

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:  
CHANGES TO THE IMPOUND PROCEDURE,  
RULES AGAINST OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE AND  
FINISH LINE PROCEDURE

In response to rider input, we are going to try something new this year regarding the impound area, when you can work on your bike and with what kind of assistance. Riders have commented that it is cruel and unusual punishment to not allow them to use any necessary parts to repair their bikes at the end of the first day; they have also said it is unfair that riders who come in early have more time to work on their machines. To accommodate these concerns while also preserving the concept of testing equipment preparedness and reliability, the Rock Island Riders Board has decided to try the following plan this year:

- A. To relax the prohibition against outside assistance by:
  - 1. At the finish of the first day parts from any source may be used by the rider to repair their bike. You must, of course, be riding the same bike throughout the event (eg. the same engine and frame numbers, the same displacement class).
  - 2. The riders may start the second day with fresh riding gear including tool kits and any parts they need to carry with them on the ride.
  
- B. To tighten the prohibition against outside assistance by:
  - 1. You will be considered to be "on the course" from the start to finish of each day, including at the lunch check. This means that no outside assistance of any kind will be allowed without taking the 20 point penalty. You must carry with you, or borrow from another rider everything you need including jackets, rain gear, goggles, tire pumps, CO2 cartridges, tubes, tires, lubricants, bike stands, tools, and so on. The Club will not provide anything except fuel, water and food anywhere on the course. If a rider takes the 20 point penalty to bring an item on to the course from the outside, any other rider also using that item will be penalized.

The only things allowed from outside will be special food or drink. These items must be given to you through the security official. This applies to lunch only; anywhere else on the course, nothing is allowed.

2. The only time you will be allowed to work on your bike (except on the trail) will be a one hour period after the finish on Saturday.

- C. Revise the day one finish, impound and day two start rules:
  - 1. Immediately after clearing the finish check you will turn over your score card to the scoring officials. You will be given a tag with the time of day and your rider number written on it. Attach this tag to your handle bars. You then can enter the special work area to do whatever you need to your bike. You can then leave if you wish to get anything you may need. The only persons allowed in the work area are other riders whose bikes are also in the work area. Only bikes with work area tags on the handle bars are allowed in the work area.

You have one hour of free time in the work area. You may take longer if you wish with a one point per minute penalty up to 60 points. Beyond 60 points you will be disqualified. You are responsible for keeping track of your own time.

When you are finished in the work area, push your bike to the impound where an official will record the time on your tag. Fuel your bike at the gas truck and park your bike where directed; leave the impound immediately. Take all of your gear with you; you will not be allowed back in the impound. Absolutely nothing can be done to your bike after entering the impound area except fueling. The next time you can work on your bike will be after you cross the starting line on Sunday.

You must then immediately take the tag to the scoring officials who will use the recorded times to record any penalty points on your score card. You will pick up your completed score card at this time. You will be asked to sign your card acknowledging your score. If you disagree with your score you will be allowed to file a written protest at this time only. Any protests will be considered later by the protest committee and referee. Any rider who fails to turn in their work area tag will be disqualified.

2. For the start of day two, you will not be allowed into the impound until directed by the starting officials to push your bike to the ready area in preparation for your starting time. Take everything you need for the ride with you at this time. If for some reason your bike is not ready, you will have to push across the starting line, if necessary, to work on your bike. Keep in mind however that any assistance from the outside beyond a push start from here to the finish will be considered outside assistance with an additional 20 point penalty.

#### TIMES AND PLACES

Friday May 28

10:00am-4:00pm

- Check-in and pre-ride tech inspection. Impound at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo. All bikes must be checked in by 4:00, and remain in impound until the start. Gas will be available until 3:00 only. Fill up early.

7:00pm sharp

- Rider's Meeting (banquet room at the basement level of the hotel). All riders, and guests desiring access to restricted areas must be present.

Saturday May 29

5:30am -

- Impound opens.

6:30am -

- Start - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. (Trail start will be at 7:00 keytime. The hotel start is a controlled 'three minute' ride to the trail.)

10:40 -

- Lunch on mountain road above hunter check station on Saddle road near Kilohana Girl Scout Camp.

1:55pm

- 1st day finish on the mountain at hunter check station at the junction of saddle road and Mauna Kea road a 30+/- mile, one hour drive from Hilo.

Sunday May 30

8:00am -

- Restart at hunter check station

10:49 -

- Lunch 1.5 +/- miles in on Flume road (2nd right off Stainback Hwy after N. Kulani Road intersection.

1:44pm -

- Finish at Shipman Park in Keaau

6:00pm -

- Impound - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

8:00pm -

- Banquet

- Awards presentation

#### Security:

Bikes will be guarded at impound areas from check-in until the start, at Saturday impound, and at the Hotel finish until Monday morning May 31.