

RULES OF THE SUPER RANDONNEES

Introduction

The spirit of the Super Randonnée is based on freedom and maturity of the riders. It is a permanent route, ridden at the initiative of the participant. Riders choose their start date and time, how they get organized, what they put in their bags, how they manage their time, if they sleep at the hotel or in a sleeping bag or not at all. Regarding organization, they have no other obligation than to make the overall time limit according to their category (Randonneur or Tourist) and to do the ride without the support of a vehicle. Each of them is responsible for validating his/her passage at the controls. In short, they have to handle things all by themselves.

What are Super Randonnées ?

Super Randonnées are challenging permanent routes which are organized, verified and validated by Audax Club Parisien.

Located in mountainous areas, they include many passes and summits. Some of them are unknown, others are world famous. The scenery is gorgeous.

The length is about 600 km (373 miles) and the total amount of climbing is over 10.000 m (32.800 feet).

At registration, each rider selects to ride a Super Randonnée either as a Tourist or as a Randonneur.

- Tourists have to complete the ride in consecutive days of at least 80 km (50 miles) per day.
- The time limit for Randonneurs is calculated on a basis of 50 hours for 10 000 meters of climbing. Each additional 500 m extends the time limit by an hour.

For example :

from 10 000 m to 10 499 m : 50 h

from 10 500 m to 10 999 m : 51 h

from 11 000 m to 11 499 m : 52 h

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from 15 000 m to 15 499 m : 60 h

Being permanent, Super Randonnées can be ridden at any time of the year, provided the roads are open. Please make sure that they are before starting.

About the riders

After registration, riders will receive a personal brevet card and a frame badge. Both need to be kept with them throughout the ride.

Super Randonnées are open to any amateur cyclist regardless of cycling affiliations.

Each rider must be covered by liability insurance.

Any form of human-powered vehicle is acceptable. The vehicle must be powered solely by the rider.

Riders are allowed to ride either alone or in a group.

Any rider under the age of 18 must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Rider's duties

The rider must ride in accordance with all applicable traffic regulations and obey all traffic signals. Each rider is considered to be on a personal ride. The ACP cannot and does not accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur during a Super Randonnée.

The route and the location of the checkpoints are indicated on a detailed cue sheet. GPS-files are also available. No shortcuts or detours from the route are allowed.

Those who have registered as Randonneurs must start from the official starting point. As Tourists, they can choose any other starting point on the cue sheet.

Each rider must be self-sufficient. Support vehicles, even occasionally, are totally forbidden, on the course and at the control places.

For night riding, bikes must be equipped with front and rear lights attached firmly to the bike. Lights must be turned on at all times during hours of darkness or other low-light conditions (rain, fog, etc.).

During hours of darkness or other low-light conditions, all riders must wear a reflective vest (this is mandatory according to French traffic law).

Any violation of these night riding rules will result in the immediate disqualification of the rider.

Backup lighting systems are strongly recommended in case the primary system fails and cannot be repaired on the roadside.

It is strongly recommended to wear an approved helmet, light-colored clothes, and to carry a survival blanket and a cell phone.

Registration

Each rider must contact the organizer and send the registration fee at least 30 days before the intended ride.

For some Super Randonnées, commemorative medals are available for finishers. A medal can be ordered at registration, or at the finish by marking the brevet card accordingly.

The riders can cancel their registration by sending back their brevet card, but only the fee for the medal will be refunded.

For Tourists, the validity of the brevet card expires three years after the date of registration.

Randonneurs must declare a starting date and time. This will be the official start time and it must be strictly adhered to. It is possible to change the date and time after registration by informing the organizer of the new date and time, but only up to at least a week before the start.

Tourists do not have to specify a start date. However, if they plan to start from another point than the official starting point, they must notify the organizer of their starting point.

Controls and validation

Both Tourists and Randonneurs must note their brevet cards their last name, first name and full address.

They must note the start and finish time as well as the time of passage at all designated controls. Time includes date, hour and minutes.

Controls on Super Randonnées are often located in remote places like summits or mountain passes. In these cases, riders must prove their passage by taking a picture of their bicycle under the designated road sign. Those signs indicate the name of the place (pass, summit). For each Super Randonnée, the ACP organizer provides detailed information about the control signs. You can also ask the organizer to send the information by e-mail.

For controls located in towns, riders can either take a picture of their bicycle in front of the entry or exit sign of the town, or get their brevet card validated at a local establishment such as a *café*, bakery, grocery store or gas station.

Missing pictures or missing brevet card validations, missing checkpoint times, or loss of the brevet card (regardless of how far into the ride a rider is) will result in disqualification.

Each rider is responsible for having his or her passage validated and the brevet card entry properly completed at each checkpoint.

In case of a group ride, the picture must show distinctly each bike. It is strongly recommended to take one picture per rider.

Of course, the rider can appear on the picture, but not without his or her bike.

Secret controls may occur at the start and during the ride.

A rider who decides to withdraw from the ride should inform the organizer as soon as possible.

Those riding as Randonneurs and finishing in more than the allotted time will be officially recognized as Tourists, provided they observed all validation rules.

At the finish, riders must sign their brevet card and return it to the organizer, together with the required pictures. The pictures can be sent as electronic files.

The brevet card will be returned to the rider after the brevet has been verified and a brevet number has been assigned.

Brevet numbers are issued in chronological order, including both Tourists and Randonneurs.

The list of the finishers will be posted on the ACP Web site as well as on the blog of the Super Randonnée in chronological order.

Super Randonnées are not competitive events. Riders are not classified by performance.

Notes

A Super Randonnée cannot be counted as participation in, or as credit for another event held in conjunction with the brevet.

A Super Randonnée cannot be held both at the same time and on the same course as a BRM of 600 km.

Super Randonnées being permanents, the organizer has the obligation to offer them throughout the year (provided the roads are open to traffic). If the organizer wants to set a date for a Super Randonnée, he may do so, provided that the rules are respected. In particular, he is not allowed to offer motorized assistance, even occasionally, nor to perform control operations instead of the riders. He must offer the two options, Tourist and Randonneur, and he must not impose any time schedule to the riders.

It is expected that those riding a Super Randonnée agree that their name will be published by the ACP. In any case, their identities will not be used for commercial purposes and will not be transmitted to third parties.

It is also expected that those riding a Super Randonnée fully accept these rules. Any fraud, cheating, or deliberate violation of these rules will result in the exclusion of the rider from all ACP-sponsored events.

The rider may appeal or complain in writing (including by e-mail) to the Board of Directors of ACP, which will then render a final decision.

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