



## RACE RULES

Safety should always be on your mind. Yes, this is a race, but it is a fun race. Please think of your safety as well as your competitor's safety when competing in this event.

- Computer chips are attached to your race number plate. Do not fold, bend, curve, or alter race number plates in any way as doing so could damage the chip. If altered, you are subject to being disqualified. Occasionally chips fail and for this reason number plates need to be in a vertical position on the front of the bike handlebars when crossing the start/finish line so we can read your race number. If the chip fails to read and we cannot read your number, you are subject to being disqualified.
- ELECTRIC/MOTOR ASSISTED BIKES are not allowed because of drafting advantage concerns for other riders.
- NO aero bars
- Any rider who follows/drafts a motor vehicle will be disqualified
- Helmets are mandatory for this event.
- NO noise canceling earwear are allowed while riding. You need to hear what is going on around you in this event.
- IT IS THE RACER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THE MAP AND KNOW THEIR COURSE. The entire course is marked with directional signs, paint arrows on the edge of the road, and confidence dots painted on the side of the road after a turn. Corner worker volunteers and Law Enforcement will also be present on some corners and/or intersections on the racecourse to direct you, but it is ultimately your responsibility to stay on the route. We encourage all riders to study their maps and download the course maps for navigation computers beforehand.
- Although considered a race, riders must still follow Michigan laws of the roads. This includes stopping at stop signs.
- For safety reasons we ask the slower riders to move towards the right side of the roadway and yield to the group of riders behind them. This is for the safety of both the faster and slower groups of riders. Racers who are not part of the lead group are asked to call out to slower riders and advise them of your passing intentions prior to overtaking them. The most accepted way of doing this is to call out "ON YOUR LEFT" as you approach a slower rider.
- For safety as well as courtesy to your fellow riders, if you have to stop and walk your bike up a hill, please do this on the right side of the road and leave the left open for those very fast climbers.

- Fat Tire Bikes – To qualify for the division your tires must be at least 3.7 inches (94mm) wide.
- You must also be present at the awards presentation to receive your awards. We will not send awards to you after the race.
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