

2017 Tour de Houston Presented by Apache Rules of the Road

- KNOW YOUR LIMITS! Choose a mileage that you are sure you are able to ride. This is NOT a race, please be careful & courteous
- Helmets are REQUIRED!
- Speed Distance / Time Calculator to help you decide the best mileage for you:
http://www.machinehead-software.co.uk/bike/speed_distance_time_calc.html
- Follow the order of your chosen start time mileage:
 - 60 (61.46) milers begin @ 7:30 a.m.
 - 40 (43.5) milers begin @ 8:00 a.m.
 - 20 milers begin @ 8:30 a.m.
- Be aware of changing road surfaces; Watch for cracks, manhole covers, etc
- This is not a closed route. Traffic officers and Ride Marshals will provide support on route.
- OBEY TRAFFIC RULES, OFFICERS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS
- Use caution at ALL INTERSECTIONS
- No use of Headphones, Mobile Phones, Bluetooth devices, Hand-held Cameras, Trailers or Tag-a-longs
- Use verbal and hand signals to announce your intentions (“passing on your left”, “left turn”, “right turn”, “slowing”, stopping”)
- Scan for traffic and signal lane changes and turns – you are considered a vehicle
- Be predictable – Maintain your line and your speed; Do Not Accelerate or Slow Down suddenly

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- Travel in a straight line unless you are avoiding hazards or passing
- Ride NO more than TWO abreast; Slower riders please ride as far right as practicable to allow faster riders to pass on your left
- The Ride Marshals are there for your safety & can assist w/problems on the road
- If you need assistance, pull completely off the road, remove your helmet & use it to wave for help
- **CAUTION SPEED BUMPS ON INWOOD AND WILLOWICK (GOING THROUGH RIVER OAKS)**
- **CAUTION SEAMS ON WESLAYAN**
- **PREPARE TO SLOW DOWN AND STOP AT THE FOLLOWING RAILROAD CROSSINGS:**
 - **South Braeswood (going Westbound) between Linkwood and Greenwillow**
 - **Texas Parkway @ Highway 90 (North and South bound)**
 - **South Braeswood (going Eastbound) between Greenwillow and Linkwood**
- **RIDE ON THE LEFT LANES ON INBOUND ALLEN PARKWAY INTO DOWNTOWN. THE LANE WILL BE CONED.**
- **REST STOPS:**
 - **REST STOP 1 & 5 Weingarten Property - 8620 Stella Link Rd, Houston, TX 77025**
 - **REST STOP 2 & 4 - Buffalo Run Park - 1122 Buffalo Run, Missouri City, TX 77489**
 - **REST STOP 3 - Blueridge Park - 5600 Court Rd, Houston, TX 77051**
- Rest Stops are BUSY, S L O W down well in advance. Pull into the rest stops fully. Do NOT stop on the road! Yield to riders exiting from rest stops.

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- NOTE: ALL ROUTES ARE SECURED UNTIL 1:30 P.M. AFTER 1:30 P.M. RIDERS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO HOP ON THE SAG WAGON OR CONTINUE TO RIDE WITHOUT SUPPORT.
 - If you are a 60 - mile participant and have not reached REST STOP 2 (Buffalo Run Park) by 10:30 a.m. you will be advised to turn-around.
 - If you are a 40-mile participant and have not reached REST STOP 1 (Weingarten Property) by 10:30 a.m. you will be advised to turn-around. Riders who decide to stay after route closes may find Rest Stops closed on the way back and might miss the After-Party at City Hall.