

**2022 TEXAS MS 150 – TAMU FINISH LINE
FAQ's**

TEAMS & TENTS

Where is my team's tent located?

All team tents will be located on the Plaza to the North and East sides of Kyle Field. Team tent maps will be available mid-April for all teams that rented a tent through [Cadence Sports/Tailgate Guys](#).

Can I reserve a spot for my team in the stands?

No, we are not reserving stadium sections for teams, however you will have open access to the East side stands throughout the entire day.

Can my team load in any items on Friday?

No, teams may not load-in items into their team tents on Friday.

What time can team representatives load-in items to our tent on Sunday?

The site opens for team tent load-in beginning at 6:00 AM and ending at 8:30 AM sharp. *Timing subject to change.* This time frame is to ensure all vehicles are out of the path of riders in advance of the first participant arrivals. Please note, team tents are located on the Plaza at Kyle Field and thus direct access to tents WILL NOT BE permitted. However, teams will be able to pull up to the curb near their team tent area for unloading. Vehicles should be unloaded IMMEDIATELY and then moved to recommended parking areas. DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended at any time.

Due to anticipated participant arrivals to the finish line, any team vehicle arriving after 8:30 AM will NOT be allowed to have vehicular access to unload near their team tent. However, between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM representatives MAY be able to unload in Lot 62 along with their team luggage, pending capacity. Please bring dollies, wagons, or other carts to transport your items to your tent. Lot 62 is located on the west side of the stadium off of Welborn Ave. *****Only team vehicles with official TAMU Finish Line Access Passes will be allowed on-site and in the unloading areas and space is limited.**

Where can I unload my team members' luggage?

Team luggage can be unloaded in designated locations in Lot 62 between 6:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday. Vehicles must have the necessary access pass to enter this lot. In

order to accommodate all vehicles needing access, representatives are asked to unload their trucks/vehicles swiftly and move them to designated parking locations in Lot 61 before returning to sort luggage (if necessary). Additionally, we strongly recommend your riders pack a small bag with only the essentials just for the Finish Line.

Will there be showers?

There will be shower trucks at the finish line this year. They will be located on the West side of the stadium in Lot 62.

What luggage do I need to bring?

You are welcome to bring whatever makes you feel comfortable. A small bag with a change of clothes is all you will need aside from you any personal belongings, keys, wallet, medicine, etc. You will be required to use the event luggage tags on all bags. A maximum of 2 bags is allowed per rider.

Do I have to use the luggage tags provided by the event?

YES. We require ALL riders to utilize the event's luggage tags even if your team is transporting your luggage for you. Due to the luggage process at the finish in College Station, luggage WILL NOT be dropped directly at your tent, and event volunteers will use the event's luggage tag as the identifier to ensure all riders are claiming the correct luggage. REMINDER: you will be required to show your bib or wristband matching the rider number on the luggage. Hence, do not dispose of your bib or wristband after you finish!

What time can team representatives load out items from our tent on Sunday?

Vehicular access to team tents will be allowed at approximately 6:00 PM +/- OR after the last rider finishes to ensure safety for all event participants. If a team wishes to load out early, they must transport their items from their tent to their place of parking by foot. Pending the demand for services in Lot 62 in the late afternoon, we will allow access to this lot at approximately 4:00 PM if safety permits. Please check with the lead Society staff member located in the Luggage area prior to retrieving your vehicle for loading.

What catering options are there for my team?

Teams may order catering from the approved, on-site vendors coordinated by Levy Restaurants. *Catering vendors and menus will be released soon!*

Orders through Levy Restaurants will be available for delivery or pick up at Kyle Field. *Exact location TBD.*

**Any caterers that are not on this list, will not be allowed or able to deliver to the site.*

Is on-site cooking allowed?

Yes, on-site cooking is allowed ONLY if teams let the MS Society know in advance. We will place you specifically in areas where grills are allowed. All cooking must be done outside of your tent and follow all policies provided by Texas A&M and the National MS Society. You must have a fully functioning fire extinguisher at your tent if you plan to grill.

Is there a designated area for pop-up tents?

Yes. On the south side of the stadium, just south of the Bright Football Complex, there is a grassy area where pop up tents are permitted.

PARKING

Can I park next to my team tent?

There is NO vehicle parking on the plaza or next to any team tents.

Where do I park our team vehicle(s)?

After unloading, **oversized vehicles** (i.e. box trucks and trailers) should park in the designated area in Lot 61 located at 155 John Kimbrough Blvd, College Station, TX 77840. Space in Lot 61 is available on a first come, first served basis and access to this lot is located in the back of the lot off of Olsen Street. An access pass is REQUIRED to use Lot 61.

Other team vehicles such as personal cars that would fit in a regular sized parking spot, can find parking at any public lot or garage on campus. **Due to events taking place on campus, all parking will have a small cash fee, \$5 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations include:

- Surface Lots
 - 74
 - 97
 - 100a-100g
- Garages*
 - West Campus Garage (Spectators)
 - University Center Garage (Spectators)
 - Gene Stallings Blvd Garage (Club 300 & Accessible) - *Access Pass or accessible hang tag/license plate required for access*

<https://transport.tamu.edu/parkingmap/tsmap.htm?map=vis>

***In a cargo or passenger van? DON'T use a garage! It's likely your vehicle is too tall for the garage clearance and you could damage your roof. We recommend you utilize one of the surface lots such as Lot 74 and 97.**

One or more of our team vehicles is larger than a passenger/cargo van (i.e. a box truck). Where can we park these oversized vehicles?

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Where can my team massage therapist park?

Massage therapists (and other team support vendors) in personal cars that would fit in a single, regular parking spot, can find parking at any public lot or garage on campus.

Vendors will have to walk to the venue so please recommend to them to have a dolly or wagon to transport their equipment/supplies. **Due to events taking place on campus, all parking will have a small cash fee, \$5 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations include:

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 - 97
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 - West Campus Garage (Spectators)
 - University Center Garage (Spectators)
 - Cain Garage (Club 300 & Accessible) - *Access Pass or accessible hangtag/license plate required for access*

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Where do friends and family park?

Spectators may park at any public lot or garage on the Texas A&M campus. **Due to events taking place on campus, all parking will have a small cash fee, \$5 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations include:

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Where is ADA Accessible Parking?

Vehicles with an Accessible Parking license plate or hangtag can park in the accessible parking area located in any garage or surface lot. However, we recommend parking in the Gene Stallings Blvd. Garage first which does not require attendees to cross the rider chute after parking. Accessible Parking areas in all garages and lots are accessible all day long pending availability. All parking will have a small cash fee, \$5 for surface lots and garages.

How do I get my bike back to my car?

If you are transporting your own bike after the event you may walk or ride your bike to the lot or garage where your car is located. If riding to your car, please obey the rules of the road and be cautious of pedestrians and vehicles en route.

VOLUNTEERS

Where do volunteers park?

Volunteers may park for free in Lot 61 located at 155 John Kimbrough Blvd, College Station, TX 77840. Access to the lot will require you to show the volunteer access pass provided via email in advance of the event. Space in Lot 61 is available on a first come, first served basis. If Lot 61 is filled, volunteers may park at any public lot or garage on the Texas A&M campus. We recommend the following lots in close proximity which will incur a small cash fee of \$5:

- 74
- 97
- 100a-100g

**Please bring only necessary items to the site, and leave bags, valuables, etc. at home or in your vehicle. There will be no place at the main event venue to leave your possessions during your shift.*

Where is volunteer check in?

Volunteer check in will be located on the Plaza at the top of the pedestrian walkway near the Northwest corner of the stadium. This is closest to the intersection of Wellborn Rd. and Joe Routt Blvd.

TRANSPORTATION

Do you provide BUS transportation from Austin on Friday, April 29 to Houston?

No. There will not be bus transportation provided from Austin to Houston for any of the Houston area starts.

Do you provide BUS transportation from College Station on Friday, April 29?

Yes. There will be a charter bus leaving College Station at 6pm on Friday night taking participants to the Hyatt Regency West (13210 Katy Freeway) in Houston. All participants taking this bus need to purchase a ticket [here](#). You will park in Lot 61 in College Station (weekend parking complimentary), load your bike on the truck, load your luggage on the bus and be on the bus ready to go BY 6pm. The bus will go directly to the Hyatt Regency West. You will be required to start at the Energy Corridor start location.

Do you provide BUS transportation from the Finish Line at Texas A&M on Sunday, May 1?

Yes! Participants may purchase Sunday bus tickets [here](#) back to any of the four official starting line locations (Energy Corridor, Legacy Stadium, Waller Stadium, or Downtown Austin - Parking garage A, 1401 San Jacinto Blvd). Complimentary parking available at each start location.

[BUS transportation options offered:](#)

- **Friday PM (6:00 PM Departure)**
 - College Station to Hyatt Regency West (Energy Corridor)

- **Sunday PM (Begins approx. 1:00 PM)**
 - College Station to Legacy Stadium
 - College Station to Waller Stadium
 - College Station to Energy Corridor: Addicks Park & Ride
 - College Station to Downtown Austin- Parking Garage A

How much does one-way BUS transportation for April 29 cost?

Bus ticket purchase includes bike transportation.

- Advance online transportation ticket purchase through March 31 — **\$40 fee**
- On-site ticket purchase on Friday, April 29 in College Station - **\$60 fee (payable by credit card or check)**

****Day of event ticket purchases day of event are subject to availability. Be sure and purchase your ticket(s) now!***

- ***Bus tickets are non-transferable.***
- ***April 1 is the last day to cancel a bus ticket.***

How much does one-way BUS transportation for May 1 cost?

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- Advance online transportation ticket purchase through March 31 — **\$40 fee**
- Online transportation ticket purchase April 1 through April 27 — **\$60 fee (online ticket purchase closes at midnight-CST on April 27)**
- On-site ticket purchase on Sunday, May 1 in College Station - **\$80 fee (payable by credit card or check)**

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- ***Bus tickets are non-transferable.***
- ***April 1 is the last day to cancel a bus ticket.***

**If you paid for bus transportation online, you should have received a receipt via email. Contact the Society's Fundraising Support Center at 855-372-1331 or by email at FundraisingSupport@nmss.org to confirm transportation purchase.*

If I plan to take a BUS back to one of the four official start locations on Sunday, what do I do with my BIKE?

Your BUS ticket includes bike transportation to your respective start. When you finish the Bike MS: Texas MS 150, take your bike to the bike trucks (18-wheelers) located in

Lot 62 at the Southwest corner of the stadium*. ***Be sure to load your bike on the truck traveling to the start location where you started on Saturday morning.***

- Before loading your bike onto the truck, make sure the front number from your rider packet is on your bike.
- To retrieve your bike from the bike compound you must have your rider bib or wristband, ***no exceptions.***
- The bikes will be unloaded into a secure bike compound.
- All bikes must be picked up by 9:00 pm Sunday evening.

The trucks transporting bikes do not depart from Texas A&M University at the same time as the buses, therefore your bike may not arrive at the start location at same time as your bus.

****Please allow 3 to 4 hours from bike loading at the finish to the truck arrival at the start location. We highly recommend that you load your bike onto the trucks located at the end of the finish line chute as soon as you finish the ride before you enjoy the finish line festivities.***

What do I do after I drop off my bike?

- Go claim your luggage from the North end of Lot 62
- Take a shower if you desire
- Eat and enjoy time with your friends and family
- When you're ready to go back to Houston or Austin, load the passenger bus with your own luggage and board the bus.
 - Please Allow approximately three to four (3-4) hours for your bike to arrive at your respective start location. You are responsible for taking your luggage with you on the bus.

I do NOT plan to use bike transportation through the event on Sunday. Is there a place to store my bike at the Finish Line at Texas A&M?

Yes! We have a secure bike compound located at the Northwest Activation Tower of the stadium where you can leave your bike while you enjoy the finish line festivities. Please DO NOT take your bike into the team tent area and festivities. You will be asked to take it back to the compound. **PLEASE NOTE:** Your bike must be retrieved from the bike compound within 15 minutes after the last rider finishes.

For security purposes, before dropping off your bike, please ensure that your rider number is still fully intact on your bike. In order to retrieve your bike, you will be

REQUIRED to show your bib or wristband matching the rider number on the bike. Hence, do not dispose of your bib or wristband after you finish!

Where do I load the bus for transportation to one of the Official Starting Lines?

Bus loading and departure will take place in Lot 61 at the northwest corner of the Wellborn Rd. and Joe Routt Blvd intersection. Riders may use the pedestrian walkway under Wellborn Rd. and follow the signs to Lot 61.

What time on Sunday do buses depart FROM the Finish Line at Texas A&M to return to my Start location?

Buses will begin departing from the Finish Line at Texas A&M at approximately 1:00 PM on Sunday. Please note, departures will not occur until a bus reaches the designated capacity. The last bus will leave approximately 45 minutes after the last rider finishes.

FOOD/BEVERAGE

What are my food and beverage options if I do not have a team tent?

There will be a general rider food tent located just outside the Northeast Tower of the stadium. This food is for riders and volunteers. There will be light snacks and drinks available from sponsors and dining options available across the street in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

My team ordered catering through Levy for our Team Tent. Can I take my food with me onto the field?

No. There will be some snacks and beverages available on the field from our sponsors, however, food and beverage acquired from off the field is not allowed on the field. You may take food or beverages provided on the field up into the stands.

Will there be food / beverage on-site to purchase?

Yes, there will be food concessionaires within the Memorial Student Center (MSC) for spectators to purchase food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Don't forget! The event provides a free meal (including a vegetarian option) to all registered riders. The rider dining tent is located on the plaza at the Northeast corner of the stadium.

Are there any guidelines on what types of food is allowed?

There are no restrictions on what type of food is allowed. Please be respectful and clean up after yourself and your team.

Will there be vegetarian options to purchase?

Yes, there will be vegetarian options to purchase at concessionaires in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

Can I bring alcohol onto property?

Yes. However, alcohol MUST BE consumed within your team tent perimeter on the Plaza. No outside food or beverages are allowed to be taken into the stadium. This includes, but is not limited to, any food or beverages bought from campus concessionaires.

There will be beer available for participants at the beer garden on the Plaza and down on the field.

MISCELLANEOUS

Are pets allowed?

No. Pets are prohibited at the Finish Line, however, service animals are welcome.

Can I enter and exit the stadium as much as I want to?

Absolutely! There will be bag check and security at each gate, but you are permitted to enter and exit freely. The main stadium entrance will be at the Northeast tower.

Can I bring a water bottle into the stadium?

One single, factory sealed water bottle per attendee is permitted. It must be 1 liter or less. Due to the nature of a cycling event, rider's empty personal water bottles are allowed in the stadium. Spectators may not bring in personal water bottles.

Can I bring a stroller into the stadium?

Strollers are permitted within the stadium on the concourse level only. No strollers on the field at any time. Attendees with strollers may utilize the ramps in the Southeast Tower to access the concourse or can follow signs in the Northeast Tower for ADA

concourse access. Guests are responsible for the security of their strollers; the event nor Texas A&M University are responsible for lost strollers.

Can I bring an umbrella into the stadium?

Umbrellas are welcome on the plaza, but will need to be closed if you are taking it into the stadium. Guest will be asked to pack away an umbrella if it is opened while inside the stadium.

Can I bring Flags or signs into the stadium?

Flags and signs must be smaller than 24”X36” and cannot be attached to a pole. Flags and signs are not permitted to be attached or secured to any structure within the stadium. They must not contain vulgar or offensive language, or they will be confiscated. The event and stadium staff have the right to remove any sign or flag at their discretion.

Can I bring coolers into the stadium?

No outside coolers are permitted into the stadium.

Where can my teammates meet to regroup and finish the ride together?

Lot 68 on Olsen Blvd has been designated as the meet-up area for riders. This is approximately 1.2 miles from the official finish line of the Texas MS150. Riders should pull all the way into the lot and out of the way while waiting for teammates. Do not block the entryway and hinder other riders from entering and exiting the lot. Please note, there is NO vehicular access to this location for spectators or team support vehicles.

Where can I get my 2022 Bike MS: Texas MS 150 completion pin and completion certificate? Congratulations, you did it! For the 2022 ride, your completion pin will be available at Information Stations around the plaza and on the field.

Where do I retrieve my lost item at the Finish line?

Lost and Found items can be retrieved at the main Information Station Tent located on the Plaza at the Northwest corner of the stadium. After the event, please send an email to fundraisingsupport@nmss.org with a description of the lost/found item

Where is shelter located in case of severe weather?

In the event of severe weather that requires site evacuation, attendees will be instructed to access the stadium concourse, nearby garages, or the Memorial Student Center (MSC) for shelter. Additionally, attendees can seek shelter in vehicles in close proximity.