



Route Time Limits:

The 40 and 80 mile course is open from 7:30 am – 2pm.

The 12 and 25 mile course is open from 8:00 am – 11:30 am.

Please plan your ride accordingly.

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.

40 and 80 Mile Route – Depart at 7:30 am from corner of Fulton/ Monroe

12 and 25 Mile Route – Depart at 8:00 am from corner of Fulton/ Monroe

Weather: The MSU Gran Fondo will take place in rain or shine unless the event is cancelled by the authorities due to e.g. a severe storm. Due to weather at the start, we will delay one hour and then the event will be cancelled.

MSU Gran Fondo RULES

1. **THIS IS NOT A RACE:** We are encouraging 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 course.
3. **Obey ALL traffic laws:** All cyclists are responsible for obeying all traffic laws. 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.
 - a. **Law enforcement will be patrolling the course and will stop, detain or ticket any rider not obeying the Michigan Vehicle Code on Rules of the Road for Biking.**
4. **Cyclists must not ride more than two (2) bicycles abreast. (MCL 257.660b)**
5. **Do not cross the yellow centerline regardless of passing zone.**
6. **Ride as far to the right of the road as is safely possible, except to pass.**

7. Pass on the left side only.
8. Headphones, iPods and radios are NOT permitted while riding.
9. Endangering the safety of your fellow riders is strictly prohibited.
10. Ride defensively in consideration of your fellow riders and ride in control of your bike at all times (i.e. be able to stop within a reasonable distance).
11. Communicate with your fellow riders using proper cycling terms such as “On your left,” “Car back,” etc.
12. Use proper hand signals when turning.
13. Make left turns from center of road or left turn lane.
14. Cross railroad tracks at right angles to avoid dropping wheels into space between the rails and road.
15. Obey instructions from the MSU Gran Fondo road crew and pay attention to information posted on MSU Gran Fondo road signs.
16. Each rider is expected to speak out when observing a violation. When spoken to, the response should be in appreciation of the concern expressed
17. NO personal support vehicles allowed on the course. The less cars on the route the safer the event will be. The ride is conducted on open roads. Motor vehicle traffic will be present. Be aware of what’s going on around you at all times.
18. NO human / personal support allowed at any time at any rest stop, on the course or from a moving vehicle.
19. DISPLAY your event number and Wristband. All registered riders that want a result and time must wear their race number as instructed at packet pick up. Any rider who fails to do this properly will not get an official time or finish.
20. 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 participate at any rest stops.
21. USE the Bathrooms PLEASE: DO not go to the bathroom anywhere on course except public bathrooms or Port a Potties. It only takes one individual to be seen relieving themselves on the side of the road to ruin the event! There are bathrooms at the start and all the rest stops.
22. BE RESPECTFUL to other riders and HAVE FUN!

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 closed at 1:30 pm.