

# Texas Mile Participant Do's & Don'ts

## PLEASE READ-PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THIS INFORMATION

- Registration will be in the tent at the entrance to the paddock.
- If you are not pre registered and arrive on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, you will be required to pay the spectator fee which will be deducted from your registration fee once you register as an entrant.
- **Guest & Crew MUST check in with registered participant at registration tent. Otherwise they will be charged the spectator fee of \$10.**
- A **medical profile** is required for all participants and if you have not turned one in already, please fax it in as soon as possible.
- A **minor waiver** is needed for anyone under the age of 16, to be completed by a parent or guardian.
- **All Participants are required to wear a blue Texas Mile wristband** on their left wrist after signing in. You only get one wristband for the whole event. The starter will not let you run if you do not have a blue wrist band on your left wrist. You CAN NOT wear the wrist band on your hat, your watch or anywhere else, ONLY on your LEFT wrist.
- All crew and spectators are required to wear a red Texas Mile wrist band on either the right or left wrist. You CAN NOT wear the wrist band on your hat, your watch or anywhere else, ONLY your left or right wrist.
- Paddock space is "first come first serve" except for those who have purchased reserved space in advance. Any guest or crew must park their vehicles in the grass behind participant's paddock space. You will be limited on how many support vehicles are on the asphalt space. Open trailers should be moved to the grass behind your paddock space.
- Please follow paddock speed, a crawl. There are lots of spectators and kids.
- **Foot Traffic in the Paddock: Especially Children** - The "Paddock" is on the tower-side of the lane and the "return road/pit road" is on the trackside. Please keep all foot traffic, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, on the paddock side away from traffic.
- Please do not park on the return road at ANY TIME. Pedestrians should avoid walking on the return road at ALL TIMES.
- Children must be with an adult at ALL TIMES. Children are not allowed to operate ANY TYPE of motorized vehicle at ANY TIME. Children cannot operate bikes, scooters,

bicycles, skate boards, roller skates or wear Heely skate shoes.

- We prefer that participants do not bring their pets. But if you do, they **MUST** be on a leash at **ALL TIMES**. Spectators are **NOT ALLOWED** to bring pets.
- **NO GLASS BOTTLES ALLOWED**
- **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON GRID OR AT TECH.** Participants should understand that they should not be drinking alcohol during the times that runs are occurring.
- **Code 3 Cookers will be returning to the Texas Mile as our concessionaire for food and drinks.**
- **NO BAR-B-Q PITS ALLOWED!**
- **Tech will be near the grid area.**
- Please bring your **tech form** with you and hand it **into Tech. Do not hand it into registration.**
- In order to get your vehicle/motorcycle teched you must have your **ASSIGNED NUMBER** on the vehicle/motorcycle to show to tech. We **DO NOT** provide decals for numbers. Please bring your own or make sure you bring tape, etc.
- **Driver/ Rider meeting is MANDATORY.** At tech you will receive a **Proof of Tech form** that you will submit at the driver/rider meeting to get your **tech sticker**. The starter will not allow you to participate without the sticker.
- Please be prepared to **identify your fuel type on the Proof of Tech form if you are using anything other than pump gas.** The Crash Rescue Team **MUST** be aware of any vehicle that has NOS, nitro, methanol, acetone, or any other oxidizers, additives or exotics (fuel, not dancers) aboard.
- **Stay Hydrated**- South Texas sun and wind draws moisture from your body like squeezing a sponge. Drink plenty of fluids (non-alcoholic and non-carbolated). Everyone should drink a minimum of at least 12 to 16 ounces of water or sports drink per hour. **Drinking Drivers** - Make sure your driver drinks at least 16 oz. of water in the 30 minutes immediately prior to each run. Also, make sure your driver visits the Port-a-Can prior to each run. A full bladder floods your focus and crowds your concentration.
- **Emergency Help** - If you require medical help in the paddock or pits, **DO NOT** go directly to the EV Station. Send someone to “Race Control” or any race official and they will radio dispatch the ambulance and/or crash truck.
- **Grid is "first come first come serve."**
- There are a few motorcycles with tire **warmers**; these motorcycles will have a designee

with a cone that will hold their spot on grid.

- There is a very tiny chance that the wind or other circumstances will mess up your speed read-out. Please be understanding if this situation occurs.
- Speed slips are to be picked up by the participant. We WILL NOT save them. Participants are responsible to check their speed slip for vehicle/motorcycle number accuracy. Participant are responsible for correcting errors BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE TIMING STATION.
- All participants are **required to verify their competition class before the end of the event**. For those that do not claim a specific class, they will be put into a fun run class. Please see Jessica at registration.
- **Speed Certificates** are issued at the event through registration and **WILL NOT be mailed**. You must present your speed slip.
- Please keep all of your speed slips so that once the results are published you can prove your speed in case of any discrepancies.
- **Volunteers from the Christian Motorcycle Association will be assisting as paddock and boundary marshals. Please be respectful and follow their directions.**
- **Overnight fee is \$30 per night per motor home/trailer/van that has PARTICIPANT and family/crew staying overnight. You will be issued an overnight pass to be posted in the window or side of trailer. Pick up at registration.**
- **Spectators will be charged \$50.00 per night per motor home/trailer/van.**
- **Texas Law Enforcement Officers** will be serving as Texas Mile security during the event and overnight.
- No one is EVER allowed in or around the buildings on the grounds, on the airplane parking pad, on the active runway/taxiway or any other portion of the grounds that is not part of The Texas Mile event.
- **During the Event**-No one is allowed past the boundary cones on the paddock side near timing/control unless they are TOW/PUSH CREW for a participant. Tow/Push crews will be issued a Tow/Push Crew pass at registration.
- **At NIGHT**-No one is allowed to be on the course(the Texas Mile) or past the boundary cones (near timing/control tent).
- **From the start line to the timing traps - Focus and Concentrate.** The course runs down the right side of a 200' wide runway that is 1.5 miles long. Check your gages at least once prior to the 3/4-mile marker. If you have any problem during your run, gently steer the car to the left to get off the racing line and gently roll out of the throttle while braking to a safe stop. You may have fluids on your tires so steer and brake carefully to

avoid spinning. If you put fluids down on the racing line, the clean-up time will delay your competitors and make you an unpopular person. Come to a safe stop off the racing line. **TURN OFF YOUR MASTER SWITCH/IGNITION!!!** We see you and we will come get you. For safety reasons, your crew is not allowed to come get you on the racetrack.

- **From the timing traps to the return road: It isn't over, now you got to stop - The SHUT -DOWN.** Assuming you have no problems and make a full pass: Keep your head up and your eyes focused on the timing traps. At 200 mph you are traveling 293 feet per second and you have ½ mile to slow enough to make the right turn onto the return road. Immediately as you clear the end of the timing box, gently roll out of the throttle. Brake hard but do not lose steering control and do not flat spot your tires. Experienced Texas Milers will tell you "At Goliad, you need all the brakes (and breaks) you can get!" If you use a parachute, remember reaction time plus "blossom" time at 293 fps. We recommend you pull the chute lever as you ENTER the timing box. You WILL clear the box before the chute opens. We also recommend at least a 75-foot tether to keep the rear wheels on the ground.
- **The Return Road - A RIGHT TURN.** IF you slow enough to SAFELY, make the right turn to the return road - good for you. If you cannot make the right turn safely and under COMPLETE CONTROL, you still have OVERRUN room (see below). DO NOT turn right beyond the cones: This is a **DEBRIS FIELD** (drivers left, outside the cones) and you risk tire damage, or worse. Assuming you safely make the 90° right turn, it is important that you DO NOT STOP there. Continue past the second 90° right turn and onto the return road. We will not allow the next car to start its' run until you have cleared onto the return road. If you must stop, **TURN OFF YOUR MASTER SWITCH/IGNITION!!!** If your crew needs to come pick you up, you may wait anywhere beyond the second 90° right turn. Return road speed is 40 mph UP TO THE ¾ MILE CONES (parallel with the Ambulance & Crash Truck). On the paddock side of the ¾-mile cones, **PIT ROAD SPEED IS 10 MPH** no exceptions - this is a major safety hot button and you will be spanked and sent to bed without supper.
- **EV Station at the Big End.** You will see an Emergency Vehicle Station on drivers left at the end of the shutdown. If you have an emergency, (fire, etc.) steer toward the EV Station. If you do not have an emergency, turn right - not left at the end.
- **OVERRUN Beyond the Shutdown - Oops or Oh S\*\*t!!!** If you cannot SAFELY make the right turn to the return road, do not worry. You still have serviceable overrun. **KEEP IT STRAIGHT!!!** Spinning to scrub speed is never a good idea. The surface of the overrun beyond the end is SOLID (old pavement) but the surface ROUGH. Sideways off the end is also not a good idea. This "paved but rough" overrun is about another ¼ mile; then you will see cones in a Vee pattern intended to "funnel" you to a dirt road through the trees for about another ¼ mile. If you have not stopped by then, you will be at the highway. You now have a choice: find something to hit or keep going until you get to town. When you do finally stop, **TURN OFF YOUR MASTER SWITCH/IGNITION!!!**

- **In case of an incident/accident on course**, the family, friends, and crew of the participant involved can meet the event director, Shannon Matus, at the cones on the return road near timing/control. Shannon will provide updates. Family, friends, and crew are NEVER ALLOWED to get on the course or pass the cones.
- **If you are on course and you are dropping fluid please move to the left side of the track/cones.**
- Participants will be issued a trash bag for personal use. **Please be mindful of trash on the ground and help us police it by picking it up and placing it in the nearest trash can. We really appreciate it!!**