

2010 TECATE SCORE BAJA 500 - RACE BRIEFING

- 1) The Competitors Meeting will be held on Friday at 7:00PM in the Cathedral Room of the Riviera Convention Center.
- 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 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 VERY ALERT AT ALL TIMES!!
- 4) The roads used for this race course are open to the public. You must expect at all times to encounter local traffic, spectator traffic, and even pit traffic on the race course. You must also expect to encounter oncoming traffic at all times.
- 5) The race course is marked with orange/white ribbon, pink arrows, green wrong ways, and mile markers every five miles. SCORE cannot guarantee that course markings will remain in place until race day. It is your responsibility to race in a controlled manner and be able to slow down and avoid danger spots.
- 6) All competitors must do their part to protect and preserve the Baja ecological environment. Please instruct your team that it is very important to properly dispose of all solid and liquid waste.
- 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) 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.
- 9) **HIGHWAYS ARE RESTRICTED AREAS** - Pitting is NOT permitted on any portion of the paved highway surface. The paved highway is considered a restricted area because SCORE use of the highway is subject to permission by the Mexican Federal Highway Police. As a result, transitional race travel on the highway sections must be done in a safe and prudent manner. Passing on the highway section must be made on the left-hand side only and within the 60 MPH speed limit. All competitors MUST possess a valid driver license while operating the race vehicle.
- 10) **HIGHWAY SPEED ZONES** - There are five 60 MPH highway speed zones at this race. The mandatory IRC tracking devices are used to ensure racer compliance. Penalty information can be found in the Penalty Information Bulletin.
- 11) **OJOS NEGROS SPEED ZONE** - This speed zone is two miles long. It begins ON DIRT and runs on dirt for one mile before making a right turn onto the Ojos Negros Town Pavement for another mile. The entrance to this speed zone on dirt will be specially marked so that racers will know exactly where it begins. A speed zone on dirt was required in order to obtain permission from the residents of Ojos Negros who live in houses that are situated on that section of the race course. This permission was very important because it decreases the amount of course mileage with two-way race traffic and therefore makes the race safer for the motorcycle finishers.
- 12) **COURSE COMPLIANCE** - The mandatory IRC tracking devices will also be used to identify competitor course deviations. Penalty information can be found in the Penalty Information Bulletin.
- 13) **CHECKPOINTS** - You are required to enter the four physical checkpoints in a single file manner and come to a complete stop at the stop sign. The checkpoint corridor is not considered part of the race course. 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.
- 14) No towing, pushing or pulling of **Four Wheel Vehicles** within 1 mile of the finish line. However, wristbanded vehicle occupants are permitted to push a disabled race vehicle across the finish line. No towing, pushing or pulling through a checkpoint or greater than 1% of the course, which at this race is 4.4 miles.
- 15) 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 his DESIGNATED START TIME, not the late start time.
- 16) The race will START and FINISH in front of the Riviera Convention Center on Boulevard Costero.
- 17) Motorcycles and ATVs will begin staging at 5:30AM for a 6:00AM start and will start one every 30 seconds as follows: 22, 30, 40, 21, 20, 50, 60, 25, 24, SPTMOTO>, SPTMOTO<, SPTATV, 26.
- 18) There will be approximately a three hour gap between the last ATV starter and the first Trophy Truck starter.
- 19) Four Wheel Vehicles will begin staging at 9:00AM for a 10:00AM start and will start one every 30 seconds as follows: TT, 1, 10, SL, 8, PT, 1/2-1600, 4, 5, 6, 7, 5-1600, 7SX, 2, 3, 7/2, SF, SM, 9, 17, SPTK, SPBG, 11, SPUTV.
- 20) All classes will have **22 hours** from their designated start time to complete the race. Checkpoint closing times are as follows:
 - * CHECKPOINT 1 - SANTA CATARINA / MILE 84.03 - SATURDAY @ 11:00 PM
 - * CHECKPOINT 2 - SOUTH OF BORREGO / MILE 196.17 - SUNDAY @ 5:00 AM
 - * CHECKPOINT 3 - NORTHWEST OF COLONET / MILE 307.30 - SUNDAY @ 7:00 AM
 - * CHECKPOINT 4 - WEST OF OJOS NEGROS / MILE 397.53 - SUNDAY @ 9:00 AM
- 21) A technical protest MUST be filed no later than 30 minutes after the first finisher out of the money in your class.
- 22) All of the following post-race activities will take place at the San Nicholas Hotel on Sunday morning:
Posting of Unofficial Results @ 9:00AM / Competition Review Board 10:00AM / Awards Ceremony @ 11:00AM.