



HAUTE ROUTE SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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Article 1: DEFINITION

The Haute Route is a series of cyclosportives which take place throughout the year and across the globe. The Haute Route San Francisco is held over three days. Other Haute Route events include the Rockies, the Alps, the Pyrenees, Asheville, North Carolina, Cedar City, Utah, Alpe d'Huez, France, Ventoux, France, Stavanger, Norway, Dolomites, Italy and Stelvio, Italy.

The Haute Route San Francisco is organized by the Haute Route LLC, with offices at 720 West Monument Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

In the United States, Haute Route San Francisco will be presented and executed as a series of Gran Fondos with one Time Trial. A Gran Fondo is a format where cyclists will attempt to record their best time during the predetermined timed segments while adhering to rules of the road; meaning riding single file or no more than two abreast, so not to impede the regular flow of traffic as the roads will be open to cars. During timed segments, cyclists will have right-of-way, supported by local law enforcement where riders will not have to stop at signals, lights, etc. For ALL OTHER sections of the course (NOT TIMED) cyclists are to obey all rules of the road to include traffic signals and lights. Failure to do so may result in penalty and or expulsion from the event (and is also very dangerous).

The Rules and Regulations summarized above and to follow shall govern the entire event and shall determine, but not be limited to, the relationship between each participant and the organizer. It is every participant's duty to be familiar with these Rules & Regulations and to ensure absolute compliance within reason. We go to great lengths to ensure the safety of each participant but at the end of the day you are responsible for your own behaviours and safety.

Article 2: DISCLAIMER

Each participant recognizes that the event 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 and road traffic conditions.

Cycle sport, bike riding and bike touring are inherently dangerous sports and self-evidently expose each participant to a number of risks [the Risks], in particular but not limited to personal injury and mechanical damage to bike equipment. This is a fundamental 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, and that these Risks are the Participants and not the Organizations, its agents, partners nor sponsors. In signing up to the event, each participant acknowledges and accepts the above proposition, and further accepts the following propositions, namely that:

- The Haute Route is permitted with USA Cycling, and therefore, each participant must sign the participant release form during on-site registration before the first day of activity. Failure to sign the waiver will prevent the participant from participating and no refund will be provided. The participant release form from USA Cycling can be found here: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/imm-usac-uat-bucket-16e9mh4tuo6kc/documents/2018-Event-Waiver.pdf>
- Each participant shall be responsible for obtaining all of his or her own insurance coverage. For international riders without coverage in the US, secondary medical insurance is available through USA Cycling.
- Each participant absolutely and completely absolves the Organization, its agents, partners and sponsors for all responsibility with regard to the loss or damage to any personal property regardless of the circumstances.
- The Organization, 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 Organization 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 2: REQUIREMENTS OF EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

To participate in the Haute Route San Francisco 2018, all riders must be aware of the following regulations and every rider is fully responsible for the equipment he/she uses on the Haute Route.

- Each rider must ensure that their equipment (bike and its accessories, helmet, clothing) is in full working order and does not present any structural or material defects that could be dangerous for themselves or another rider.
- Each rider must ensure that the equipment they use is USA Cycling approved in accordance with the rules and regulations available on the USA Cycling website.
- Whether it be as a result of defects or non-compliance, the organizers of the Haute Route are not responsible for the consequences ensuing from a rider’s choice of equipment. The equipment used must meet all applicable quality control criteria; riders are not permitted to modify in any way the material provided by the manufacturer for use in competition.

Bicycles and equipment used in competition across the different Haute Route events are often at the forefront of the latest technology. Haute Route rules aim to ensure both the safety of riders and the fairness of competition while at the same time making the most of the advantages that technological evolution can bring to the Haute Route experience.

- **Mandatory Equipment Safety Check:**

The following equipment is mandatory and must be presented by the Rider to the organization in order to pass the Equipment Safety Check on Registration Day in the Haute Route Village, prior to collecting their bib. As weather can change, you will need to have proper cycling accessories for extreme weather.

- Hard-shell ANSI approved helmet
- Leg/knee warmers
- Long sleeve jacket
- Full finger winter gloves
- shoe covers or booties

- All riders will also receive the following security equipment at Registration:
 - Backlight to attach under their saddle
 - Fluorescent high visibility vest

All riders must wear their helmet at all times while on their bicycle throughout the week of Mavic Haute Rockies; no exceptions to this rule.

The following equipment is strictly forbidden:

- Aerobars and any other handlebar extension systems;
- Bottles / cans made of non-deformable material (glass, aluminium, etc.);
- Recumbent bikes, unicycles, tandems;
- Any system that does not conform to the definition of a “road bike or cyclocross bike”

Article 3: REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATION

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

When completing the Registration Form, participants must also complete a medical section and list any and all medical information that may be necessary in an emergency during the race.

All participants must sign a USA Cycling waiver before competing. This allows Haute Route to get event insurance for the event.

Participants who are less than 18 at the time of the event (but who will be 18 later in the year) must provide signed consent to participate from their parents or legal guardians.

Article 4: CATEGORIES

The Haute Route is a cyclosporitive with an individual ranking (Solo) and a two person team ranking (Duo). All riders will participate in Solo categories while only riders who have registered with another rider will appear in ‘Duo’ ranking.

At the end of each stage during the Riders Briefing, a ‘Leader’ jersey will be presented and must be worn the following day by the leading male and female riders.

Article 5: REGISTRATION

Seven stages must be respected before retrieving your official rider bib and pack on Registration Day (Friday, June 22nd):

1. The registration form must be fully completed 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 confirmation email with their unique Haute Route registration code.
3. The participant must then send the accompanying required documents (parental authorization) by uploading it to the registration platform.
4. The participant receives their registration confirmation by email along with their Bib number
5. The participant will pick up their Bib number at the Registration Tent in the Haute Route Village the day before the event begins, presenting the items listed on the equipment list above, their registration confirmation and one piece of Photo ID.
6. The participant will sign an additional liability waiver to be in compliance with the U.S. event insurance policy (USA Cycling) for Haute Route LLC
7. For the avoidance of doubt, it is essential that all 6 stages are completed. If not, then the consequences may 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 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 the registration confirmation.
- Registration of one person cannot under any circumstances be transferred to another person, to another event or to another year. Infringements of this rule will be penalized with immediate exclusion from the Haute Route.

Article 6: ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for individual registration for the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 (all taxes included) are:

Phase 1: \$895
Phase 2: \$945
Phase 3: \$995
Phase 4: \$995

The entry fee for 2018 includes a number of services that are identical for all riders:

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| ● 1 complete set of Haute Route cycling kit (jersey, bib shorts, arm warmers) |
| ● A seat-pole RED lamp to maximise riders' safety. Compulsory for sections mentioned by the organizers. |
| ● Presence of road marshals along the route |
| ● Motorcade escort by State Patrol to start each day |
| ● Presence of motor security along the course |
| ● Presence of support vehicles (including a Broom Wagon positioned behind last rider) |
| ● A professional medical team present and available 24/7, during the event and at the finish. |
| ● Mechanical support from Mavic both at each race village and along the route (not for repairing punctures) |
| ● A live timing system for all 3 stages |
| ● A personalized frame plate for your Bike and 2 sets of identifying numbers for your back |
| ● Daily rankings (Solo, Team) by age group and gender |
| ● Organization of daily Awards Ceremony |
| ● Feed Stations with fresh food and energy supplements (solid, liquid, energy products) during each stage |
| ● Rider's lunch at the finish of each stage |
| ● A compulsory safety briefing every late afternoon/evening for the next day |
| ● A Closing Ceremony and reception on the evening of the last stage |
| ● Your official backpack at the Arrivals area with key personal items (that you need before heading to the hotel) |
| ● Massage service and recovery area at the finish of the first two stages* |
| ● Access to a secure bike park at the finish of each stage |
| ● Access to bike wash areas during the week |
| ● A detailed roadbook of the event and each of the 3 stages |
| ● Filming of daily recap videos to be presented at the compulsory daily evening briefings |
| ● A medal and/or souvenir for each rider at the finish |
| ● Personalized finisher's certificate available to download |
| ● Professional photographers throughout the week (payment after the race to receive your personalized photos) |

(*) Massages cannot be guaranteed for all riders, on every day – timing of riders finish will dictate this each day
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What is NOT included in Registration:

● Airport transfers to & from the Start and Finish venues
● Accommodation and breakfasts (optional package for purchase)
● Personal Accident insurance (highly recommended)
● Property Damage insurance (highly recommended)
● Personal Travel insurance (highly recommended)
● Entry Fee cancellation insurance (highly recommended)
● Evening meals except for food at the opening reception
● And anything that is not outlined in "What is included with your registration"

Article 7: CANCELLATION & TRANSFER CONDITIONS

It is highly recommended that all participants of the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 take out their own private entry fee cancellation insurance (Refer to Article 25). Cancellation insurance is also available at the time of sign up.

Having cancellation insurance means riders will have the reassurance of being able to claim their entry fees back and optional accommodation in the event of not being able to participate in the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 (for medical, injury or other valid cancellation reasons).

● No refunds will otherwise be available without the required cancellation insurance.
● If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to an alternative person.
● If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to 2018.
● If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to another 2018 Haute Route event.

Travel Insurance: Haute Route also highly recommends riders strongly consider travel insurance, which includes protection and/or consideration for their equipment (refer to Article 25).

In case of an accident requiring immediate withdrawal from the event, Haute Route will do its best to provide the services necessary to assist the rider in finding the most effective passage to their return flight home, and ensure the bike, bike box and outstanding luggage is also catered for. All costs incurred will be borne by the rider and should then be passed on to the Rider's Travel Insurance.

Article 8: COLLECTING YOUR BIB

The rider bib can be collected on the Haute Route San Francisco Village on registration day by presenting the confirmation of your registration and an ID as well as the mandatory safety equipment (see article 5). No bib will be sent via post. It is mandatory for each participant to retrieve his or her rider bib in person. This also applies to riders who are part of a Tour Operator group.

Article 9: SAFETY DURING THE EVENT

The course will be staffed by law enforcement officers at predetermined posts for safety and in some cases to allow riders to have "right-of-way". **Right-of-way will ONLY be in the predetermined and signed "Timed Sections"**. The route is not closed to vehicles. Several road marshals will also be present along the course, specifically where there are hazards, turns or traffic signals to help ensure the rider's safety. Further, relative to Event Management, official support vehicles (scout, lead, mid, end of course and sweep) along with a number motorbikes (CHP, medical, security and press) will accompany participants along the stage. For five of the seven stages, the Haute Route San Francisco will benefit from the support California Highway Patrol and a secured motorcade escort as cyclists depart each start town in a convoy. The "End of Course" vehicle signifies the cut-off time(s). Any riders overtaken by the "End of Course" vehicle will be asked to remove their bib. The Broom Wagon will pick up any riders who are unable to finish.

Haute Route San Francisco is conducted on open roads with vehicular traffic present. These roads include both marked and unmarked hazards. Though we go to great lengths to make the event as safe as possible, you are only as safe as your ride. Always remember that your safety is in your own hands ride by these rules:

- Beware of and yield to vehicle traffic.
- Ride as far to the right as possible. Only ride two abreast when the shoulder allows and you won't impede traffic.
- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals unless in a timed section and law enforcement is present to provide "right-of-way".
- Beware of rumble strips
- Be predictable. Ride in a straight line.
- No headphones / earbuds while riding.
- If you are inexperienced with drafting, do not ride in pacelines.
- Use hand signals to indicate left or right turns, slowing or stopping.
- Never assume motorists see you.

- Move completely off the road and shoulder when stopped, resting or receiving mechanical support.
- Warn fellow cyclists of road hazards.
- Only pass cyclists on their left.
- Use caution when crossing railroad tracks and cattle guards.
- To cycle on the right-hand side of the road, at any and all times.
- Respect the road signs put in place by the organization.
- Respect the direction from Event Management, CHP motors, security motors and other support staff.
- Respect other road and trail users who are not involved in the event.

Each rider must wear their bib clearly on the back left side of their jersey at all times during the event and must maintain their frame number plate attached to their bike at all times. These rider bibs must not be modified, defaced, cut or reduced in size, or lost.

Most of the stages will start by a secured and non-timed convoy (motorcade escort) of all the participants, at a regulated speed, until cyclists are out of town proper, where traffic will lessen. Each rider is advised to scrupulously respect the instructions given by the Event Management team. All participants (including riders part of a Tour Operator group) will need to start at the official start line and be part of the aforementioned convoy.

When outside of a 'timed section' of any stage, all riders must abide by the traffic laws for the remaining kilometres / miles, as they will no longer be benefiting from a right-of-way.

For the safety of the riders, the Organization mandates that posted speed limits are obeyed on all descents of cols / climbs.

Article 10: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The medical services of the Haute Route San Francisco will be made up of highly experienced doctors, medics, emergency response workers, and ambulances in sufficient numbers depending on the current specifications of the event. For medical reasons, a participant can temporarily or permanently be withdrawn from the event. A medical emergency number will be put in place so that each participant, in case of any major medical urgency, can easily inform Event Management of their situation.

Article 11: ANTI-DOPING

Participants of the Haute Route San Francisco 2018 rigorously undertake to respect the prohibition of doping and the provisions concerning anti-doping controls, as they result from laws and regulations in force. Anti-doping controls can be carried out at any time without prior notice by licensed authorities.

Article 12: WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal during a stage: If a participant is unable to complete a stage for any reason, the participant may use the Broom Wagon to get themselves to the next host city. In that case the participant will be permitted to take part in the next stages however will no longer be ranked in the official classification for that stage and the overall global week's ranking, 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 Event Medical Director provides authorization.

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 wishes to continue to ride in the event in the following stages, the participant must make their 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 San Francisco: In case of complete withdrawal, the participant will be responsible for leaving the Haute Route San Francisco and returning home, along with their equipment and luggage, to include their bike box which will be stored at the finish. Please note that once dropped off on registration day, bike boxes cannot be retrieved until the day of Stage 7 in the arrival town. The organization will try to assist with travel plans, however the Rider will be responsible for all additional costs.

Article 13: EVENT TIMEKEEPING

The timekeeping of the Haute Route San Francisco will be carried out by an electronic timing system. All participants will receive a transponder that must be mounted on their front right fork throughout the duration of the event. This transponder will be used to control timing at various points on the route and to provide daily and overall results for each participant.

All riders must begin each stage at the Official Start Line, irrespective of the location of the first official timing mat, and their accommodation. Failure to do so may result in time penalties.

Participants must complete the course in its entirety in order to be ranked in the results.

Official, daily start times will be posted and communicated to participants. Failure to be present at the start line during the confirmed start time will result in rider not being timed for that day and needing to find their own way to the finish line.

The organizers also reserve the right to neutralize certain sections of the race route. To avoid incidents, there will be a maximum time limit set for riding through these portions, based on a reasonable period for rest and relaxed riding to the following timed section. All sections of the course, including untimed sections, must be entirely covered by bike without external assistance (car, bus etc.). Riders who fail to respect these regulations are subject to exclusion from the event and/or time penalties.

Article 14: TIME LIMITS

In order to ensure the safety of each participant, every stage will have one or more cut-off times, and riders must complete every stage inside the stated cut-off time in order to obtain an Official Finisher Ranking.

Each stage's cut-off time is dependent on several factors: distance and difficulty of each stage, weather, road construction and total altitude gained and total altitude lost, and importantly is produced in partnership with the regional permitting agencies and law enforcement. The cut-off time(s) for each stage is communicated at the daily briefing the evening before each stage.

Cut-off times are calculated from the time the riders cross the Official Start Line with the Event Director vehicle, and is then based on pre-published minimum average speeds which may vary from stage to stage.

All Haute Route events are highly demanding, and they are not events to enter unless the rider is fully committed.

Lanterne Rouge – The Lanterne Rouge is an important personality to all Haute Route events, and their role is critical in assisting, cajoling, encouraging and willing riders who are struggling to find the right mix of courage, ability, technique and energy to get themselves to the Stage end within the Stage Cut-Off Time limit.

The Lanterne Rouge does NOT define the limits of the cut-off time for a stage.

Stage cut-off time: The cut-off times will be unique to each stage. Check points tied to Feed Stations will have specific cut-off times that need to be met. These cut-off times will be communicated in advance in the Riders' Roadbook, during each briefing and on display boards at the start of each stage. If a rider does not meet a cut-off time, he or she will be pulled from the course and required to ride in with the broom wagon.

Note: If, on Medical advice provided by members of the Haute Route San Francisco Medical staff, it is deemed unsafe on medical grounds for the rider to continue, the rider is obliged, by accepting these Rules and Regulations, to stop and to enter into the safety and comfort of the broom wagon.

Missing the cut-off time on one day means the rider no longer has an overall ranking for the week or that stage's daily podium. The Rider may certainly continue to ride until the end of the week, where they will still receive a ranking for each stage completed and be eligible for other daily podiums.

When a stage is not completed inside the cut-off time, the mention DNF (Did Not Finish) will appear next to the rider's name on the official results for that stage.

Article 16: PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

The participants of the Haute Route San Francisco must not be assisted or receive food and drink supplies outside of the feed stations put in place by the organization, which are clearly defined zones - some larger than others but all clearly marked by signs and cones.

All private support cars are strongly encouraged to take alternate driving directions to eliminate unnecessary traffic and congestion, making for a safer environment for event participants. Alternate driving directions will be made available on Registration Day. If on the course, non-authorized vehicles are not to intervene between feed stations in any way, with the exception of the official event management vehicles. A list of penalties will be published on the official website. Regarding support cars, a strict briefing will be given to Friends and Family before the start of the event, who wish to accompany the event.

Article 17: RANKINGS

Rankings will be based on the cumulative times of timed sections added up per day and weekly. Non-timed sections will not affect rankings. Timed sections will be clearly defined by route signage and addressed in the prior night's briefing.

This ranking will allow organizers to create and implement a 'Lead Group' from the start of Stage 2. The 'Lead Group' will consist of the first 25 first male riders and first 5 female riders, based on the overall ranking results from each Stage. At the start of each stage, the 'Lead Group' will be invited to position themselves at the front of the pack, providing these riders a clear road ahead with riders of similar cycling ability.

To be considered for the 'Lead Group', all Riders must begin each Stage at the Official Start Line, irrespective of the location of the first official Timing Start location, or their accommodation.

All other riders will place themselves as they wish in the main rider group. The list of the first 25 first male riders and first 5

female riders in the 'Lead Group' for each following stage will be posted at the briefing each evening and will be available as part of the official online results every night.

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

At the end of each stage, the Duo ranking will be based on the cumulative times of the two riders on the team. The Overall Duo ranking will be the cumulative time of the two riders across all 7 stages.

All riders must cross the final finish line on every stage. In failing to do so riders will be excluded from the daily ranking and thus the overall ranking for the week.

Crossing the final finish line is mandatory, even when timing has stopped before reaching the Event Village.

Article 19: OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

An official Prize Giving Ceremony will take place each evening at the daily briefings in the heart of the Host Town. 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
- Age Group leaders in the overall ranking (separate for men and women)
- The leading team of the Overall Duo ranking

Article 19: LEADER JERSEYS AND BIBS

LEAD RIDERS: During the official Prize Giving Ceremony, a distinctive 'LEADER' 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 'LEADER' jersey during the stage the following day. Any rider losing the leadership of the ranking will then stop wearing this 'LEADER' jersey.

Article 20: DAILY SAFETY BRIEFINGS

Daily Briefings are staged each evening by the organizers of the Haute Route San Francisco, and every rider is obliged to participate in these Briefings. The Event Management Team will summarise the Day's Stage and present a summary video of the Stage. They will also announce various rewards for leaders and outstanding personal 'Tales of the Day'.

The following day's stage will then be presented, providing essential information on the Stage Route, timing, road hazards and other important safety information, and provide any changes that may have taken place.

The attendance of every participant to the Daily Briefings is mandatory.

Article 21: PRIZES

Haute Route San Francisco winners will win a prize. No cash prizes will be provided.

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

Article 22: AMENDMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL STAGE ARRANGEMENTS

For each stage of the Haute Route San Francisco, the organization reserves the right to change at any time the course and/or the position of the feed stations and/or the cut-off time limits. In case of bad weather and to ensure the safety of participants, the organization reserves the right to postpone the time of departure, to stop the current stage or to cancel it.

Article 23: RESPECTING NATURE & ADHERING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT LAWS

By entering and participating in the Haute Route San Francisco, the participant commits to respecting the environment and the natural areas visited. It is strictly forbidden to abandon any type of waste (paper, plastic packaging, etc.) on the race course. Trash bins are provided at each feed station and it is imperative to use them. Random checks will be made along the course.

Any rider caught dropping waste onto the course will not be ranked in the Haute Route San Francisco even if he/she will be allowed to cycle all the way to the finish venue. The rider will be excluded from the Daily and Overall rankings and will not be considered a finisher of the Haute Route San Francisco.

Haute Route has a **Zero-Tolerance** policy on all acts of pollution.

Urinating in public is illegal in all 50 states. A person in breach of this law could technically be charged with disorderly conduct, indecent exposure or public lewdness. State law usually classifies disorderly conduct as a misdemeanor which are less serious offense than felonies. Violations are generally punishable by fines, community service or both. **Haute Route San Francisco has a zero-tolerance policy for public urination.** All cyclists must use the port-a-lets positioned at each feed station and within

the Race Village.

Article 24: INSURANCE

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 organizer has taken out insurance that protects against the financial consequences of actions against the organizer, its staff and the participants in the event.

Personal Accidents: We highly recommend that all participants of any Haute Route event, 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. The compensation, depending on the damages suffered, will be paid only if the participant who suffers the accident during the race is insured. This is a fully optional insurance however is highly recommended. You can use it in addition to the similar type of insurance obtained via a sports' license (FFC for example). Enjoy peace of mind with supplemental accident medical insurance with a USA Cycling Ride Membership. With a valid Ride membership, you will automatically have a \$25,000 accident medical policy. See more information on the insurance product here: <https://legacy.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=2042>

Damage to personal possessions: the organization declines all responsibility for loss or damage to any of a participant's personal belongings. The organizer'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.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance will also provide the essential coverage in the case of an accident leading to the forced withdrawal of the Rider from the event, and the ensuring costs related to the Rider's travel from their current location to the Airport of their Departure. This should also include consideration for the repatriation of the Rider, and his/her equipment (Bike & Bike Box included).

The Organization 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 Organization 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 Organization of all responsibility regarding the loss or damage to any personal property regardless of the circumstances.

Article 25: IMAGE RIGHTS

By participating in the Haute Route San Francisco, each entrant expressly allows the organization (or subsequent organizers) to use, reproduce or have reproduced his name, image, voice and sports performance through the event for any direct use or as a derivative of the event 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 26: ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

By entering the Haute Route San Francisco 2018, each participant acknowledges having read and accepted these regulations explicitly and without reservation.