



# Acadiana 500 – Official Race Rules

## Tricycle Construction and Compliance

1. **Tricycle Specifications:** All tricycles must meet specified guidelines.
2. **Compliance Check:** Tricycles will be measured and assessed for compliance by the race committee.
3. **Team Tricycle:** Each team may use only one tricycle, which must be used for all events.
4. **Alterations:** No alterations are permitted after inspection, except for repairs to damaged parts. Repairs must be re-inspected by event personnel Marty, Craig, and Jay. Spare parts are allowed.
5. **Power Source:** Tricycles must be foot-powered by pedals on the front wheel. Motors are prohibited.
6. **Mechanical Rules:** No reduction gears, chains, or mechanical advantages allowed. Pedals must be directly on the front wheel axle with a one-to-one ratio.
7. **Tires:** Pneumatic tires are acceptable.
8. **Coasters:** Coaster wheels are acceptable. Tricycles must always be rolling on the course.

## Team Composition and Preparation

9. **Team Composition:** Each team shall consist of 8 riders. In case of injury, an alternate rider is allowed if the injury is verified before the race starts. Nine riders must complete the race. Participants must register on or before race day.
10. **Team Sponsorship:** A club may sponsor more than one team.
11. **Rider Positioning:** Riders may be assigned any position before the start of each race and must be at their assigned relay points at the start.
12. **Relay Procedure:** Riders must use the proper relay procedure, which will be explained before the race. Riders must be seated entering and leaving exchange zones. Feet may drag outside of exchange zones but cannot be used to propel the tricycle. Falling or stumbling is not penalized. A captain's meeting will be held prior to race day.

## Race Conduct and Penalties

13. **Obstruction:** Intentional obstruction of another tricycle is prohibited.
14. **Seated Riding:** Contestants must remain seated on the tricycle while in motion, except in transition relay exchange zones.
15. **Course Adherence:** All tricycles must stay on the established asphalt course.
16. **Relay Participation:** No rider can run more than one consecutive leg in a race.
17. **No Outside Assistance:** Outside assistance to riders is not allowed.
18. **Relay Zone:** Relays must occur within designated transition zones (10 yards or 30 feet) between cones.
19. **Rolling Requirement:** Tricycles must always be rolling on the course.
20. **Penalties:** The penalty for any of the above violations is 10 seconds per violation added to the completion time. Penalties will be added immediately following the completion of each race.

## Race Oversight

20. **Race Officials:** Officials will be stationed at each relay point to assess penalties for rule violations.
21. **Protests:** Protests will be handled by the Race Committee.
22. **Final Decisions:** The race director and commissioners' decisions are final.

## Results and Penalties

### 23. Race Results:

- Results will be determined based on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes using a double-elimination bracket.
- Ties will be resolved by the time stamp at the completion of the race.
- First and second place will be awarded to the two teams that compete in the championship race.
- Third place will be awarded to the team with the fastest time after the championship teams.

24. **Championship Race:** The championship race will feature the top two teams racing one final time, with the winner taking all.

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