

## 2009 Tecate SCORE Baja 500 - Race Briefing (5/28/09)

- 1) The Competitors Meeting will be held on Friday, June 5th 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) The roads used for this race course are open to the public. You must expect at all times to encounter oncoming traffic. Be advised that spectators may engage in malicious activity. When approaching a group of spectators, slow down and be alert.
- 4) The speed limit for all race vehicles on all highway speed zones is 60 mph. This speed limit will be enforced with the IRC tracking device. Passing on the highway sections must be made on the left-hand side only and within the 60 MPH speed limit. All participants **MUST** possess a valid driver license while operating the race vehicle.
- 5) HIGHWAY SPEED ZONES - The five locations and penalty information can be found on the reverse side of this bulletin.
- 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. Do not litter, start fires or drive cross country.
- 7) The race course is marked with orange/white ribbon, yellow reflective tape, orange directional arrows, green wrong ways, and mile markers every five miles. SCORE cannot guarantee that course markings will still be in place on race day. It is the responsibility of each competitor to race in a controlled manner and be able to slow down to avoid danger spots.
- 8) 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!!!**
- 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) Stub Cans WILL NOT be used at this race. You are required to enter the four 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. Entering and exiting all checkpoints must be done in a safe and prudent manner in order to guarantee the safety of all checkpoint workers.
- 11) Passing is not permitted 300 feet before a checkpoint. Pitting is not permitted within 300 feet before and 100 feet after a checkpoint. Pitting is not permitted within 100 feet before or 100 feet after a paved highway crossing. No towing, pushing or pulling through a checkpoint or greater than 1% of the course, which at this race is 4.3 miles.
- 12) Towing is NOT permitted within one mile of the finish line. However, wristbanded vehicle occupants are permitted to push a disabled race vehicle within one mile of the finish line.
- 13) 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.
- 14) All classes have 20 HOURS from their designated start time to complete the race, provided that each checkpoint is cleared within the scheduled closing time. Checkpoint locations and closing times are as follows:  
CHECKPOINT 1 – SANTA CATARINA CATTLE GUARD / MILE 87.3 – SATURDAY @ 11:00PM.  
CHECKPOINT 2 – BORREGO HWY 3 CROSSING / MILE 199.2 – SUNDAY @ 3:00AM.  
CHECKPOINT 3 – SAN VICENTE VINEYARDS / MILE 296.8 – SUNDAY @ 5:00AM.  
CHECKPOINT 4 – WEST OF OJOS NEGROS / MILE 389.8 – SUNDAY @ 6:00AM.
- 15) The race will Start and Finish in front of the Riviera Convention Center on Boulevard Costero.
- 16) Motorcycle and ATV classes will report to staging at 5:30AM for a 6:00AM start. One every **30** seconds in the following order: 22, 30, 40, 21, 50, 20, 60, 25, 24, SPTMOTO>, SPTMOTO<, SPTATV, 26.
- 17) There will be a three hour gap between the last ATV starter and the first SCORE Trophy Truck starter.
- 18) Four Wheel vehicles will begin staging at 9:00AM and will start at APPROXIMATELY 10:00AM. One every **30** seconds in the following order: TT, 1, 10, SL, 8, PT, 1/2-1600, 5, 6, 7, 5-1600, 7SX, SF, SM, 9, 3, SPTK, SPBG, 11, SPUTV.
- 19) FOUR WHEEL CLASS STAGING TIMES - TT(9:00AM), 1(9:10AM), 10(9:15AM), SL(9:20AM), 8(9:25AM), PT(9:30AM), 1/2-1600(9:35AM), 5(9:40AM), 6(9:45AM), 7(9:50AM), 5-1600(9:55AM), 7SX(10:00AM), SF(10:05AM), SM(10:10AM), 9(10:15AM), 3(10:20AM), SPTK(10:25AM), SPBG(10:30AM), 11(10:35AM), SPUTV(10:40AM).
- 20) LATE REGISTRATION at the Start Line will open on Saturday morning at 5:30AM inside the Riviera Convention Center.
- 21) A technical protest **MUST** be filed no later than 30 minutes after the first finisher out of the money in your class.
- 22) Results will become OFFICIAL after all IRC tracking data has been reviewed. The review process will take several days to complete and official results will be posted on the SCORE website.
- 23) All of the following will take place at the San Nicolas Hotel. Unofficial Results will be posted at 8:00AM. The Competition Review Board will meet at 9:00AM. The Awards Ceremony will be held poolside at 10:00AM.