

February 18, 2021

Good afternoon, just learned IT is on! Gran Fondo received approval from the City of San Antonio, Pasco County, Hernando County, etc. The Date is March 21st and it will take on a new format this year due to COVID-19's impact.

They already have 390 riders registered (which is a nice shock to the organizers) as of this morning. Courses are basically the same but the rest/food stops have some changes as the overall process is changing. The RS1 - RS3 process is not in play this year. There will be separate stops because of the structure changes.

Riders will start at 8:00 a.m. with them divided into "Waves" departing at five minute intervals. Each "Wave" will consist of twenty-five riders. First set of waves will be the Hundred Milers, then the waves of Sixty Milers followed by the Thirty-Fiver's. As they are leaving in this manner they will be arriving at the various stops later and the duration of the arrivals/departures will be longer. All riders will be required to be wearing masks when in the area of rest stops & Start/Finish. Observation of all CDC Guidelines is a must this year!

The race will be "Shut Down" at 5:00 p.m. Any rider out there beyond this time will be "on their own" without any support from race organizers.

There will be no free meal or drinks as the City of San Antonio was concerned about this aspect of the event. No gathering of the riders either. Only main awards recipients will be in San Antonio to get their medals. All will be notified by text message regarding this so they don't come if they are not receiving an award.

The timing is changed of course. I am to be provided with a new list of sites and the needed coverage times next weekend.

I will assume that we will be needing two radio operators at each site and as many SAG units that we can get... If you wish to serve as a SAG or Tailgunner please indicate this in your response. SAG coverage will begin at 0800 and conclude around 1800 hours. I'll provide times & needs of the other points of coverage as soon as I have them.

PLEASE let me know if you CAN -or- CAN'T assist this year ASAP and if it is a "Can Do" I'll be in touch as soon as details have been received here.

Thanks,

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