2021 Texas MS 150 Event Details and FAQs

EVENT DETAILS

- Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 one day ride
- Time: Rolling starts, see below for details on times
- Website: www.bikemstexas150.org
- Location: Houston & La Grange, Texas to Kyle Field at Texas A&M University
- Start Locations: Complimentary parking at all start locations
- Routes: multiple routes available; start locations as follows:
 - Katy, Texas Rhodes Stadium (102 miles) CENTURY ROUTE!!
 - Access windows will be assigned to all riders indicating this start line between 6:45am-8:15am with priority on keeping teams together.
 - Your start time will be communicated via email.
 - Waller, Texas Waller Stadium (77 miles)
 - Access windows will be assigned to all riders indicating this start line between 8:00am-10:00am with priority on keeping teams together.
 - Your start time will be communicated via email.

Todd Mission and La Grange starts will currently host a rolling start. Stay tuned for updated information about these start lines. If assigned access window will be needed, you will be communicated via email and the route page will be updated.

- Todd, Mission, Texas RenFest (67 miles)
 - Start window 8:30am 10:00am
- La Grange, Texas La Grange Fairgrounds (80 miles)
 - Start window 6:45am 8:30am
- Event experience:
 - Supported ride with Rest Stops, SAG, Police, Ride Marshals and Medical
 - Food, snacks and beverages
 - Snacks and lunch individually packaged.
 - Bus transportation buses filled at 50% capacity.
 - Austin to La Grange (Sat am) and College Station to Austin (Sat afternoon)
 - College Station to La Grange
 - College Station to 3 Houston starts (Waller, Todd Mission and Katy)
- Primal People's Choice Jersey contest
- VIP Experience
- Finish Line on the 50-yard line at Kyle Field at Texas A&M University!

FAQs

- What Safety protocols will be put in place?
 - Pre-event health screenings of all staff, participants and volunteers and vendors; anyone at increased risk or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be directed to stay home.
 - Face coverings will be required for all riders, volunteers, staff and vendors throughout the event. Riders may remove their masks when out on the road.

- Hand Sanitizer will be available throughout the day at starts, rest stops, lunches and at the finish. Extra hand sanitizer stations will be in the higher traffic areas and around portable toilets.
- SAG vehicles will be available on the route. SAG vehicles will operate at 50% capacity limit to ensure safety. Masks will be required in the SAG vans.
- Cyclists must bring their own water bottles to fill at touchless Water Monsters.
- Event signage will promote safe social distancing practices including maintaining 6 feet of distance or more between others.
- Dedicated lanes and waiting spots will be provided to aid in physical distancing in areas where cyclists congregate such as the start lines and restrooms.
- Click <u>here</u> for more details around safety protocols.

• I don't feel comfortable riding, how can I support?

- Donate, register as a virtual rider, support your fellow cyclist's fundraising or host a fun sociallydistanced or virtual fundraiser of your own.
- Register as a virtual rider today and kick-start your fundraising. If you decide at a later date that you want to ride day of event, contact Fundraising Support Center or your Staff Partner to convert your participating type from virtual to a cyclist before picking up a packet.

• Who can participate?

• Anyone who is 12 years of age or older, has registered and has raised the \$400 minimum by the Packet Pick-up in April is eligible to ride.

• Is there a registration fee?

• The registration fee is \$120

Is my 2020 registration fee rolled over into 2021?

- No. Your 2020 registration fee was used to help with the immediate needs of those living with MS during the COVID pandemic.
- Registration fees are used to cover expenses for you to participate in the event. While it does not cover the cost fully, it will help with the increased costs expected due to the PPE safety measures we are putting in place.
- I was not able to meet my \$400 minimum fundraising from 2020, can I still register and participate in 2021?
 - Yes, if you did not meet your minimum, you can still register for this year's ride and participate.
- How much money should I raise?
 - All Bike MS: Texas MS 150 riders must raise at least \$400 in order to receive your rider packet. The more you raise, the bigger the impact you're making for people affected by MS.
 - Click <u>here</u> for fundraising tips and tools.
- What if I don't reach my fundraising minimum requirement by the due date?
 - If you have not turned in the minimum donation when you go to pick up your packet, the National MS Society will discuss payment options with you, including charging the balance on a

credit card. The \$400 minimum fundraising must be met in order for you to receive a rider packet.

• When will rider packets be given out?

• In Austin:

April 5, 2021 Trek Bicycle Lamar 517 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78704 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

April 30, 2021 Trek Bicycle Lamar 517 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78704 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

• In Houston:

April 7, 2021 Saint Arnold Brewing Company 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

April 20, 2021 Saint Arnold Brewing Company 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

April 30, 2021 Saint Arnold Brewing Company 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

• Will transportation be provided?

- Yes, buses will be filled to 50% capacity for social distancing and passengers will be required to wear masks for the full duration of the bus ride.
- Charter Bus tickets are available for purchase, \$40 per ticket and will increase to \$60 on April 1.
- The last day to purchase a bus ticket is Friday, April 16.
- There will NOT be onsite ticket purchases in College Station on May 1, you must purchase your ticket in advance through the event website: www.bikemstexas150.org

• Will there be showers available at the finish line?

• No shower trucks on site, however, we will have changing stations available.

\circ $\,$ Can I bring a gear bag to change clothes at the finish line?

• Yes. While we will not have showers available, we will have changing stations at the finish line. You can bring a small bag and drop at the luggage truck located onsite at the start venue.

• If I have more questions. Who can I contact?

- Our Fundraising Support team will be happy to assist you.
- Please contact them at 855-372-1331 or <u>fundraisingsupport@nmss.org</u>
- You can also reach out directly to your Texas MS 150 staff partner.