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The Dis-Chem Ride for Sight cycle race, South Africa's most welcoming race, moves to Carnival City Casino for 21 February 2027

After decades at Boksburg City Stadium, the race village moves a short distance within the East Rand because the event has outgrown the space the stadium can provide.

Germiston, Gauteng — Organisers of the Dis-Chem Ride for Sight today confirmed that the 2027 cycle race, on Sunday, 21 February 2027, will start and finish at Carnival City Casino, rather than at Boksburg City Stadium.

The Ride for Sight is a mass-participation cycle race, with a 121 km ride, a 50 km ride and a 12 km ride, including para-cycling categories. It has been part of the Boksburg calendar for decades, and for many riders, families and volunteers the stadium has been the face of race day. Organisers said that history is valued, and that the change of address is a practical one, not a departure from the city.

“Boksburg City Stadium has been home to this cycle race for a very long time, and we remain grateful for that,” said the organisers. “We have heard the disappointment, and we respect it. This is not a judgement on the stadium, and it is not a decision to leave Boksburg. We would happily have stayed. Carnival City is a few minutes away, in the same community. What has changed is the size of the race and the race village, not our regard for the ground that built this event.”

The decision follows last year's race, when the village could no longer be fitted into the area the stadium is able to allow. Sponsors, suppliers and the tents that support riders, families and para-cyclists could not all be accommodated without crowding the site or compromising safety and access. The event has simply outgrown that footprint.

Three considerations followed from that.

Room for the race village. Carnival City can host the full village: sponsor and supplier tents, registration, bike marshalling, medical support, recovery and prize-giving, with clearer separation of riders, supporters and vehicles. Last year showed that the stadium's permitted area can no longer carry that layout.

Comfort and safety on the day. A purpose-built site gives covered areas, accessible facilities and on-site security for participants, visually impaired riders and the families who come to support them. February weather on the Highveld cannot be guaranteed. Shelter for the village protects the parts of the day that are not spent on the bike.

Staying in Boksburg, and keeping the benefit local. Riders will still come into the East Rand, and local suppliers, volunteers and services remain central to the event. Proceeds continue to support the work of Retina South Africa. Route and road-closure details will be published once they are confirmed with the relevant authorities. Organisers remain grateful to the City and to residents who have hosted the race for so many years, and they hope the relationship with Boksburg City Stadium continues beyond this move.

Entries are open at [Insert link here] and are currently available through an early bird discount. Start times and route maps for the 121 km, 50 km and 12 km rides will be released through the event's official channels. Riders who have lined up at the stadium in past years are warmly invited to the 2027 edition.

"We hope Boksburg will see this as the same cycle race, with the same cause, held a short drive from the ground we still think of with real affection," Race Director, Linsay Engelbrecht, added. "On 21 February 2027 we would like the city on the start line with us."

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Notes to editors

The Dis-Chem Ride for Sight is a long-standing East Rand cycle race which used to be held at Boksburg City Stadium, with proceeds supporting Retina South Africa. The 2026 edition took place at the stadium on 15 February 2026. The 2027 edition is scheduled for Sunday, 21 February 2027, with distances of 121 km, 50 km and 12 km, and the race village at Carnival City Casino, corner of Century Road and Elsburg Road, Boksburg. The move follows the 2026 event, when sponsors, suppliers and tents could no longer be fitted into the area allowed for the race village. Confirmed route and closure details will be published on the Retina SA website at

<https://retinasa.org.za/events/fundraising/ride-for-sight/>.