

Amgen women riders deal with sexism, inequities

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When the Amgen Tour of California takes off Thursday in South Lake Tahoe, the speeding peloton will feature some of the most accomplished women in the sport, their heads down and hands gripping low on the bars as they race to the finish line.

These pros train long, grueling hours on the bike and, much like their male professional counterparts, put on an exciting and inspiring show for the fans. But the similarities end when you begin to dig into the details.

Women are paid less, get far less media attention, and, when invited to participate in high-profile events like the Tour of California, often don't get to race on the same challenging routes as the men.

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