



OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

HAUTE ROUTE PYRENEES

2015 Edition

Article 1: DEFINITION

The Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 is a cyclosportive, which will take place from Friday 14th August to Friday 21st August 2015. The course will traverse the Pyrenees from Anglet (the Basque Coast) to Toulouse in 7 timed stages over 7 consecutive days.

The Haute Route Pyrenees is organised by the association OCTP Cyclisme, in partnership with the company OC Sport Suisse. The event is registered as part of the national calendar of the French Cycling Federation and the international calendar of the UCI (International Cycling Federation).

The event complies with the current regulations in France and Spain, especially:

- The decree 55-1366 from 18th October 1955 called "Type regulation of cycling events on public roads" and the notice NOR INT/D/04/00063C from 25th May 2004 stipulating the official recognition of cyclosportives.
- The technical rules for the organisation of a cyclosportive, text validated by the Presidents of the relevant federations on the 8th December 2006 at the CNOSF (French Olympic Committee).

The Rules and Regulations, which follow shall govern the entire event and shall determine, but not be limited to, the relationship between each participant and the organiser. It is each and every participant's duty to be familiar with them and to ensure absolute compliance within reason.

Article 2: DISCLAIMER

Each participant recognises that the race requires a minimum level of training and that he/she must be medically fit to participate. By accepting the registration conditions, each participant takes full and complete responsibility in case of an accident that could occur during the outgoing or return trip to and from the cyclosportive or during the cyclosportive itself. Each participant also takes responsibility for the risks linked to such an event, including but not limited to, accidents with other participants, bad weather, road traffic conditions.

Cycle sport, bike riding and bike racing is an inherently dangerous sport and self evidently exposes each participant to a number of risks [the Risks], in particular but not limited to personal injury or mechanical damage to bike equipment. This is a fundamental and trite observation and it is not therefore deemed necessary, in these circumstances, to make a list [comprehensive or otherwise] of all or any of these so-called Risks. Suffice to say therefore, it must be understood that each participant accepts that there are the above-mentioned Risks, and other Risks involved in participating in the Haute Route Pyrenees, and that these Risks are the Participants and not the Organisations. In signing up to the event, each participant acknowledges and accepts the above proposition, and further accepts the following propositions, namely that:

- Each participant shall be responsible for obtaining his or her own insurance cover.
- Each participant absolutely and completely absolves the Organisation for all responsibility with regard to the loss or damage to any personal property regardless of the circumstances.
- The Organisation, whilst having made every effort [the Effort] to (a) make the event as safe as possible for each and every participant, and (b) having addressed and or reduced and or eliminated or having attempted to eliminate as many of the Risks as it is possible to have anticipated and or foreseen, is nevertheless not able to control, or anticipate, or foresee all events, and this is accepted by all participants.
- The Efforts are a continuing and ongoing process. In this light, the Organisation will at its absolute discretion make changes to the course and or itinerary at short notice if it is deemed to be necessary to secure the objective of safety.

Article 3: REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATION

The Haute Route Pyrenees is open to all cyclists, racers and non-racers (aged 18 or older in the year of the event) from any country.

In accordance with the article L.231-3 of the French Code of Sport from the 5th April 2006 (specific law for protecting sportsmen and women's health and anti-doping controls), the participation of the Haute Route Pyrenees is subject to the presentation of a French sports licence (FFC, FFTri, FSGT, FSCF et UFOLEP) carrying the attestation of a medical certificate confirming an appropriate level of fitness for cycling in a competition. The cyclists holding such a "competition licence" from the French Federations FFC, FFTri, FSGT, FSCF and UFOLEP will need to send a copy of their licence to validate their registration (2015 licence clearly showing the mention "cycling" or "cyclospor"). All the other participants (FFCT licensed or any other federation not cited above, licensed with a foreign federation or unlicensed) will need to send the original copy of a medical certificate with the wording "fit for competitive road cycling in mountain environment" and dated after the 14th August 2014. Example to download HERE <http://www.hauteroute.org/downloads/OCS - HR medical certificate ENG.pdf>

Participants must also fill out and send to the Haute Route Pyrenees organisers a medical form containing all the information that could be necessary in case of an emergency during the race.

Participants who are less than 18 at the time of the event (but who will be 18 later in the year, i.e. born at the latest on 31st December 1996) must provide signed consent to participate from their parents or legal guardians.

Article 4: CATEGORIES

The Haute Route Pyrenees is a cyclosporitive with an individual ranking (Solo) and a team ranking (Team). All riders will participate in both.

Each participant will compete in the overall individual ranking (Solo). At the start of each stage (except for the first one), a leader jersey will be worn by the leading male and female riders.

Teams are made up of between 3 and 9 riders. Riders that do not wish to enter as a group of 3 or more, or to join another team before the start of the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015, will be placed by the organisers with other riders to create a team, without any obligation to actively participate during the event with that team if they don't want to.

Article 5: EQUIPMENT

To participate in the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015, you will need to have a road-racing bike and a hard-shell helmet. You must wear your helmet for the whole duration of the 7 stages of the race and never take it off whilst riding, even during ascents and non-timed sections, and regardless of weather conditions.

The following equipment is strictly forbidden:

- Triathlete's handlebars and any other handlebar extension systems;
- Bottles / cans made of non-deformable material (glass, aluminium...);
- Recumbent bikes, monocycles, tandems;
- Any system that does not conform to the definition of "racing bike".

Article 6: REGISTRATION

Five stages must be respected before retrieving your official race number in Anglet:

1. The registration form must be filled out online on the official website. To validate this first stage, the entry fees must accompany the registration form.
2. The participant then receives by email a payment confirmation and a file number.
3. The participant must then send the accompanying required documents (photocopy of valid license or medical certificate; medical information form; parent authorisation) by uploading it to the registration platform.
4. The participant receives his registration confirmation by email and his bib race number.
5. The participant will pick up his bib race number at the Event Village in Anglet on Friday 14th August 2015, on declaration of his registration confirmation and one piece of Photo ID.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, it is essential that all of the above referred to 5 stages are completed. If they are not then the consequence will be that no bib number will be issued, and without this bib number it will not be possible to participate in the event.

Some additional details:

- With the exception of bib race numbers that are already reserved, the assignment of bibs will be handled in chronological order of registration. A participant will have the same bib number for all the stages.
- It will not be possible to get the bib without this registration confirmation.
- Registration of one person cannot under any circumstances be transferred to another person without written confirmation from the Organisation. Infringements of this rule will be penalized with immediate exclusion from the Haute Route Pyrenees.

Article 7: ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for individual registration to the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 are from 1200 to 1600 all taxes included depending on the entry phase:

Phase 1: From 1st September to 15 September 2014 – 1200 euros

Phase 2: From 1st October to 15 October 2014 – 1400 euros

Phase 3: From 1st November to 15 November 2014 – 1500 euros

Phase 4: From 15th December – 1600 euros

The Entry Fee for 2015 includes many benefits for all riders:

- 1 complete set of Haute Route cycling kit (shorts, shirt, arm warmers)
- 1 travel bag with wheels (100 litres) branded Haute Route
- Transport of your travel bag from start to finish venue each day
- 1 backpack deposited near the start line and available near the finish line of each stage
- 1 small rubbish bag
- A lamp to adjust under the bike seat to maximise riders safety. Compulsory for sections mentioned by the organisers.
- Presence of hundreds of marshals along the route
- Presence of motorcycle escorts for the peloton (one for approx.. 15 riders)
- Presence of safety vehicles to escort the peloton (including a bus at the back)
- A professional medical team present at all times, during the racing and at the finish (available 24/7)
- Mechanical support from Mavic both at each race village and along the route (Not for repairing punctures)
- A live timing system for all 7 stages
- A personalised frame plate and 2 sets of race numbers for your back
- Daily rankings (Solo, Team, Iron Riders, and by age group and gender)
- Organisation of daily Awards Ceremony
- Pit stops and refreshment breaks (solid, liquid, energy products) during each stage
- A hot meal at the finish of each of the first 6 stages
- A compulsory safety briefing at the end of each afternoon for the next dayach stag
- A drinks party around the time of the evening briefings
- A closing party on the evening of the last stage
- Transportation of official travel bag from the start to finish of each stage
- Transportation of bike bag/cover from the event start to final finish line (but not intermediate venues)
- Access to your official backpack at the arrival with key personal items (That you need before heading to the hotel)
- Laundry service for up to 2 jerseys or 2 bib-shorts or 1 jersey and 1 bib-short mid-week
- Massage service and recovery area at the finish of each stage*
- Showers at the finish of each stage
- Access to a secure bike park at the finish of each stage
- Access to a bike wash areas during the week
- A detailed Road-Book of the race and each of the 7 stages (digital version)
- 1 copy of the Official Haute Route Guide (English)
- Videos produced daily (shown during the safety briefing each evening)
- A medal and/or souvenir for each rider at the finish
- Personalised certificate of the race available to download
- Professional photographers throughout the week (Payment after the race to receive your personalised photos)

(* Messages cannot be guaranteed for all riders, on every day – every other day would be a reasonable minimum expectation

What is not included in registration:

- Cost of transfers to Anglet and from Toulouse
- Accommodation and breakfasts (optional)

- Personal Accident insurance (optional and highly recommended)
- Property Damage insurance
- And anything that is not outlined in “What is included with your registration”

Article 8: CANCELLATION & TRANSFER CONDITIONS

It is highly recommended to all participants of the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 that they take out the optional Cancellation Insurance at the point of booking. This means that riders have the reassurance of being able to claim their entry fees back in the event of not being able to participate in the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 (for medical, injury or other valid cancellation reasons). For more info, click on the link here:

http://www.hauteroute.org/images/uploads/general/CG_ANNULATION_HAUTE_ROUTE_2015_Version_ANGLAIS.pdf

No refunds will otherwise be available without the mentioned insurance.

If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to an alternative person.

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Article 9: COLLECTING YOUR BIB

The race bib can be collected on the Haute Route Pyrenees Event Village in Anglet on Friday 14th August by presenting the confirmation of your registration and an ID. No bib will be sent by post. It is mandatory for each participant to retrieve his/her bib him/herself.

Article 10: SAFETY DURING THE RACE

The route will not be closed to vehicles but it will be secured and the riders will benefit from a right of way during some sections of the race. Several hundred marshals will be present on the side of the road to ensure the peloton's safety. On top of the race management cars (head, middle and queue of the peloton), motorbikes specialised in cycling races will surround the Haute Route Pyrenees participants. In some regions, the Haute Route Pyrenees will benefit from the Gendarmerie's and the Policia Local's support to secure the strategic crossings. Some “end of race” vehicles will close the race.

In France, the traffic law requires that all vehicles travel on the right hand side of the road.

All riders must respect the Spanish and French traffic laws:

- To cycle on the right hand side of the road, at any time;
- To respect the road signs put in place by the organisation;
- To respect the traffic lights if they are not secured by motorbike or by a marshal;
- To respect other road users who are not involved in the race.

Each rider has the duty to wear his bib on his back and his frame plate on the front of the handlebars at all times. They must not be modified, defaced, cut or reduced in size. Penalties shall apply.

Most of the stages will start by a secured and non-timed convoy of all the participants, at a regulated speed, until the real start line (when timing starts). Each rider will have to scrupulously respect the instructions given by the race management team.

When the real finish line of the stage (when timing stops) is located before the host city, the cyclists will have to abide the traffic laws for the remaining kilometres, especially as they won't be benefiting from a right of way.

If it takes the view that it is necessary for the safety of the riders and/or conducive to safety, the Organisation may introduce speed limits in the descent of cols, or may decide to stop timing in the descent of cols, in its complete and unfettered discretion.

Article 11: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The medical service of the Haute Route Pyrenees will be made up of emergency doctors, nurses, emergency workers, and ambulances in sufficient numbers depending on the current rules and the specifications of the event. For medical reasons, a

participant can temporarily or permanently be withdrawn from the race. A medical emergency number will be put in place so that each participant can easily, in case of a major medical problem, let Race HQ know.

Article 12: ANTI-DOPING

Participants of the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015 rigorously undertake to respect the prohibition of doping and the provisions concerning anti-doping controls, as they result from laws and regulations in force, in particular Articles L.230-1 and following of the French Code of Sport. Anti-doping controls can be carried out at any time without prior notice by licensed authorities.

Article 13: WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal during a stage: if a participant is unable to complete a stage for any reason, the participant can use the sweep / broom wagon to get to the next host city. In that case the participant will be permitted to take part in the next stages but will no longer be ranked in the official classifications, as there will be no attributable time. If a participant abandons a stage for medical reasons, the participant cannot start the next stage unless the chief race doctor provides authorisation.

Failure to start a stage: if a participant fails to start a stage for medical reasons, because of a mechanical problem or any other personal problem, but wants to continue to ride in the event in the following stages, the participant must make his/her own arrangements to get to the start line of the next stage. In such a case the participant will not be eligible for placement in the overall ranking.

Withdrawal from the Haute Route Pyrenees: in case of complete withdrawal, the participant will be responsible for leaving the Haute Route Pyrenees and returning home, along with his/her equipment and luggage (including his/her bike bag/cover which will be at the finish in VILLE ARRIVEE). The organisation will try to assist with travel plans.

Article 14: RACE TIMEKEEPING

The timekeeping of the Haute Route Pyrenees will be carried out by an electronic timing system. All the participants will receive a frame plate that includes a sensor for timekeeping. This frame plate, which must be installed in front of the handlebars, will be used to control the race at various points on the route and to provide race timing for each participant. A participant who has not completed the entire course will not be given a ranking at the finish.

Article 15: TIME LIMITS

In order to ensure the safety of the peloton, riders must complete every stage inside the cut-off time in order to get an Official Finisher Ranking. Cut-off times are calculated from the time the riders cross the real start line, and are based on pre-published minimum average speeds possibly different for each day – but that could vary between 13.5km/h for the hardest stages and 18km/h for easier stages.

In case of a time limit overrun during a stage, the rider will have the possibility to continue to cycle under his/her own responsibility. However, in case of an unfavourable medical notice, he/she will be under the obligation to get into the sweep/broom wagon vehicle.

The Haute Route is highly demanding, it is not an event to enter unless the rider is fully committed.

Missing the cut-off time on one day means the rider no longer has an overall ranking. He/she can continue to ride until the end of the week, he/she will still get a ranking in each day's competition if he/she completes it inside the cut-off time, and he/she can still complete an incredible achievement.

Article 16 : TRACKING

The Organisation will put in place a "live timing" system for all the participants on all seven stages of the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015. Every day, timing systems will be located on the "real start" line, at the bottom of each col/ascent, at the top of each col/ascent, and on the finish line, enabling non-participants to "track" the riders' progress.

Article 17: PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

The participants of the Haute Route Pyrenees must not be assisted or receive food and drink supplies outside of the refreshment stations put in place by the organisation (100 metres before and 100 metres after). The cars following are not authorised to intervene between two refreshment stations in any way, with the exception of the official race management

vehicles. A list of penalties will be published on the official website. Regarding support car, a strict briefing will be given to drivers before the start in Nice.

Article 18: PERSONAL BAG TRANSFER

When you pick up your bib in Anglet, you will receive the official bag of the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015. It will be branded with your name and your bib number on it. This official bag will be your unique travel luggage for the whole length of the event. The organisation will transport it every day from the start host city to the arrival host city.

Since the organisation cannot control the content of each participant's official bag, there is no possibility to make a claim regarding damage or loss. In no case can the responsibility of the organisation be engaged. Each participant will remain responsible for the content of their bag, including during stages.

Article 19: RANKINGS

Rankings will be based on real time, i.e. the time between your start and your arrival of the timed sections, outside of the possible neutralised sections. The time taken into account will be the one given precisely by the frame plate at the crossing of the finish line.

This ranking will allow organising the start paddock from stage 2. A paddock for the first 75 riders will be organised at the start, organisation member will manage the access via a specific area. The other riders will place themselves as they wish after the paddock. The list of the 75 first riders will be posted in the race village every day.

Each participant will be ranked in the Overall Solo ranking (Individual). It will be established on the base of the participant's cumulative time across all stages. Only individuals who complete all 7 stages and who crossed every day the finish line prior to the cut-off time will be eligible for the final overall individual ranking of the Haute Route Pyrenees.

At the end of each stage, the Daily Team ranking for that stage will be based on the addition of the times of the best 3 riders from each team on that day. The Overall Team ranking will be based on the addition of these 'best 3' times used for each Daily Team ranking, across all stages.

A Team must have at least three riders ranked in the final Overall Solo ranking (but may have used one "Joker Card" maximum on the whole of the 7 stages).

"Joker Card": where a team is reduced to or consists of only three riders, and therefore only has 3 cyclists from that team who are still ranked in the Overall Solo classification, and any one of those [remaining] team members abandons during a stage or cannot start a stage (because of illness or mechanical problem), the resulting ranking of that team for that particular stage will be the combination of times of those remaining teammates plus the time of the last racer in his category (Solo Men or Solo Women) to which will be added a one hour penalty. This procedure or facility will be called the "Joker Card", and each team can only use one "Joker Card" during the Haute Route Pyrenees

Article 20: OFFICIAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONIES

An official prize giving ceremony will take place, at the end of each stage in the heart of the Event Village.

The presence of the participants below is mandatory:

- The first 3 men in the Solo Men ranking of the day's stage
- The first 3 women in the Solo Women ranking of the day's stage
- The leader of the Overall Solo Men ranking
- The leader of the Overall Solo Women ranking
- The leading team of the Overall Team ranking

Article 21: LEADER JERSEYS AND BIBS

During the official prize giving ceremony, a distinctive jersey will be given to each leader of the Solo (Men and Women) rankings. It will be mandatory for each concerned rider to wear this distinctive jersey during the stage of the following day. Any rider losing the leadership of the ranking will then stop wearing this distinctive jersey.

During the official ceremony, a distinctive coloured bib will be given to each member of the leading team of the Overall Team ranking. It will be mandatory for each concerned rider to wear this bib during the stage of the following day. The riders losing the leadership of the Overall Team ranking will not be able to keep on wearing this distinctive coloured bib.

Article 22: DAILY SAFETY BRIEFINGS

The organisers of the Haute Route Pyrenees will call the participants each day to a briefing organised in the race village in order to present the following day's stage. The attendance of every participant is mandatory.

Article 23: PRIZES

The Haute Route Pyrenees winners will be given a prize. No cash prizes will be given. A prize will be offered to every ranked rider, that is to say all participants who arrive in Toulouse having finished each stage within the time limit.

For the avoidance of doubt there will be no other prizes offered to any other participant.

Article 24: AMENDMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL STAGE ARRANGEMENTS

For each stage of the Haute Route Pyrenees, the organisation reserves the right to change at any time the course and/or the position of the refreshments and/or the day time limit. In case of bad weather and to ensure the safety of participants, the organisation reserves the right to postpone the time of departure, to stop the current stage or to cancel it.

Article 25: RESPECTING NATURE

By entering the Haute Route Pyrenees, the participants commit to respect the environment and the natural areas visited. It is strictly forbidden to abandon any type of waste (paper, plastic packaging...) on the race course. Some bins are available at each refreshment station and it is imperative to use them. Random checks will be made on the racecourse.

Any rider caught throwing some waste on the race course will not be ranked in the Haute Route Pyrenees even if he/she will be allowed to cycle all the way to Toulouse. He/she will be excluded of the Daily and Overall rankings and will not be considered a finisher of the Haute Route Pyrenees. There is a zero tolerance policy on this.

Article 26: INSURANCES

What follows below is subject to the general disclaimer set out above in Article 1.

Civil Liability: In conformance with all relevant current legislation of the dominant and governing jurisdiction [please see Article 1], the organiser has taken out insurance that protects against the financial consequences of actions against the organiser, its staff and the participants in the race. With respect to the personal liability coverage of the participants, it is limited to the accidents they could cause during the race from the start line to the finish line of the timed sections. This insurance will take effect either as a complement to other insurance the participants might have or if participants do not have any insurance.

Personal Accidents: We highly recommend that all participants of the Haute Route Pyrenees, with or without a license from a sports federation, take out an insurance guaranteeing the payment of a lump sum in case of injury (death or permanent invalidity) due to an accident that may occur during the Haute Route Pyrenees. The compensation, depending on the damages suffered, will be paid only if the participant who suffers the accident during the race is insured. It is an optional insurance but highly recommended. You can use it in addition to the similar type of insurance obtained via a sports' license (FFC for example).

Damage to personal possessions: the organisation declines all responsibility for loss or damage to any of a participant's personal belongings. The organiser's insurance contract does not cover loss or damages suffered by participants due to loss of or damage to personal possessions including the bicycle and related equipment. To protect against costs and damages related to theft or damage to a bike or related equipment, all participants are responsible for obtaining their own insurance.

The Organisation cannot be held responsible for any possible accidents whether the rider is the cause or victim. Such accidents and the consequences of them, must be covered by the insurance policy of the rider. The Organisation will accept no responsibility for debts, costs that the rider incurs, the repair and damage costs to the bikes, or the loss of any other material owned by the rider. The participant absolves the Organisation of all responsibility regarding the loss or damage to any personal property regardless of the circumstances.

Article 27: IMAGE RIGHTS

By participating in the Haute Route Pyrenees 2015, each entrant expressly allows the organisation (or subsequent organisers) to use, reproduce or have reproduced his name, image, voice and sports performance through the race for any direct use or as a derivative of the race and this, in any material, in the world, by any means known or unknown to date, and for the duration of protection currently granted for such use direct or derived by the law or regulations, judicial decisions and/or arbitration of any country and by current or future international agreements, including any extensions that may be made at this time.

Article 28: CNIL

In accordance with the French Data Protection Act of 6th January 1978, each participant has a right to access and correct personal data. Through the organisation, each participant might receive offers from other companies or associations. If he/she does not want to receive such materials, they can simply write to the organisation stating his/her name, address and race number.

Article 29: ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

By entering the Haute Route Pyrenees, each participant acknowledges having read and accepted these regulations explicitly and without reservation. In case of any disagreement in the interpretation of these regulations, the French version shall prevail.