



TECHNICAL GUIDE · STAGE 1 OF THE 2010 TOUR

# 2010 Stage 1: “Tempest”

April 24th, 2010, first announced as April 17th · Tempe, AZ · 40 brutal miles

**2011 in '27! – the new Tour de Froth**

## 1. THE STAGE AT A GLANCE

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| DATE          | April 24th, 2010, first announced as April 17th |
| START         | Tempe, AZ                                       |
| START TIME    | <i>To be announced by the stage captain.</i>    |
| FINISH        | "one of Arizona's most festive brewpubs"        |
| DISTANCE      | 40 brutal miles                                 |
| HOSTED BY     | Tour de Pub                                     |
| STAGE CAPTAIN | Sean Mellor (@BicycleRadio)                     |
| STATUS        | Raced                                           |

“Seven years from now, the opening stage of the 2010 Tour de Froth is going to be that one ride of your life that you will be bragging about to all your cycling buddies. This stage is sure to become cycling legend. Which is something nice to look forward to as you wait for the statute of limitations to run out. Join the opening event of the Tour in Arizona where first stage riders will be rewarded with a finish at one of Arizona’s most festive brewpubs.”

## 2. SCHEDULE

|            |                                                 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| DATE       | April 24th, 2010, first announced as April 17th |
| START TIME | Not recorded                                    |

Only what the archive records. No other timings were published for this stage.

## 3. ROUTE AND MAP

**Tempe, AZ** · 40 brutal miles.

Map: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/search?query=Tempe%2C%20AZ>

“The course changes every year.”

5.3 Sag Wagons/ Rest Stop: “No. None. Zip. Bring a tire kit and organize your own damn banana stand. Whine about it and you will be disqualified.”

## 4. HAZARDS

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### STAGE HAZARDS

- "the wild dog hazard"
- "the construction zone hazard"
- "a fan showed up along the route waving cowbells"
- "the USADA imposed last minute doping controls before the start"

### STANDARD HAZARDS ON EVERY STAGE

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 6.0 SWEET JUMPS        | When encountering sweet jumps cyclists are encouraged to freestyle their roadbikes.                                                                                        |
| 6.1 BEARS              | Along the route, bears will be released from time to time. Any rider torn apart is disqualified.                                                                           |
| 6.2 LONG SCARY BRIDGES | See crying regulation.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6.3 SPECTATORS         | Please understand that these people are the enemy and should not be provided aid or comfort.                                                                               |
| 1.0 WARNING            | Racing is a grueling and pointlessly brutal experience. You will be exposed to extreme temperatures; noise; dogs; bears; foam hats; malcontents; miscreants; etc.          |
| THE CONGO LINE HAZARD  | The “Congo Line Hazard” is a ten mile gauntlet of Frenchmen dressed in disco clothing waving rubber chickens. This hazard inspires dread among TDF competitors world-wide. |

## 5. THE BREWERY FINISH

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“Each stage will end at a selected local brewery where ‘competitors’ will be subjected to a complex series of negotiations to determine the winner. Arguing and shouting is encouraged.”

**Finish venue:** "one of Arizona's most festive brewpubs"

**1.6 Owning the Shout:** “At the end of each stage, the slowest rider owns the shout unless another rider is disqualified. The first disqualified rider owns the first shout. Any other disqualified racers will

also own a shout. The shout is gonna cost you. If you don't know what a shout is then you're disqualified and it's your shout."

**1.8 Winners and Prizes:** "If by some oversight on the organizers' part you win a stage, you'll be disappointed to find that there are no prizes. The winner receives nada." The full rule is in section 6.

## 6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

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This stage is run under the Tour de Froth regulations, which are painful, dense and complex. Only the Tour de Froth scale of disqualifications applies.

### GENERAL

- 1.0 **WARNING:** Racing is a grueling and pointlessly brutal experience. You will be exposed to extreme temperatures; Noise; Dogs; Bears; Foam Hats; Malcontents; Miscreants; etc.
- 1.1 **Organizer Decisions:** Organizer's decisions are final. If you don't like it, please organize your own race.
- 1.2 **Crappy Bikes:** At the scrutineer's sole discretion, "Shite" [sic] crappy bicycles will be welded into highbikes, and you will be disqualified.
- 1.3 **Refunds and Compensation for Loss:** None. Whiners will be disqualified.
- 1.4 **Whining:** Disqualified
- 1.5 **Ridiculous riding apparel:** Surprisingly, as with most bicycling events, this is not a problem.
- 1.6 **Owning the Shout:** At the end of each stage, the slowest rider owns the shout unless another rider is disqualified. The first disqualified rider owns the first shout. Any other disqualified racers will also own a shout. The shout is gonna cost you. If you don't know what a shout is then you're disqualified and it's your shout.
- 1.7 **Crying:** Disqualified
- 1.8 **Winners and Prizes:** The rider with the lowest total stage time wins, unless he or she is more than 120 seconds ahead of second place in which case they are disqualified for the stage. The winner is then the second place rider unless they are 120 seconds ahead of the next rider. You can see where this is going. If by some oversight on the organizers' part you win a stage, you'll be disappointed to find that there are no prizes. The winner receives nada. At the end of the stage all riders will place their names in a hat. If the rider with the lowest stage time is not drawn then they are disqualified and the rider whose name is drawn out of the hat claims the stage win. The winner of fifth stage also can disqualify the other four stage winners and claim the over all tour championship.
- 1.9 **Right of Publicity:** All imagery of the race and the riders and their bikes will be used in any way that the organizers see fit. (Including but not limited to television, internet, magazines, newsprint, television, radio, twitter, facebook, myspace, billboards, milk cartons and so forth.) There will be no compensation.

### ELIGIBILITY

- 2.0 **Equipment Eligibility:** Entry limited to bicycles. No tricycles, unicycles or Shriner go-carts. Some special dispensation may be awarded for riders of oxen.
- 2.1 **Oxen:** no oxen.
- 2.2 **Rider Eligibility:** All riders must be over 18 years of age and able to complete an inordinately complex series of differential equations contained in the entrance examination.
- 2.3 **No Passengers Allowed:** Why would you consider this? Having passengers will get you disqualified.

## ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Definition of Team: Each team must consist of no more than four riders.
- 5.2 Teams: There are no teams, riders entering as a team will be disqualified.
- 5.3 Sag Wagons/ Rest Stop: No. None. Zip. Bring a tire kit and organize your own damn banana stand. Whine about it and you will be disqualified.

## HAZARDS

- 6.0 Sweet jumps: When encountering sweet jumps cyclists are encouraged to freestyle their roadbikes.
- 6.1 Bears: Along the route, bears will be released from time to time. Any rider torn apart is disqualified.
- 6.2 Long scary bridges: see crying regulation.
- 6.3 Spectators: Please understand that these people are the enemy and should not be provided aid or comfort.

## DISQUALIFICATION

- 7.1 This is virtually impossible.

## 7. SAFETY, WAIVER AND CHARITY

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| EMERGENCY        | Call <b>911</b> (USA), then tell the stage captain.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| NEAREST HOSPITAL | <i>To be listed by the stage captain before the start.</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LIABILITY WAIVER | “You will be required to sign a liability waiver at each stage you enter.”<br><a href="http://www.tourdefroth.com/downloads/TDF-Liability-Waiver.pdf">www.tourdefroth.com/downloads/TDF-Liability-Waiver.pdf</a>                   |
| CHARITY          | “Each stage requests that you make a voluntary donation to Livestrong. The stage captain will contact you after registration to explain how to make this directly to those organizations on behalf of the stage you have entered.” |

## 8. CONTACTS

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| STAGE PAGE            | <a href="http://www.tourdefroth.com/races/2010/stage-1/">www.tourdefroth.com/races/2010/stage-1/</a> |
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