

August 17, 2020

Kesugi racers,

I've received some messages about racers looking to arrange carpools to the start due to the limited parking. So I've set up a Kesugi Facebook events page where racers can post messages.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/325438161989705/>

If you arrive at Kesugi still without carpool arrangements, I am confident if you come to race headquarters on Friday evening August 28 you should be able to find a ride for the following morning.

Some people are also wondering why the race was divided into two waves, with all men starting at 9 a.m. and all women starting at 9:30 a.m. Here are some reasons:

- We couldn't do a mass start with all racers due to COVID-19 gathering size concerns as well as limited parking issues.
- Starting 30 minutes apart with just 2 groups will simplify timing (as opposed to more groups starting 3-5 minutes apart) and spread out the arrival of vehicles due to limited parking.
- Men will start before women because as a group they are slightly faster and therefore there will be less passing on the trail than if the women went first.
- By having two mass starts with all men and all women, each gender can race head-to-head and the race director won't have to field requests to be placed in Wave 1 if the waves were mixed-gender.

Best,  
Matias