult Team, Selects, Academy)** are required to order at least one full kit (jersey + bibshorts or a speedsuit), and are encouraged to order anything they want for 2024 since this is the biggest kit store of the year. Layers are important – arm warmers, knee warmers, long sleeve jerseys, jackets, and vests can make all the difference between a happy bike rider and a grumpy one. For our smaller juniors, look for the XS and XXS sizes available in adult items.

Our **Inspire Juniors Rec** are encouraged to order a second jersey, two pairs of shorts, and any Avout Racing accessories that they want (especially check out the bike gloves if you don't yet have this important piece of equipment!). Layers are important – arm warmers, knee warmers, long sleeve jerseys, jackets, and vests can make all the difference between a happy bike rider and a grumpy one. For our smaller juniors, look for the XS and XXS sizes available in adult items.

Our **Inspire Juniors Pre-Rec** do not receive a jersey with registration but are welcome to order any items they want! Check out the smallest Inspire Juniors Youth Jersey in size 6Y.

Don't forget your **support crew**: the family of our juniors and the significant others and family of our adults! The Tech Tees or Trail Jerseys are perfect for spectating and showing your support (and make great casual wear for our athletes). Parents who cycle may want a team jersey: the Aero Race Jersey for the more serious cyclist, the Competizione Jersey for the more casual cyclist, or the Trail jersey for those that like a pullover MTB jersey. Parents can choose if they want the Avout Racing or Inspire Juniors design for items available in both and are welcome to order any of the great quality discounted Castelli clothing from the kit store for themselves.

Jerseys: Aero Race (Mens & Womens), Trail Long Sleeve (M), Competizione (M & W), Team Long Sleeve (M & W), and Youth – These are the five jersey options in the Avout Racing design, with the Competizione and Youth also available in the Inspire Juniors design. The Aero Race has a race cut and *amazing* fabric. The Trail jersey (MTB jersey) is a long sleeve

relaxed pullover option without back pockets. The Competizione is a more casual jersey with less of a race cut. The Team Long Sleeve is one of my favorite pieces, with the right amount of warmth for colder weather and a super soft feel against your skin. The Youth jersey is the one jersey available in youth sizes, however, for those smaller kiddos wanting the awesome Aero Race jersey, look at trying the Women's XXS which is quite tiny.

Shorts/Bibs: Castelli is known for their amazing Free Aero Race Bibshorts chamois (Mens & Womens). The straps on these shorts are meant for an on-the-bike position and may feel too tight for those with long torsos. Consider aggressively stretching them or ordering a size up. The Unlimited Gravel Bibshorts (M & W) have a less fancy but still great chamois and more generous straps plus 2 rear mesh pockets and side cargo pockets. The Team Bibshort (M & W) is a cheaper option with a less fancy pad, with a similar fit to the Free Aero Race except less constricting straps. For our younger riders, there is a Youth Short.

Speedsuits: This is where it gets awesome. At the same price as the Aero Race two-piece kit, skip the jersey and bibshorts and go for the super comfortable one-piece Sanremo Speed Suit with 2 back pockets. Particularly for racing, you might never wear a separate jersey and bibs again!

Outerwear: Stay happy in colder weather with great outerwear options like the Wind Jacket (one of my favorites – packs into a jersey pocket), Windstopper Vest (THE one piece I couldn't live without), Arm Warmers (critical piece), and Knee Warmers (always if it's below 50 degrees!).

Accessories: Protect yourself from the sun with the SPF Light Arm Sleeves. The Pro Mesh Sleeveless is a great base layer option (or to wear by itself on hot days). And the Castelli gloves are a favorite! Available in full finger and half finger.

Tech Tees: Available in short or long sleeve (and mens and womens), these are great casual wear, spirit wear for families, and post-ride wear (perhaps while standing on a podium!). Some may prefer this over a bike jersey for riding if pockets are not important to them. NEW THIS YEAR: The short sleeve Tech Tee (mens and womens) is also available in the Inspire Junior design.

Triathlon: Are you a multisport athlete? Check out the Free Tri Top and Free Tri Short to wear while you swim, bike, and/or run!

Worksheet for Recording Sizes

Here is a [worksheet](#) with all the options and a place to take note of your sizes. Please print this out before coming to try things on.

Any Questions?

Thanks for making it through this long email. It's chock full of good information for you to reference as you navigate the kit store. We look forward to seeing you soon when you come to try things on! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

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