



## **BRASIL RIDE BAHIA RACE RULES**

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## **A) PREAMBLE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES**

### **1) PREAMBLE**

Brasil Ride ("competition") is a mountain bike ultramarathon contested in stages by one, two or three cyclists, amateurs or professionals, which is accredited by the International Cycling Union (UCI). The categories with two or three riders have to race together for the whole distance taking care of themselves and their equipment.

### **2) STRUCTURE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE RULES**

2.1 The race rules are divided into two categories: one applied to ALL riders (section B) and an additional one applied ONLY to the male and female SOLO ELITE rider category (specific regulation separately). Only UCI-accredited riders in the ELITE and Under 23 category are eligible for this part of the regulation. For the others, section B will apply.

2.2 The rules are final and complete. Unless these rules or regulations specifically incorporate the rules and regulations of any cycling governing body (eg UCI Anti-Doping Code), such rules and regulations will not apply to the race.

2.3 Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in a penalty which may include disqualification of the rider in certain circumstances. The different categories of penalties are provided in section B.

2.4 The interpretation of any rule by the President of the Stewards and the organizers, acting jointly, will be final and final.

2.5 In the event of any discrepancy between a rule provided for in section B and a rule applicable to athletes in the SOLO ELITE category established in the specific regulation, the rule established in the specific regulation will apply to athletes in the UCI category in place of the rules in section B.

### **3) DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of the rules, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

3.1 "COMMISSIONER"- official race delegate appointed by the UCI.

3.2 "BRAZILIANS" - means any person who is in possession of a Brazilian passport and is resident in Brazil.

3.3 “MAXIMUM STAGE TIME” – the maximum number of hours allowed to officially complete any stage as determined by the race organizers from time to time.

3.4 “YELLOW PLATE CYCLIST”- Cyclist registered in Brasil Ride, who is no longer officially competing in the race but continues to participate in the race. For the avoidance of doubt, the cyclist to be considered YELLOW PLATE:

- 3.4.1 An original member of the team will not start in the beginning of the stage;
- 3.4.2 An original member of the team backs down during the stage.

3.5 “PODIUM CANDIDATE”- athletes or teams that, at the beginning of any stage, are among the five best positions in the category, or whose time is not more than one hour of the total time of the third-placed team in the respective category.

3.6 “RIDER SEPARATION” means the maximum allowable time separation between team members at any time during the race, namely two minutes.

3.7 “UCI OPEN and UCI WOMEN” means a rider whose team is registered in the UCI pro-elite category with a valid license.

3.9 “UCI RIDER BOOKLET” means the race information booklet distributed to UCI pro-elite category riders at the time to race registration.

## **B) GENERAL RULES (APPLICABLE TO ALL RIDERS)**

### **4) RIDERS**

4.1 All Brazilian participants in the race are required to present their identity card at registration. All international cyclists will be required to present a passport.

4.2 The minimum age of participation is 19 years on 31 December of the year in which the race takes place.

4.3 There are six racing categories for teams: OPEN DOUBLE, WOMEN'S DOUBLE, MIXED DOUBLE, MASTER DOUBLE, GRANDMASTER DOUBLE and CORPORATE TRIO. In addition to these categories, there are four special awards: “AMERICAN JERSEY MALE”, “AMERICAN JERSEY FEMALE”, “NELORE”, “IRON

RIDER” and “GUARINI”. No athlete affiliated to the UCI ELITE CATEGORY, FEMALE or MALE, can compete in these categories.

- 4.3.1 MALE AND FEMALE AMERICAN JERSEY comprise cyclists of the MALE AND FEMALE SOLO ELITE categories, who hold a valid passport from the AMERICAN CONTINENT (North, Central and South America).
- 4.3.2 Cyclists who wish to compete for “AMERICAN JERSEY” must choose their nationality during the online registration. Changes will not be allowed after delivery of the athletes' kit. If a cyclist has dual citizenship, the country validated will be the country of their UCI license.
- 4.3.3 Both cyclists of the IRON RIDER teams, male and female, must demonstrate participation in at least 1 long distance triathlon events (3.8 Km swimming / 180 Km cycling / 42.1 Km running) or 2 intermediated distance triathlon (1.9 Km swimming / 90 Km cycling / 21 Km running). Failure to comply with this rule immediately eliminates the team. All other articles of this race rules are applicable in this special award, including BICYCLES.
- 4.3.4 Special GUARINI award composed obligatorily by 2 cyclists who are both part of the Guarini Club (athletes who finished 3 or more Brasi Ride), or 2 athletes from the Viriato Club (athletes who finished 3 or more times in the Portugal MTB Brasil Ride) , and there may also be 1 athlete from each exclusive Brasil Ride Club (Guarini Club or Viriato Club). This special award is unique and independent of gender and age.

4.4 To start in the MASTER category both riders must be 40 years or older on 31 December of the year in which the race takes place. To start in the GRANDMASTER category both riders must be 50 years or older on 31 December of the year in which the race takes place

4.5 The CORPORATE TRIO category comprises three members, regardless of gender, with a minimum age of 35 years by December 31 of the year in which the race takes place, and the sum of the ages of the three members must be equal to or greater than 115 years. Members of the CORPORATE TRIO category can take turns at each stage. At least two of the three members are required to finish the stages within the regular time.

- 4.5.1 It is mandatory that each of the three team members completes at least three of the stages.
- 4.5.2 The two-minute rule (ITEM 3.6) is valid for CORPORATE teams. They are subject to penalty in case of occurrence.
- 4.5.3 The teams that complete the stage with the 3 members will keep the time spent in the stage. Teams that complete the stage

with only two members will have their stage time increased by 3% of the total time performed

- 4.5.4 In case a team member arrives away from the others for more than 2 minutes, the time of the last round will be counted, plus the penalty of 1h in the stage time (item 3.6)

- 4.5.5 On days when the stages start in one city and end in another city, in case one of the athletes of the CORPORATE team decides not to start, their transportation, and of their bicycle, is their own responsibility.

- 4.5.6 In the XCO stage, cross country, in which athletes are allowed to separate, in the CORPORATE category the average time of the 3 athletes will be considered. If an athlete from the team fails to start or does not complete all the laps, a time of 70 minutes will be added per missing lap.

4.6 The NELORE category category is composed of two members, regardless of gender, where both cyclists at the time of kit removal must weigh more than 90 kg (dressed exclusively with cycling shorts).

4.7 There are two SOLO categories:

- MALE ELITE SOLO: male athletes with at least 19 years old with UCI license and/or CBC license in any category.

- FEMALE ELITE SOLO: female athletes aged at least 19 years with UCI license and/or CBC license in any category.

***OBS1: The athletes eligible for the podium in this category are the athletes of the UCI ELITE AND UNDER 23 categories in both genders***

***OBS2: All other athletes affiliated with their confederations and/or federations, whether national or foreign, in any category can compete in this category but are not eligible for the podium.***

## 5) MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

5.1 Riders will only have their entries confirmed after the race organizers receive a signed Brasil Ride medical certificate from a medical doctor verifying the rider's health status to compete in an endurance race of this nature.

5.2 Disclaimer is available online during the application process. Read and accept to confirm your subscription.

5.3 The race organizers reserve the right to prevent a rider from continuing the race on receipt of medical advice. The decision of the race organizers in this regard shall be final.

## 6) BICYCLES

6.1 Only mountain bikes in good working order and race ready at the start of each stage will be allowed to start that stage.

6.2 For purposes of rule 6.1, “race ready” means the following:

- 6.2.1 The front number board is securely fitted and visible from the front.
- 6.2.2 The frame marking is displayed as per instructions received at registration.
- 6.2.3 The bike is in safe working order, as determined in the discretion of the steward.
- 6.2.4 Handlebar ends and handlebar extensions shall be plugged and must not have sharp or jagged edges. The use of tribars and bladed wheels is not allowed.
- 6.2.5 Bicycles may be propelled only through a chainset, by the rider’s leg action without any form of assistance (electrical or otherwise).

6.3 TANDEM bikes complying with the requirements set out in rules 6.1 and 6.2 above are allowed.

6.4 Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bike for the duration of the race.

6.5 Riders are required to complete the full distance of the stage and must complete the stage within the maximum stage time. Time spent on maintenance and repair will thus not entitle a rider to any extension of the maximum stage time.

6.6 It is not allowed to change bicycles during any stage of the race.

## 7) HELMETS AND CLOTHING

7.1 Each rider must wear a helmet at all times while riding during the race.

7.2 All helmets must comply with international ‘ANSI’ standards.

7.3 Appropriate riding attire, including a shirt, must be worn at all times.

7.4 Members of the same team must wear identical jerseys at all stages. Sleeveless jerseys are not allowed.

7.5 No rider may wear any original or replica version of a leader jersey neither of world champion, nor national or continental.

## 8) COMPETITION TEAMS

8.1 Riders must ride with their team partner at all times, and must remain within the maximum allowable separation time, namely two minutes.

8.2 Rider separation may be measured at the start and finish of each stage and at various designated check points during the stage, but can also be enforced at any point during the race.

8.3 Rider separation may be measured more than once during any stage, and penalties may be applied to each occurrence of rider separation outside the allowable limit during a stage.

8.4 Any rider may receive physical assistance from their teammate or another competing rider. "Physical Assistance" can be: sharing water and food, changing bicycle parts and accessories (EXCEPT BIKE FRAME), assistance with maintenance and repair, pushing and/or towing by physical contact only.

8.5 Podium contenders may not accept physical assistance from a "yellow board" rider.

8.6 No team can receive physical help from any yellow plate rider.

8.7 Towing between cyclists by means of mechanical devices is not permitted, rope or any other type.

8.8 A rider is allowed to "double back" on the route at any time in order to rejoin his/her team mate or in order to reach the nearest tech support zone (if applicable), provided that he/she shall not endanger any other rider in doing so.

## 9) RIDER IDENTIFICATION

9.1 Riders must display their race numbers at all times.

9.2 Bike numbers must remain firmly fixed on the front of the bike, and may not be obscured by cables or any other item.

9.3 Back numbers must be attached to the rider at all times in a visible position either on the rider's jersey or on the back of his/her hydration pack. A Rider will not be penalized if his/her number is obscured while wearing a rain jacket.

9.4 No official Brasil Ride sponsor logos may be removed from race numbers and/or be obscured in any way.

9.5 Race numbers may not be modified or mutilated in any way, including cutting, adding stickers, removing existing stickers or trimming.

9.6 Race and category leaders are obliged to wear the leader jerseys supplied by the race organizers.

9.7 All category leaders and stage winners must be present at the daily awards ceremony that takes place at the dinner. The SOLO ELITE MALE and FEMALE categories must be present at the awards ceremony of each stage at the finish line.

## 10) TIME TRIAL

10.1 One of the stages of Brasil Ride is the time trial.

10.2 Participation in the time trial counts towards the team's total time in the general classification

10.3 Each team will receive information about its start time, pre-established by the organization and published on the event website. It is the cyclist's responsibility to know their starting time.

10.4 Cyclists must be lined up at the starting gate at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

10.5 If a team loses its starting time in the time trial, it will only be able to start after the last start heat has been completed.

10.6 The maximum time trial time is measured individually for each team, starting at their starting time.

10.7 If any team or cyclist does not finish within the maximum stage time, the team will be classified as a "yellow plate cyclist".

10.8 The organizers may authorize reconnaissance of the route. Cyclists will not be allowed on the track outside the times stipulated by the organization.

10.9 All remaining race rules are equally applicable to the time trial.

## 11) STAGE STARTS

11.1 The start gate opens 30 minutes before the start of each stage, unless communicated otherwise.



11.2 Start gates will be defined according to the GC. The organizers may establish specific criteria for the starting gates. In case the start times are changed, the rule for any reference will be the start time for each team.

11.3 The seeded starting zones will close strictly 5 minutes before their start time. Teams arriving late must start at the back of the field.

11.4 Riders must enter the start zone as a team with their bikes, and once entered must remain in the start zone with their bikes.

## 12) ROUTE AND STAGES

12.1 Riders must complete the full designated route and distance of all stages, including the time trial and/or prologue.

12.2 Only riders that complete all stages within the maximum time for each stage will be considered FINISHERS.

12.3 The actual race distance or route may vary from the published or briefed distance.

12.4 A rider must at all times follow the official route, obey the directions of the course marshals, and may not take any shortcuts or take other advantage of a similar nature against competitors. The responsibility for following the official route lies with each rider.

12.5 Riders who exit the route for any reason, must return to the course at the same point from which they exited.

12.6 Any walking, running or riding by a rider, which is carried out without the intention of directly re-joining the route, or any other activity in breach of the rules, which takes place outside of the marked course area, is not permitted.

12.7 No rider shall trespass land which is not open to the public for mountain biking and which forms part of the race route of any edition of the race, nor will any rider distribute any GPS co-ordinates in respect of the route at any time.

## 13) PROHIBITED EQUIPMENTS

13.1 The race organizers may at any time prohibit any other item of equipment (other than essential cycling equipment) in their discretion and riders shall at all times comply with any such prohibition.

#### 14) RACE TIMING

14.1 Only team and solo riders times will be informed, but individual rider times will be recorded for purposes of measuring rider separation.

14.2 The team time is determined as the time at which the last team member passes the stage finish line.

14.3 No rider may carry more than one transponder at any time, and no rider may pass his/her transponder on to anyone else at any time.

14.4 Timing will start with the start time each stage

14.5 The start line will remain open for 15 minutes after the start time.

14.6 Any rider who cannot make his/her start time must report to the steward within 15 minutes of the start time to request approval for a late start.

14.7 No rider is allowed to start later than their previously scheduled start, without the stewards' approval. In case there is no steward's approval, the athlete will be considered DNS (DID NOT START). They will be automatically disqualified, and will receive the "yellow board rider".

14.8 Any rider who does not start a stage (except the CORPORATE category) will automatically be qualified as a yellow board rider.

14.9 The maximum stage time will not be adjusted for any rider who is permitted a late start and/or who started from a gate with a later start time than his / her own.

#### 15) MAXIMUM STAGE TIMES

15.1 The maximum stage times are determined according to the length of each stage and the terrain to be covered. Maximum stage times will be included in the race registration pack, but may be varied by the race organizers at their discretion.

15.2 Any variations will be communicated to riders at the stage briefing on the evening before the relevant stage.

15.3 Riders may cross the finish line on foot provided that they have their bikes with them.

15.4 The race organizers may designate intermediate cut-off points which must be reached within specific times on each stage. Any teams which fail, or are qualified as incapable to reach the cut-off points - in the opinion of the race organizers and stewards, will be prevented from continuing to ride, be swept from the course and classified as DNF (did not finish) for that stage.

15.5 The maximum stage time allowed for each stage of the race will be the greater of the maximum stage time advertised and 2x the winning time (i.e. if the winning time is more than half of the maximum stage time communicated at the race briefing, the maximum stage time allowed will automatically be adjusted to 2x the winning time). If applicable, the adjusted maximum stage time will be signposted at the final water point on the stage once the winners have crossed the finish line.

15.6 The organizers of the race may - at any time - impose additional cut-off points for safety reasons. The provisions of this rule will apply to riders who have not yet reached the designated cut-off point within the allocated time or, in the sole opinion of the race organizers and stewards, will not reasonably be able to do so. Any rider not able to complete a stage will be transported to the stage finish.

15.7 If a rider cannot continue the race for whatever reason, all effort will be made to transport such riders and their bikes to the race finish.

## 16) YELLOW BOARD RIDER

16.1 Any rider who does not complete a stage within the maximum stage time for the first time will be classified as a yellow board rider.

16.2 The yellow board rider will be entitled to continue the race (i.e. they may start the following stage), but will not be classified as official race finishers.

16.3 Should any yellow board rider again fail to finish a stage within the maximum stage time or fail to start a stage in compliance with rule 15, he or she will not be allowed to continue the race (i.e. he/she will not be allowed to start without the opinion of the race organizers and stewards).

16.4 Yellow board riders are not allowed to ride ahead of the top 20 leaders, and are forbidden to help any other team competition, whether with vacuum, food, hydration or mechanical assistance.

## 17) ABANDONING OF A STAGE

17.1 The race organizers may cancel any stage at any time in their discretion due to safety concerns or any other reason which they consider appropriate.

17.2 Should the first three teams in each category have completed the stage prior to the time at which it is cancelled, the stage will be classified as an official stage of the race and count towards the overall results. Should less than three teams have finished in any category at the time of cancelling, the stage will not constitute an official stage and will be disregarded for purposes of the overall results.

17.3 Where an cancelled stage will count towards the overall results, riders who are on the course at the time of cancelling the stage will be allocated a stage time based on a percentage of the category winner's time.

17.4 Any rider who withdraws from a stage before it is officially cancelled, or who does not reach the designated cut-off point for abandoning the stage will be classified as a DNF.

## 18) AWARD BY STAGE

18.1 During the awards ceremony of each stage, the first three classified of the stage will be called to the podium in the following categories: IRON RIDER, CORPORATE, NELORE, GRANDMASTER, MASTER, MIXED, AMERICA FEMALE, AMERICA MALE, FEMALE, OPEN, GUARINI, SOLO ELITE MALE FEMALE ELITE SOLO.

18.2 During the awards ceremony, the leaders of the categories: IRON RIDER, CORPORATE, NELORE, GRANDMASTER, MASTER, MIXED, AMERICA FEMALE, AMERICA MALE, FEMALE, OPEN, GUARINI, SOLO ELITE MALE AND SOLO ELITE FEMALE, will be called to the podium for the delivery of LEADER JERSEY.

18.3 Lead teams and solo athletes must be present at the finish line awards ceremony (if applicable) and the awards ceremony during dinner.

## 19) TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

19.1 The race does not always have exclusive use of any public or private roads during the race.

19.2 All regular traffic regulations must be observed at all times during the race. (In Brasil we drive/ride on the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the road!)

19.3 Instructions of marshals must be strictly adhered to.

## 20) CHECKPOINTS

20.1 There will be checkpoints on each stage, during which rider separation rules will be enforced.

20.2 Teams that are not detected when passing the checkpoints may be disqualified.

20.3 The location of the checkpoints will not be published, and hidden checkpoints are not excluded.

## 21) REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

21.1 Race registration takes place at the venue and at the time and place indicated on the race website.

21.2 Riders must report to registration as a team and bring any form of ID with photo. UCI accredited riders must present a valid license.

21.3 All riders must have registered by the deadline indicated on the race website. No category changes will be permitted after race registration closes.

21.4 Pre-race information will be provided by the organization on the bulletin boards, and in the race website.

## 22) NUTRITION AND HYDRATION

22.1 Brasil Ride crosses regions with different climates and temperatures. Riders retain the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them.

22.2 Brasil Ride race organizers will provide water at official water points on the route, which is intended for drinking purposes only. No excessive use of water for any other purpose will be permitted at official water points.

## 23) SECONDING AND OUTSIDE SUPPORT

23.1 No seconding or outside assistance is permitted under any circumstances. For purposes hereof, "outside assistance" includes physical assistance (as defined in rule 8.4) by any person other than a fellow competitor or accredited water point staff at official water points on the route.

23.2 Drafting is allowed between riders, their team partners and fellow competitors, but no rider may draft behind a yellow board rider or any person who is not a participant in the race.

23.3 No other form of drafting is permitted whatsoever, including but not limited to drafting behind private vehicles, motorcycles, trucks and official race vehicles.

23.4 Only official race vehicles are authorized to follow the race course. Assistance teams may drive their vehicles through public roads to the hydration points, and offer help to their athletes. Some sessions of the course will be closed to all traffic, except that of the race, including public roads, and closures must be respected.

23.5 No rider and/or team supporter may access any restricted and/or prohibited area in the race village.

23.6 Cyclists in the WOMENS CATEGORY can not receive help from "towing" or being pushed by male teams.

## 24) MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

24.1 The organization will provide a fixed medical center, in the arena, and mobile for medical assistance to cyclists throughout the event.

24.2 Technical assistance may be provided for riders at neutral tech support zones along the route, and in the arena. The eventual cost of replacement parts for the bicycles is under the athletes' responsibility.

## 25) WITHDRAWALS

25.1 Teams or riders that cannot continue the race for whatever reason must immediately inform the race direction and/or stewards at the beginning, end or water points.

25.2 Should any rider or team fail to inform the race office of his/her/its withdrawal, and should a search and rescue operation be initiated for such rider or team, the cost of the search and rescue will be for the account of that rider or team.

25.3 The formation of new pairs is not allowed.

## 26) ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS

26.1 Riders must respect the environment at all times, and no littering or damage to the environment will be tolerated.

26.2 Throwing away of water bottles, packaging or bike parts is prohibited.

26.3 It is prohibited to deviate from the route passing through a preserved area.

26.4 Smoking at any point on the route is not permitted.

## 27) PROTESTS

27.1 Any protest must be submitted in writing to the race director or stewards of the event and mention the plate numbers of riders involved.

27.2 Protest on results must be presented within 15 minutes after stage time limit.

27.3 A deposit of R\$ 300.00 (three hundred reais) must accompany the presentation of the protest.

27.4 If the protest is deemed appropriate the deposit will be returned. In case the protest is considered rejected the deposit will be maintained and reversed for the development and improvement of the race.

27.5 The decision of the Commissioners / Organizer / Director of the event is final, not subject to appeal.

## 28) DOPING

28.1 The race organizers reserve the right to test all riders for doping and/or the use of any illegal substances.

28.2 All test results will be forwarded to national cycling federations, and positive results will be sanctioned.

## 29) DATA SHARING

29.1 I am aware that there will be the collection, storage and other necessary processing of my personal and sensitive personal data, as well as the sharing of these and my image with the organizer, sponsors and third parties for the fulfillment of the obligations arising from the Event, for the fulfillment of obligations and for the regular exercise of rights, during the term of this Event and thereafter, for the periods required by law and in accordance with the data retention rules. Furthermore, I am aware that sponsors may contact me by any means, including electronically, with commercial communications that may be of interest to me, as I am a participant in the Event.

## 30) CODE OF CONDUCT

30.1 All riders are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times, and must not use offensive or abusive language during the race, act in an unsporting manner, be disrespectful to the officials, or ignore the race regulations.

## 31) PENALTIES AND FINES

31.1 Any breach of the race rules will be subject to penalties as per the table set out below.

31.2 All time penalties will be added to the rider's time for the stage in respect of which the penalty is awarded, but shall not be taken into account in determining whether the rider has exceeded the maximum stage time.

<b>SECTION B - GENERAL RULES</b>				
<b>Rule and/or Offense</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>NOTE:</b>
<b>False Information at Application and/or Registration</b>	DSQ			
<b>Rule 6.2/6.3</b>	Verbal Warning (R\$1.000,00*)	START REFUSED	DSQ	
<b>Rule 7.1/7.2</b>	START REFUSED	DSQ		
<b>Rule 7.3/7.4/7.5</b>	Verbal Warning	START	DSQ	



		REFUSED		
<b>Rule 8.1/8.3</b>	1h	1h	DSQ	
<b>Rule 8.5</b>	1h	1h	DSQ	
<b>Rule 8.6</b>	1h	DSQ	DSQ	
<b>Rule 9.1 - 9.5</b>	Verbal Warning (R\$1,000.00*)	START REFUSED	DSQ	
<b>Rule 9.6</b>	START REFUSED	30'	DSQ	
<b>Rule 9.7</b>	In case a prize is awarded, the team will lose the cash prize (in case one team member is not present, the team will lose their cash prize). In case no prize is awarded, a fine of R\$500.00 will be charged per absent team member. The amount will be deducted from the global team prize during the competition.			
<b>Rule 12.6</b>	DSQ			
<b>Rule 12.7</b>	DSQ			
<b>Rule 13.1</b>	1h	START REFUSED	DSQ	
<b>Rule 14.3</b>	DSQ			
<b>Rule 18.3</b>	15min	1h	DSQ	
<b>Rule 22</b>	VERBAL WARNING	1h	DSQ	
<b>Rule 23</b>	DSQ	DSQ		

DQ=DISQUALIFIED

\* PENALTIES MAY BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UCI PENALTIES REGULATION.

## 32) DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZERS AND COMMISSIONERS

32.1 Where any additional rule interpretation is required, or where specific provision for any incident has not been made in these rules, the decision of the steward will be final.

## 33) START

33.1 Athletes from the male and female SOLO ELITE UCI categories will be the first to be lined up. They must present themselves and line up inside the starting gate up to five minutes before the start of the stage.

33.2 The order of alignment at the other gates will be done according to the general classification accumulated up to the previous stage. For the 1st stage, the gates have specific rules defined below.

33.3 The starting gates will open 30 minutes before the start of the stage and will be closed five minutes before the start of the stage.

33.4 The leaders of each category are required to wear the Brasil Ride leader jersey while racing. World and European champions may request the use of the champion's jersey from the UCI commissioner.

33.5 Mechanics and/or team leaders are not allowed inside the starting gate.

33.6 Starting positions must comply with the provisions below:

<b>START GATE</b>	<b>GENERAL CLASSIFICATION</b>
A	SOLO ELITE CATEGORY UCI MALE AND WOMEN
B	TOP 30 TEAMS AND/OR CYCLISTS IN THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION INCLUDING ATHLETES FROM THE SOLO, DUO AND CORPORATE CATEGORIES
C	31st TO 60th IN THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION INCLUDING ATHLETES IN THE SOLO, DOUBLE AND CORPORATE CATEGORIES
D	61st TO 90th IN THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION INCLUDING ATHLETES FROM THE SOLO, DOUBLE AND CORPORATE CATEGORIES
E	OTHER TEAMS FROM ALL CATEGORIES

#### 33.7 1<sup>st</sup> STAGE Start Gates

- 3 starting heats will be held, divided by categories. In each battery, there will be access gates separated by batteries, as per the table below:

<b>HEAT</b>	<b>START GATE</b>	<b>GENERAL CLASSIFICATION</b>
08:00 am	A	MEN'S UCI SOLO ELITE CATEGORY
08:00 am	B	WOMEN'S UCI SOLO ELITE CATEGORY
08:00 am	C	GUARINI CATEGORY
08:00 am	D	MALE AND FEMALE SOLO CATEGORY
08:15 am	A	MASTER CATEGORY
08:15 am	B	OPEN CATEGORY
08:30 am	A	CORPORATE CATEGORY
08:30 am	B	MIXED CATEGORY AND GRANDMASTER CATEGORY
08:30 am	C	IRON RIDER CATEGORY AND NELORE CATEGORY

#### 34) REGISTRATION

34.1 - The registration is valid, only and exclusively, until the date of the event for which it was acquired. After this date the registration will no longer be valid.

34.2 – Two years subsequent extensions of registration will not be allowed, for example, from 2019 to 2020, then 2021.

### 35) REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

35.1 The total REFUND for withdrawal, through direct validation of BRASIL RIDE, respects the law number 8078/90 Article 49 of the CODE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, where the period of 7 days after the online purchase is established.

35.2 The convenience fee is no-refundable

35.3 In case of withdrawal of one of the team members it is the responsibility of the remaining athlete to look for another member respecting the stipulated deadlines.

### 36) PARTIAL REFUND

36.1 The cancellation of the registration will be allowed, with partial refund of 50% of the amount paid, solely and exclusively, due to injury, duly evidenced by medical certificate, and within 30 days after the date of confirmation of registration.

### 37) REGISTRATION TRANSFER

37.1 The transfer of the registration will be allowed, solely and exclusively due to injury, duly proven by medical certificate, within 60 days of the date of the test.

37.2 To transfer the registration to another athlete will be charged a fine of 20% of the standard registration fee and deadline for request up to 60 days before the race

37.3 The participant holding the entries must communicate the organization of the event about the transfer to another athlete ([br@brasilride.com.br](mailto:br@brasilride.com.br)).

37.4 In case of transfer of the race registration to the following year will be charged difference of values of the corresponding registrations.

37.5 If the athlete transfers his registration from one year to the next, he will no longer be able to request a partial refund.

37.6 The participant holding the entries must inform the organization of the event about the transfer for the following year, stating the name and registration number. ([br@brasilride.com.br](mailto:br@brasilride.com.br)).

### 38) Brasil Ride Prize Money

38.1 Prize money for the categories OPEN, FEMALE, MIXED and MASTER

	<b>SOLO MALE</b>	<b>SOLO FEMALE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MIXED</b>	<b>MASTER</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	R\$ 5.000,00	R\$ 5.000,00	R\$ 1.250,00	R\$ 1.250,00	R\$ 1.250,00	R\$ 1.250,00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	R\$ 3.000,00	R\$ 3.000,00	R\$ 700,00	R\$ 700,00	R\$ 700,00	R\$ 700,00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	R\$ 2.000,00	R\$ 2.000,00	R\$ 500,00	R\$ 500,00	R\$ 500,00	R\$ 500,00

38.2 The cash prize is awarded to cyclists who complete all stages.

38.3 Cash prizes are the responsibility of the athlete to withdraw exclusively during the awards ceremony. There will be no payment after the competition ends.

39) STAGE 8 (CLOSING PARTY)

39.1 During the stage 8 the use of uniforms with sponsor brands, photos and media coverage are not allowed.