



2024 TEXAS MS 150 – TAMU FINISH LINE FAQ's

TEAMS & TENTS

Is the layout the same as last year?

It will be a very similar layout to last year and maps will be available a couple weeks before the event. All finish line festivities will be along the North and East side of Kyle Field Plaza and in Aggie Park. There will not be access to the inside of Kyle Field.

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 and Aggie Park. Team tent maps will be available mid-April for all teams that rented a tent through the txms150teams.org website.

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

The inside of Kyle Field will not be open for the event this year. There will not be ANY access into the stadium.

Can my team load in any items on Friday or Saturday?

No, teams may not load-in items into their team tents on Friday or Saturday. If you have special requests to load in items on Saturday, please reach out to your staff contact.

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 ends at 9:00 AM sharp. 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 9:00 AM will NOT be allowed to have vehicular access to unload near their team tent. Please bring dollies, wagons, or other carts to transport your items to your tent.

Where can I unload my team members' luggage?

Team luggage can be unloaded in designated locations in Lot 48 between 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday. Vehicles must have the necessary Team 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 the designated parking location in Lot 100a. 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 again this year. They will be located on the Southeast side of the stadium in Lot 48 near the official finish line.

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 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. Preview the [Know Before You Go](#) to assure you're set for event weekend with the Luggage Requirements & Packing List!

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, event 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. Please 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 are responsible for transporting their items from their tent to their place of parking.

What catering options are there for my team?

Teams may order catering from the approved delivery vendors coordinated by the event and Revel XP. These vendors include Double Dave's Pizza, C&J BBQ, Buppy's, and Costa Vida. Ordering link for all 4 vendors [HERE](#).

Orders through approved vendors will be available for pick up at the 'Drop Off Zone' on Joe Routt Blvd. directly in front of the Rudder Tower.

**Any caterers that are not on this list, will not be allowed or able to deliver to the site. Access to the dropoff zone is controlled by security.*

Is on-site cooking allowed?

Yes, on-site cooking is allowed ONLY if teams let the MS Society know in advance. We have placed 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. There will be a designated area in Aggie Park for pop up tents. This location is behind the Club 300 tent and directly south of the University Center Parking Garage. No grilling is allowed in the pop up tent zone and any tent stakes must go no deeper than 6 inches into the ground.

PARKING

Can I park next to my team tent?

There is NO vehicle parking of any kind 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 Reed Arena Lot 100a, located at the corner of John Kimbrough Blvd & Olsen St, College Station, TX 77840. Space in Lot 100a is available on a first come, first served. An access pass is REQUIRED to use Lot 100a.

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 cash fee, \$10 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations include:

- Garages
 - University Center Garage *6'9" Clearance
 - (Club 300 & Accessible) - Access Pass or accessible hang tag/license plate required for access
 - Gene Stallings Blvd Garage *8'2" Clearance
 - West Campus Garage *8'2" Clearance
- Surface Lots
 - 74
 - 97
 - 100b-100g

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

***In a cargo or passenger van? DON'T use a garage or pay attention to the clearance listed above! 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, \$10 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations are the same as above.

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, \$10 per entry for both surface lots and garage parking.** Recommended locations are the same as above.

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 University Center Garage. Accessible Parking areas in all garages and lots are accessible all day long pending availability. All parking will have a small cash fee, \$10 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 100a located at the corner of John Kimbrough Blvd & Olsen St, 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 100a is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Please bring only necessary items to the site, and leave bags, valuables, etc. at home or in your vehicle. There will not be a 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. You will check in here and then be directed to your exact shift location.

TRANSPORTATION

Do you provide BUS transportation from Austin on Friday, April 26th 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 26th?

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 62 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, April 28th?

Yes! Participants may purchase Sunday bus tickets [here](#) back to any of the five official starting line locations (Energy Corridor, Royal School Complex, Bellville, Webberville, or Downtown Austin - Parking garage A, 1401 San Jacinto Blvd). Complimentary parking is 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 Royal School Complex
 - College Station to Bellville
 - College Station to Energy Corridor: Addicks Park & Ride
 - College Station to Downtown Austin - 1401 San Jacinto
 - College Station to Webberville

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Bus ticket purchase includes bike transportation.

- Advance online transportation ticket purchase through April 24 — **\$40 fee**
- On-site ticket purchase on Friday, April 26 in College Station - **\$60 fee**
(payable by credit card)

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- Online transportation ticket purchase April 1 through April 24 – **\$60 fee**
(online ticket purchase closes at midnight-CST on April 24)
- On-site ticket purchase on Sunday, April 28th in College Station - **\$80 fee**
(payable by credit card)

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**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 five 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 located in Lot 48 at the Southeast corner of the stadium. ***Be sure to load your bike on the correct 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 the 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 South end of Lot 48
- Take a shower if you desire
- Eat and enjoy time with your friends and family
- When you're ready to go back to your starting location, check in at Lot 62 and load the passenger bus in Lot 62 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 Southeast 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 (approximately 6:00pm).

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 62 at the northwest corner of the Stadium.

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. 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 some dining options available across the street in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

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

No. The stadium will not be open for the event this year. Food will be allowed in both Aggie Park and on the Plaza.

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

Yes, there will be food available to purchase from the vendor at the general dining tent. There are also 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. Friends and family will have an opportunity to purchase a meal at the same location.

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. However, only approved vendors will be allowed to enter our convenient drop off zone location. Any outside food orders or deliveries will NOT be able to get close to your team tent and will need to be coordinated outside of the event boundaries.

Will there be vegetarian options to purchase?

Yes, there will be food available to purchase from the vendor at the general dining tent. There will also 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 or carried outside of the event boundaries. This includes, but is not limited to, any food or beverages bought from campus concessionaires.

There will be beer available at the beer garden in Aggie Park.

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?

NO - there is no access into the stadium this year.

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 2024 Bike MS: Texas MS 150 completion medal and completion

certificate? Congratulations, you did it! For the 2024 ride, your completion medal will be available at the finish line! Pick up your Official Texas MS 150 Completion Certificate at an information booth or at Bubble Bistro.

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.