

# **2013 MASTERCRAFT SAFETY TECATE SCORE SAN FELIPE 250 - RACE BRIEFING**

(as of 9 p.m., March 3)

- 1) Please have at least one team member attend the Competitors Meeting for important race updates on Friday, March 8 @ 7:00PM at plaza on the Malecon. REMEMBER that all times are race time which is Pacific Time.
- 2) All competitors are reminded that off road racing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury or even death. YOU MUST BEAR THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY.
- 3) It is important to remember that SCORE cannot regulate the conduct of spectators. Be advised that spectators will engage in malicious activity by building ramps, digging ditches and placing objects onto the course. BE ALERT!! When you see spectators near the course, slow down and use extreme caution for their safety and yours.
- 4) The roads used for this racecourse are open to the public. You must expect at all times to encounter traffic on the racecourse, especially oncoming traffic.
- 5) All competitors must do their part to protect and preserve the Baja ecological environment. Please instruct your team that it is mandatory and very important to properly dispose of all solid and liquid waste.
- 6) The racecourse is marked with orange/white ribbon, orange arrows, green wrong ways, and mile markers every two miles. SCORE cannot guarantee that course markings will remain in place until race day. It is essential to race using the latest official GPS-course file.
- 7) Four Wheel Vehicles that are in a position to pass a Motorcycle or ATV must NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS UNTIL THE RIDER HAS MOVED TO THE SIDE OF THE COURSE. Motorcycles and ATVs must remain aware of approaching traffic and move over as quickly as possible. Four Wheel Vehicles are ultimately responsible for the safety of passing. USE YOUR HORN!!!
- 8) SPORTSMAN M/C AND SPORTSMAN ATV COURSE CUT-OFF – Because of safety concerns, SCORE will REQUIRE ALL Sportsman M/C and Sportsman ATV competitors to take a special course cut-off at approximately race mile 185, rejoining the course at approximately rm 233, reducing the length of the course to approximately 216 miles. Official GPS for these Sportsman classes will be posted on the SCORE website. The time limit for the impacted classes will remain at 12 hours.
- 9) SCORE will use 151.625 (Weatherman Relay) for the main race operations radio frequency. Please use this frequency to report an emergency or ask for help.
- 10) FULL-STOP PHYSICAL CHECKPOINT RULES - You are required to enter the 3 Physical Full-Stop Checkpoints in a single file manner at 25mph and come to a complete stop at the stop sign. The checkpoint corridor is not considered part of the racecourse. Entering and exiting all checkpoints must be done in a safe and prudent manner in order to guarantee the safety of all checkpoint workers. Passing is not permitted 300 feet before a checkpoint. Pitting is not permitted within 300 feet before and 100 feet after a checkpoint.
- 11) VIRTUAL CHECKPOINTS - The racecourse has 60 Virtual Checkpoints (VCPs). The VCPs are strategically placed to discourage short-coursing. However, the VCPs do not represent the only areas that require compliance. The entire course will be reviewed for compliance. The standard penalty for failure to clear a VCP within 100 feet is 10 minutes. The time penalty will increase as the deviation increases. Course deviations more than 20 meters from the centerline of the course are not covered by liability insurance. If you detour from the official marked course it will be at your soul responsibility and will not be covered by the terms and conditions of the insurance policy. Course deviation more than 500' from the centerline will be penalized.

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- 12) **GPS NAVIGATION** - In order to avoid confusion regarding the locations of the VCPs, it is essential to race using the latest official gps course file.
- 13) **FINISH LINE STOP** - All race vehicles are required to make a full and complete stop at the Checkered Flag, which is located at the Tecate Arch. It is the racer's complete responsibility to make this stop in a safe and controlled manner. Failure to do so will result in a time penalty or disqualification, depending on the circumstances.
- 14) No race vehicle in any class shall be towed, pushed, pulled or transported by another vehicle further than 1% of the total distance of the race course (2.54 MILES), or within 1 mile of the Finish Line. However, wrist-banded race vehicle occupants are permitted to push a disabled race vehicle across the Finish Line.
- 15) Late Registration will begin on Saturday morning at 5:30AM at the Los Arcos Motel. Late Tech Inspection will take place on the staging line starting at 5:30AM.
- 16) A competitor who is late for his assigned start time will start at the back of the class that is currently starting. The elapsed time of a late starter begins with the entry's DESIGNATED START TIME, not the late start time.
- 17) The Start/Finish is located at the Arches Monument in the southbound lanes of Highway 5 adjacent to the Los Arcos Motel.
- 18) **STAGING ROUTE**: All race vehicles are required to report to staging using Calle Ensenada at the intersection of Camino Del Sur, which is one block south of the traffic circle on Calle Chetumal.
- 19) Motorcycles and ATV classes will report to staging at 5:15AM. The first moto will start no earlier than 5:45AM. The SCORE helicopter will make a pass up to zoo road to clear the course once it is light enough to fly. The last ATV starts no later than 7:00am, one every 30 seconds in the following order - 22, 21, 30, 40, 50, 20, 60, 25, 24, SPTMC>, SPTMC<, SPTATV, 26.
- 20) There will be at least a full 3.5 hour gap between the last ATV starter and the first Trophy Truck starter. 4-Wheel Staging: Trophy Trucks ONLY to arrive by 9:30am adjacent to the Tecate store. **Trophy Trucks will be paraded in start order to Start Line for 10:30am start.** Class 1 Staging at 10:00am. TT/Class 1 start at 60sec intervals. ALL other classes are to arrive by 10:45am and start at 30sec intervals. ABSOLUTELY NO FUELING ALLOWED AT STAGING AREA.
- 21) Four Wheel Vehicles, not including TT/Class 1, will start one every 30 seconds in the following order - TT, 1, 10, TT Spec, SL, 8, HM, PT, 6100, 3000, TL, 4000, 1/2-1600, 5, 7-2, 7, 7SX, 5-1600, 2, 2D, 3, 3700, 1700, 4400, SF, SM, 9, 11, 19, SUTK, SPBG, SOTK, SPUTV.
- 22) **FOUR WHEEL CLASS STAGING TIMES** – Do not be late for staging. TT(9:30AM), 1(10:00AM), all other classes must be staged at 10:45am
- 23) All classes will have **12 HOURS / (21.16 MPH AVERAGE)** from their designated start time to complete the race. If there are classes with no finishers, the IRC tracking data will be used to score to the furthest mile.
- 24) Checkpoint closing times are as follows: **CHECK 1** - MILE 80 @ 7:30PM / **CHECK 2** - MILE 185 @ 9:30PM  
**CHECK 3** - MILE 232 @ 11:00PM.
- 25) A technical protest MUST be filed no later than 30 minutes after the first finisher out of the money in your class.
- 26) Unofficial Results will be posted throughout the day at the Los Arcos Motel. The Competition Review Board will meet Saturday at 8:00PM at the Los Arcos Motel. The Awards will be held Sunday morning at 10:00AM **PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME** at the Plaza on the Melacon. Daylight Savings Time begins in the USA on Sunday 3/10. Set clocks forward one hour Saturday night.