

EVENT RULES

Pony Express 120 Gravel Dash • Sept. 9, 2017 – Marysville, KS

- a) First and foremost, have a great ride and enjoy the beautiful scenery around you! During your ride you are responsible for yourself! Consider this event as a ride with friends. If you take part in this event you are doing so under your own volition and hold no one involved in the Pony Express 120 Gravel Dash responsible, including the Directors, Sponsors, Organizers, Staff, Volunteers, the City of Marysville, Marshall, and Riley Counties, or anyone involved in this event, including the towns you ride through. If you don't agree with this, DO NOT take the start Saturday morning Sept. 9, 2017.
- b) This event will be held on gravel, dirt and paved roads of north eastern Kansas, at times this area can be remote and very hilly. All participants must carry with them enough food and water to last them between check points. Check points for the 120m are at the following distances: CP1 – 37.5m, CP2 – 70.8m, CP3 – 94.4m. Check points for the 75m are at the following distances: CP1 – 37.5m, CP2 – 61.2m.
- c) Both the 120m and 75m riders will be together on the first 37.5 miles of the course. They will rejoin again throughout the event.
- d) The 120m course will have three (3) check points which will be timed cut-off check points, based on a 10mph average. If you miss the determined cut-off time at either of the three (3) check points you will not be allowed to continue. You will need to call your support crew to come get you.
- e) The 75m course is not a timed cut-off event, but there are two (2) check points where you must check in. The 75m course is open to anyone wanting to ride this distance.
- f) CP1 and CP2 for the 120m and CP1 for the 75m will share the same remote country church checkpoint. There are no services, but we will be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs at this location for the riders, support crews and spectators to purchase. Drinks will also be available. CP3 for the 120m and CP2 for the 75m will share the same checkpoint in a town with a grocery store and 2 convenience stores, along with homemade goodies at the checkpoint. We will have water at all checkpoints.
- g) Drop bags are allowed and will be transported to check points. Drop Bag Vehicles will be at the Wagon Wheel Café on Saturday morning.
- h) Course routes will be released the Wednesday before the ride. They will be released in a GPS and a Cue Card file, both of which will be your responsibility to download and/or print off as you wish. Cue cards will print off as a 4 ½ x 5 ½ size card, 4 cards to a page. It is your responsibility to make them water proof if you so desire, by laminating or using a water proof cue sheet holder. On the last page of the cue sheet you will find contact info. If you find yourself in a position where you need to be rescued by your support crew, please call this number to let organizers know that you have abandoned the ride. All riders need to be accounted for.
- i) Flags will be used to mark the unmarked turns.
- j) Required equipment you must have at the start line: An Ansi or Snell approved helmet, headlight or headlamp, red rear light, computer or GPS unit, pump or air cartridge system, 2 spare tubes, patch kit and a good set of tools with chain breaker and the knowledge in how to use them.
- k) Not required but highly recommended is a cell phone in a zip lock baggie so you can call for help if needed. Turn it off while riding so you don't drain your battery, cell phone service is sketchy at times.
- l) Riders must finish the ride on the same frame that they started on and single speed riders must finish in the same gearing that they started the race in. Fat bikes must have a 3.8" tire or greater for this class.
- m) SUPPORT CREWS, there are only two (2) locations out on the course that you are allowed to be at, so follow the map that we give you. If we find you anywhere else on the course we will assume you are heading out to pick up your rider and we will score them as a DNF! Support crews are allowed to assist their riders at their check points with resupplying, mechanical and medical needs if necessary. Riders CAN receive assistance from other riders out on the course if necessary.
- n) Riders must follow the route in its entirety, no short cuts allowed. If you need to leave the course you must return to the course at the same point you left!
- o) We reserve the right to alter the course or change the average speed requirements due to road closures, inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances that may arise. We will do our best to give you ample warning on any changes that may occur.
- p) You and your fellow riders are on your own, totally responsible for yourself while out on the course.
- q) Follow and obey all traffic rules, ride right, DO NOT ride over a crest of a hill on the left side of the road!!!
- r) This is a beautiful and challenging course, enjoy your ride and take in the sites along the way and most of all, have FUN!

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, Paul Brasby at pmbbrasby@charter.net or Brenda Staggenborg at info@maryvillekansaschamber.org