



HAUTE ROUTE MEXICO

RULES & REGULATIONS
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Article 1: PREAMBLE

The Haute Route MEXICO is a multi-day cyclo sportive, which will take place from Friday October 18 to Sunday October 20 2019. The event will take place in 3 timed and ranked stages over 3 consecutive days.

The Haute Route MEXICO is organized by Mexico: Altius Events. Altius Events is a Mexican company that specializes in the creation of sporting events, video production and marketing campaigns all over Mexico.

<https://www.altiusevents.com/>.

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The Rules and Regulations, which follow, shall govern the entire event and are in place to assure a safe and fair environment for all participants. It is participants' responsibility to be familiar with them and to ensure compliance.

Infinity Pass holders need to refer to Haute Route Infinity Pass General Sales Conditions (<https://www.hauteroute.org/infinity>) for additional specific conditions.

Article 2: DISCLAIMER

Each participant recognizes that participating in a multi-day cyclo sportive requires a minimum level of training and that he/she is 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 cyclo sportive or during the cyclo sportive 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.

Cyclo sport, bike riding and bike racing is an inherently dangerous sport and self evidently exposes each participant to a number of risks, in particular but not limited to personal injury or mechanical damage to bike equipment.

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 personal insurance cover.
- Each participant absolutely and completely absolves the Organization 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 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.

It may be necessary to cancel the event, or a stage or alter the route, for example in cases of adverse weather conditions or force majeure.

Article 3: REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATION

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

Participants must also fill out in the registration form, a section containing all of 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) must provide signed consent to participate from their parents or legal guardians. You can download a template [HERE](#).

Article 4: REGISTRATION

Registration for the Event may only be done via the online registration platform at the following address: www.hauteroute.org

Entry fees for individual registration to the Haute Route Mexico 2019 are:

- Phase 1: First 125 entries – \$685 USD
- Phase 2: Standard entry fee – \$795 USD

The Entry Fee for 2019 includes many benefits for all riders:

- 1 Haute Route branded piece of cycling apparel
- 1 backpack - Access at the Finish line or Village with key personal items
- 1 seat-post lamp to maximise riders' safety
- A detailed roadbook of the race and each of the 3 stages
- A safe marshaled course
- Presence of motorcycle escorts for the peloton
- Presence of safety vehicles to escort the peloton (including a broom wagon at the rear of the peloton)
- A professional medical team present at all times, during the race and at the finish
- Mechanical support both at the race village and along the route
- A personalized bike plate and a set of bib number
- Refreshment stations with fresh food and energy supplements (solid, liquid, energy products) during each stage
- Lunch provided for all riders at the end of the stage
- Massage service and recovery area at the finish of each stage*
- Access to a secure bike park at the finish of each stage
- Access to a bike wash area at the finish of each stage
- Daily rankings (Solo, Duo and by age group and gender).
- A live timing system for each stage
- Organization of daily Awards Ceremony
- A compulsory riders' briefing at the end of each afternoon for the next day
- A closing ceremony party after the last stage

- Videos produced during the event
- A souvenir for each rider at the finish
- Professional photographers throughout the week (payment after the race to receive your personalized photos)

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

What is not included in the initial entry fee:

- Cost of transfers to start venue and from finish venue (sold separately)
- Accommodation and breakfasts (sold separately)
- Dinners (except pre-event dinner on registration day)
- Personal Accident insurance (highly recommended)
- Property Damage insurance (highly recommended)
- Personal Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- And anything that is not outlined in “What is included with your registration”

Article 5: SALES CONDITIONS

- No refunds will be available.
- If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route Mexico 2019 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 Mexico 2019 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to 2020.
- If a participant is unable to take part in the Haute Route Mexico 2019 that he/she has registered for, he/she will not be able to transfer the registration to another 2019 Haute Route event.

Article 6: BIB COLLECTION

The race bib can be collected on the Haute Route Race Village in Valle de Bravo, on Thursday October 17 2019, by a piece of ID. No bib will be sent by post. It is mandatory for each participant to retrieve his/her bib him/herself.

If conditions of participations (Article 1) are not met, the organizer will have full authority to refuse the participation of the individual.

Article 7: EQUIPMENT

To participate in the Haute Route Mexico 2019, you will need to have a road-racing bike and a hard-shell helmet.

The following equipment is strictly forbidden:

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

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 their bib collection:

- Hard-shell helmet
- Long sleeve jacket for cold weather
- Leg warmers

- Full-finger gloves

Article 8: CATEGORIES

The Haute Route is a multi-day cyclosporitive with two separate rankings: individual (Solo) and by team of two (Duo).

Solo participants will have the choice of 2 courses: a long distance (Gran Route) and a medium distance (Medio Route). Participants are free to select the route best suited to their desire and ability, at the time of registration or during the course of the event, entirely according to their own judgment.

Participants can choose during the registration if they want to ride individually (Solo) or by team of two (Duo). Participants registered in Duo without a partner will be automatically transferred to the Solo category.

Riders will be ranked in the following categories:

- Solo Men Gran Route
- Solo Women Gran Route
- Solo Men Medio Route
- Solo Women Medio Route
- Duo Men
- Duo Women
- Duo Mix

Solo Riders in both Gran Route and Medio Route categories will be ranked in the following age categories (age determined by age on December 31st of current year):

- Under 23
- 23-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and up

Article 9: SAFETY DURING THE RACE

The route is not closed to vehicles and all riders must obey the rules of the road at ALL times. Certain intersections may be staffed by road marshals to provide a right of way but riders must be vigilant at ALL times.

On top of the race management cars (head, middle and back of the peloton), motorbikes specialized in cycling races will surround the Haute Route participants. In some areas, the Haute Route will benefit from local police support to secure the strategic crossings.

All riders must respect the traffic laws:

- To cycle on the right hand side of the road, at any and all times;
- To respect the road signs put in place by the organization;
- To respect the traffic lights or signs 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 clearly visible on his back and his bike plate on the front of the handlebars at all times. The bibs and bike plates must not be modified, defaced, cut or reduced in size. Penalties shall apply.

It is strictly forbidden to wear earphones during the race.

Most of the stages will start by a secured and non-timed convoy, 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 'final stop timing' is located outside of the Host City, the Riders must continue to abide by the traffic laws for the remaining kilometers.

Article 10: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The medical service of the Haute Route Mexico 2019 will be made up of highly experienced doctors, medics, emergency response workers, and ambulances, the number of which will depend on the current rules specifications of the event at the time. 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 any major medical emergency, inform of their situation and so 24/7 during the entire event.

Article 11: ANTI-DOPING

Participants of the Haute Route Mexico 2019 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 can use the broom wagon to get back to the Race Village. In that case the participant will be permitted to take part in the next stages but will no longer be ranked in the General Classification, 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 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 wants to continue to ride in the event in the following stages, the participant will not be eligible for placement in the General Classification.

Withdrawal from the Haute Route: in case of complete withdrawal, the participant will be responsible for leaving the Haute Route and returning home, along with his/her equipment and luggage (including his/her bike bag/cover which will be at the finish).

Article 13: RACE TIMEKEEPING

The timekeeping of the Haute Route will be carried out by an electronic timing system.

All participants will receive a bike plate that includes a sensor for timekeeping. This bike 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 group start time will be given to the entire peloton based on the time of the first rider crossing the official start of timing.

Rankings will be based on the cumulative times between the beginning and finish of each of the timed sections.

Outside of the group start time for the first section, the time taken into account will be the one given precisely by the chip on your bike plate at the crossing of the finish line.

A participant who has not completed the entire course will not be given a ranking at the finish.

For safety reasons, the organizer may decide to non-time some sections of the course. These untimed sections must be entirely covered on your bike without external assistance (car, bus etc.) Riders who fail to respect these regulations are subject to time penalties and/or exclusion from the race detailed in Article 20.

Article 14: TIME LIMITS

Riders must ride every stage inside the stated cut-off time in order to obtain an Official Finisher Ranking.

Cut-off times are 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. Intermediary and stage cut-off times for each stage will be communicated in advance in the Riders' Roadbook, and at the daily briefing the evening before 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.
- If, on medical advice provided by members of the Haute Route Mexico 2019 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 event or that stage's daily podium. The Rider may certainly continue to ride until the end of the event, 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 ranking for that stage. In such a case, the rider will be allowed to continue the event the next day but will not appear in the General Classification.

The "End of Race" vehicle will have the authority to stop riders that have fall outside of the 'cut off time'.

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.

Article 15: PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

The participants of the Haute Route Mexico 2019 must not be assisted or receive food and drink supplies outside of the refreshment stations put in place by the organization.

All cars following are not authorized to intervene between two refreshment stations in any way, with the exception of the official race management vehicles. Refer to the list of penalties in Article 20. All support car will need to attend a mandatory briefing on Thursday October 17 2019 at 19:00.

Article 16: RANKINGS

Only individuals and teams who complete all stages and who crossed every day the finish line prior to the cut-off time will be eligible for the final General Classification of the Haute Route Mexico 2019 (Solo or Duo).

All riders must cross the final finish line in the Arrival Village on every stage. In failing to do so riders will be excluded from the daily ranking and thus the General Classification for the week. (i.e crossing the final finish line is mandatory, even if timing has stopped before reaching the Arrival Village).

To appear in the Gran Route overall Solo classification of the event, each participant will have to successfully complete each of the three Gran Route courses of the event. To appear in the Medio Route overall Solo classification of the event, each participant will have to successfully complete each of the three Medio Route courses of the event.

Participants that have mixed Gran Route and Medio Route courses during the event will appear in the ranking of each of those stages but will not be ranked in the event general classification. The participant name will then appear at the bottom of the Gran Route Solo and Medio Route Solo general classification stating 'MIX' and will not have a time associated.

Each Duo team will be ranked in the overall Duo ranking. That one will be established on the basis of the Duo team's cumulative time across all stages (knowing that the time of the second rider across the line will be taken into account). If a Duo rider gives up, his/her teammate will be moved to the solo general classification for the remaining stages, but will not be added to the overall solo classification.

Article 17: OFFICIAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONIES

An official prize giving ceremony will take place, at the end of each day, immediately followed by the compulsory Riders Briefing. Riders who fail to attend are subject to penalties detailed in Article 20

The presence of the participants below is mandatory:

- The man and woman winner of the day Gran Route and Medio Route stage

- The leader of the Overall Solo Gran Route and Medio Route Men ranking
- The leader of the Overall Solo Gran Route and Medio Route Women ranking
- The leading team of the Overall Duo Women ranking
- The leading team of the Overall Duo Men ranking
- The leading team of the Overall Duo Mix ranking

During the official prize giving ceremony, a distinctive jersey will be given to each leader of the Solo (Men and Women). 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.

The Haute Route winners will be given a prize. No cash prizes will be given.

Article 18: DAILY SAFETY BRIEFINGS

The Race Direction will summarise the Day's Stage, and present a summary video of the Stage. The following day's stage will then be presented, providing essential information on the Stage Route, timing, road closures and other important safety information, and provide any changes that may have taken place.

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

Article 19: AMENDMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL STAGE ARRANGEMENTS

For each stage of the Haute Route, the organization reserves the right to change at any time the course and/or the position of the refreshments and/or the 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 20: SPORTING PENALTIES RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

It is totally forbidden to litter during the race.

Riders shall keep their trash with them until the finish or use the disposal bins provided at feed stations.

Non-compliance with this rule will incur the following penalties:

- Disqualification from the stage
- Disqualification from the General Classification
- The rider will be allowed to continue the race but will not appear in the overall results.
- In case of a second recurrence, the rider will be excluded from the race

There is a zero tolerance policy on this.

STARTLINE /FINISHLINE

All riders, without exception, will be required to cross the official start line and official finish line of each stage (this could be differ from where the timing starts/ finish).

Non-compliance with this rule will incur the following penalties:

- Time penalty of 15 minutes added to the stage results

OUTSIDE SUPPORT

It is totally forbidden for riders to receive food or drink during stages, outside of the dedicated feed stations managed by the organisers. The feed station locations are stated in the Rider's Roadbook and will be confirmed each day at the safety briefing. The race director can amend these clauses during a stage depending on the weather

conditions or other exceptional circumstances.

The riders may use the products offered by the organisation or may use their own support team to provide them with specific products. For non-compliance with this rule, the following penalties will be incurred:

- Time penalty of 30 minutes added to the stage results
- Time penalty of 30 minutes added to the overall results
- In case of second recurrence, the rider will be excluded from the race

Riders whose support vehicles fail to respect safety rules or instructions provided by the race management staff are subject to time penalties and/or exclusion from the race depending on the infringement.

Time penalty of 15 minutes added to the stage results for use of earphones

Article 21: 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 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 2018, 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. 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 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.

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 22: IMAGE RIGHTS

By participating in the Haute Route Mexico 2019, each participant expressly allows the organization (or subsequent organizers) 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 23: COMMUNICATIONS FROM ORGANISER

The participant agrees to receive newsletters and other communications from the organizer relating to other sports events the organizer manages.

Article 24: ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

By entering the Haute Route Mexico 2019, 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 English version shall prevail.