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MSU Gran Fondo Rules

The 40 and 80-mile courses are open from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The 12 and 25-mile courses are open from 8:30 – 11:30 am

Please plan your ride accordingly

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Mass Start: Riders are required to stage by route and according to their ability to ride in a large group. All riders in MSU Gran Fondo depart the start line at one time and according to route, requiring less experienced riders to position themselves towards the back of the mass start group. If any rider is in doubt of their ability to securely hold an even line at high speed with riders in very close proximity, it is vital that they line up towards the back of the start line group. All route timing is relative to when the riders cross the line, so no time penalty will be incurred by starting further back in the group.

Rest Stops: Rest Stops are at various locations at approximately every 20 miles.

- The Rest Stops on the 40 and 80-mile route in the morning will be **closed at noon**
- The return rest stop for the 80-mile route will be **closed at 1:00 pm**
- The last rest stop on Cleveland Ave will **close at 1:00 pm**
- 12-mile rest stop at North Trail Head will **close at 11:30 am**
- 25-mile rest stop at Leonard NW will **close at 11:30 am**

Weather: The MSU Gran Fondo will take place in rain or shine unless the event is cancelled by the authorities due to severe weather or other emergency as deemed by the authorities.

MSU Gran Fondo Rules

1. This is not a race; we do encourage you to challenge yourself on all the courses.
2. Helmets are mandatory. Cyclists must have a helmet on at all times on the MSU Gran Fondo courses.
3. Obey all traffic laws. All cyclists are responsible for obeying all traffic laws. We have a rolling closure at the start, after that you are on open roads. Ride single file whenever possible. Any cyclist who is deemed to be riding unsafely, discourteously or recklessly will be pulled from the event and possibly ticketed by local law enforcement – **Law enforcement will be patrolling the course and will stop, detain or ticket any rider not obeying Michigan Vehicle Code on Rules of the Road for Biking.**
4. Ride as far to the right of the road as is safely possible except to pass
5. No IPODS, headphones or music devices are to be worn after the event starts or at any time on the MSU Gran Fondo courses.
6. No personal support vehicles allowed on the courses. The less cars on the road the safer the event will be.
7. No human/personal support allowed at any time at any rest stop, on the course or from a moving vehicle.
8. Display your bike-plate number and wristband. All registered riders that want a result and time must attach their bike-plate number as instructed at packet pick up. Any rider who fails to properly attach their bike plate will not get an official time at the finish line. If you do not have your wristband on you will not be allowed access at the Super-Food Rest Stops and will not get lunch at the Finish Line Festival. No exceptions.
9. No unregistered riders. Unregistered riders will not be allowed to start with the mass start or allowed to be in the rolling closure. Unregistered riders will not be allowed to get water or food at any of the rest stops.
10. Use the Port-o-Jons provided at the rest stops. Please do not go to the bathroom anywhere on course except public bathrooms or the Port-o-Jons. If you are seen by law enforcement you will be ticketed for indecent exposure, face possible sexual offender status and will ruin the event for everyone involved – it only takes one person.
11. Be respectful to other riders and have fun!