



ESPINHAÇO

**BRASIL RIDE ESPINHAÇO
GENERAL RACE RULES**

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A) PREAMBLE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES

1) PREAMBLE

Brasil Ride Espinhaço (“competition”) is a mountain bike ultramarathon played in stages composed by teams of one, two or three cyclists, amateurs or professionals, which is accredited by the International Cycling Union (UCI) S1 class and Brazilian Cycling Confederation class 1. The teams have to run together all the way 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 set out below are intended to be definitive and complete. Unless the rules specifically incorporate rules or regulations of any governing body of cycling (i.e. the UCI anti-doping regulations), such rules and regulations will not be applicable to the race.

2.3 Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in a penalty, which could include a rider’s disqualification in certain circumstances. The various categories of penalties are set out in section B below.

2.4 The interpretation of any rule by the President of the Commissaries will be final and binding on all race participants.

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”- means the official race commissarie, 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 BOARD RIDER" – rider enrolled in BRASIL RIDE Espinhaço race whose original team is no longer officially competing in the race, but who thereafter continues to participate in the race. To be considered "YELLOW BOARD RIDER":

- 3.4.1 An original member of the team will not start in the beginning of the stage, except for the corporate category, or;

- 3.4.2 An original member of the team backs down during the stage, except for the corporate category

3.5 "PODIUM APPLICANT" – a rider in a team which, at the beginning of any stage, is in the top 5 positions in the relevant category or whose total time is not more than one hour off the total time of the 3rd placed team in the relevant category at the beginning of such stage.

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 SOLO MALE and UCI SOLO FEMALE"- means a rider whose team is registered in the UCI pro-elite category with a valid license.

3.8 "UCI RIDER INFORMATIVE" 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 category comprises three members and riders must be 35 years or older, completed by 31 December of the year in which the race takes place, and the sum of the members' ages must be 115 years or more. Members of the CORPORATE category can take turns at each stage. At least two of the three members are required to complete the steps within the prescribed 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 Teams that complete the stage with the three members will be rewarded with 3% over the time of the stage.
- 4.5.4 In case one team member arrives away from the others, more than two minutes, there will be no 3% time bonus. This is for the case in which the team splits, is penalized, but requires the bonus.
- 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 consists of two members, regardless of gender, where both riders, at the time of the race registration, must weigh more than 90 kg (dressed exclusively with jersey and 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.

4.8 If a category has less than three teams competing in this category, it will not have daily awards (trophies and jersey leader) but will receive the final award of the event (category champion jersey and category champion trophy).

4.9 The E-MTB category, male solo and female solo, is disputed by athletes who have a bicycle operated by two sources of energy: the power of the human pedal and an electric motor that only provides assistance when the cyclist is pedaling.

- 4.9.1 Men and women aged 19 and over
 - 4.9.2 The competition is in the marathon format (XCM) with 5 stages.
 - 4.9.3 Engine assistance up to 25km/h.
 - 4.9.4 Technical assistance during the race consists of repairs or replacing any part of the bicycle other than the frame
 - 4.9.5 Technical assistance is only authorized in places determined by the organization.
 - 4.9.6 Battery replacements are not allowed.
 - 4.9.7 The e-mtb must be in the bike park for checking items
- 4.10.3
- 4.9.8 The organization will define specific times for checking e-mtb.

4.10 BATTERIES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.10.1 Daily energy capacity per pilot
 - 4.10.2 Capacity should be in the range of 1950 W to 2100 W.
- Example:
- Cyclists who own a bicycle with 500W batteries will have 4 batteries per day (2 at the start + 2 at the gas station).
 - Cyclists who own a bicycle with 650W or 700Wh batteries will have 3 batteries per day (2 at the beginning + 1 at the filling station).
 - The Organizer will define 1 refueling station per stage, where competitors will have access to their spare batteries which they will exchange with used batteries.
 - This point will be informed in order to allow teams to adapt their strategy depending on the location of the filling station.

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 The Term of Responsibility is accepted at the time of online registration, taking responsibility for your participation.

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 Both team members must ride in identical cycling jerseys at all times. No sleeveless jerseys are permitted.

7.5 No rider may wear any original or replica version of a leader jersey.

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 his/her team partner or from a fellow competitor. For purposes hereof, "physical assistance" shall mean the sharing of water and nutrition, parts and accessories (EXCEPT A BICYCLE FRAME) assistance with maintenance and repair, and pushing/towing by physical contact only.

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

8.6 No team can receive physical help from any separate cyclist.

8.7 Towing between cyclists by means of mechanical devices is not permitted.

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 All riders in a team 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 All race category leaders are obliged to wear the leader jerseys supplied by the race organizers.

9.7 Podium finishers and overall category leaders must be present at the finish line awards ceremony (if applicable) and the daily awards ceremony. UCI OPEN and UCI WOMEN categories must be present in the stage podium ceremony.

10) PROLOGUE

10.1 One of the stages of Brasil Ride is the prologue.

10.2 Participation in the time trial/prologue is compulsory for all teams. Time trial results will account for the GC.

10.3 Each team will receive the information of their start time, and the information will be posted on the bulletin board. It is the rider's responsibility to know his/her start time.

10.4 Riders must report at the entrance to the start chute at least 15 minutes before the allocated start time.

10.5 If a team misses their start time, they will be allowed to start after the last rider.

10.6 The maximum prologue time is measured individually for each team, starting at their starting time and ending at the front wheel of the second athlete of the pair.

10.7 Should any team or rider fail to finish the time trial/prologue within the maximum stage time, such team and/or rider will be classified as a yellow board rider.

10.8 The organizers may make provision for a course practice. No riders are allowed on the course outside the official practice times (if applicable).

10.9 All of the remaining race rules are equally applicable to prologue.

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 who complete each of the stages within the maximum stage time will qualify as official race 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.

12.8 One of the stages of the competition will be in cross country (XCM) format, in a closed course where the athletes must do four laps (confirmation in the pre-stage briefing). Exceptionally, at this stage, athletes from the same team will be allowed to separate. For purposes of time in classification, the average time of the pair will be stipulated. For the CORPORATE category, the average time of the three team members will be computed.

- 12.8.1 The XCO stage will be held in three heats, where one of them will be exclusive to E-MTBs. The times will be informed in the pre-stage briefing. In the first round, the 60 best solo or doubles athletes from the overall result accumulated up to the previous stage will start, regardless of category, except for E-MTBs.

- 12.8.2 In this stage, XCO will have a time limit of 2 hours to complete the laps confirmed in the briefing. Even after the leader completes his four laps on the course, the race continues until the time limit of 2 hours. The limit to open the last lap will be with 1h 30m of proof, after which time it will not be allowed to open a new lap. Athletes who run less than 4 laps will be added a time for each remaining lap of 40 minutes (time to be confirmed in the briefing).

- 12.8.3 This rule applies to all heats.

- 12.8.4 In case an athlete of the 1st heat loses his heat, he may do so in the last heat with a time penalty of 20 minutes.

- 12.8.5 At this stage, the Neutral Shimano Support point will be in the race arena, as well as the Pro Tech Zone for UCI athletes.

Athletes who have a mechanical problem and need Neutral Shimano Support can seek assistance from them. If the problem occurs up to 500m after the gantry, "return in the opposite direction" will be allowed. If the problem occurs after this point, the athlete must continue the lap in the same direction.

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 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 second 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 morning

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 10 leaders, and are forbidden to help any other team.

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) STAGE AWARD

18.1 During the award ceremony of each stage will be called to the podium the first three finishers of the stage, in the following categories: SOLO E-MTB MALE, SOLO E-MTB FEMALE, IRON RIDER, CORPORATE, NELORE, GRANDMASTER, MASTER, MIXED, AMERICAN LADIES SOLO, AMERICAN MEN SOLO, WOMEN, OPEN, GUARINI, SOLO UCI MALE AND SOLO UCI FEMALE.

18.2 During the award ceremony, the leaders of the categories will be called to the stage: E-MTB MEN SOLO, E-MTB LADIES SOLO, IRON RIDER, CORPORATE, NELORE, GRANDMASTER, GUARINI, SOLO UCI MALE AND SOLO UCI FEMALE, WOMEN, OPEN, MIXED, MASTER, SOLO AMERICAN LADIES, SOLO AMERICAN MEN, for the LEADER JERSEY award ceremony.

18.3 Leaders of each category must be present during the finish line ceremony (if applicable), and the award ceremony during dinner.

18.4 If a category has less than three teams competing in this category, it will not have daily awards (trophies and jersey leader) but will receive the final award of the event (category champion jersey and category champion trophy).

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 Espinhaço 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.

30.2 I authorize to the competition's organizers and sponsors to use, reproduce, distribute and/or publish photographs, films, recordings and/or any other means of recording myself and taken to mark the occasion of this competition without financial compensation for the participant of this competition.

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.

SECTION B - GENERAL RULES				
Rule and/or Offense	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	NOTE:
False Information at Application and/or Registration	DSQ			
Rule 6.2/6.3	Verbal Warning (R\$1.000,00*)	START REFUSED	DSQ	
Rule 7.1/7.2	START REFUSED	DSQ		
Rule 7.3/7.4/7.5	Verbal Warning	START REFUSED	DSQ	
Rule 8.1/8.3	1h	1h	DSQ	
Rule 8.5	1h	1h	DSQ	
Rule 8.6	1h	DSQ	DSQ	
Rule 9.1 - 9.5	Verbal Warning (R\$1,000.00*)	START REFUSED	DSQ	
Rule 9.6	START REFUSED	30'	DSQ	
Rule 9.7	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.			
Rule 12.6	DSQ			
Rule 12.7	DSQ			
Rule 13.1	1h	START REFUSED	DSQ	
Rule 14.3	DSQ			
Rule 18.3	15min			
Rule 22	VERBAL WARNING	1h	DSQ	
Rule 23	DSQ	DSQ		

DQ=DISQUALIFIED

* FINANCIAL PENALTIES APPLIED ONLY FOR CYCLISTS OF THE UCI OPEN CATEGORY

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 The leading teams in their categories will be the first to be aligned. They must present and align within the start gate up to five minutes before the start of the stage.

33.2 The starting gates will be opened 30 minutes before the start of the stage and will be closed with 5 minutes left before the start of the stage.

33.3 The leaders of each category are required to wear the Brasil Ride leader jerseys as they race.

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

33.5 The start positions must respect the following order:

33.5.1 Start gates respect the GC of each team, on each stage, on their respective category.

START GATE	GENERAL CLASSIFICATION
A	<p>LEADER JERSEY</p> <p>SOLO MALE/SOLO FEMALE/OPEN/WOMENS/MIXED/MASTERS/AMERICAN MEN/AMERICAN LADIES/GRANDMASTERS/NELORE/CORPORATE/IRON RIDER/GUARINI</p> <p>+</p> <p>TOP 10 ON THE GC CONSIDERING THE LEADERS OF THE RACE</p>
B	<p>2nd and 3rd – SOLO MALE/SOLO FEMALE/OPEN/WOMENS/MIXED/MASTERS/AMERICAN MEN/AMERICAN LADIES/GRANDMASTERS/NELORE/CORPORATE/IRON RIDER/GUARINI</p>
C	4 th and 5 th OF EACH CATEGORY TO 50 th ON THE GC
D	51 th UNTIL 70 th ON THE GC
E	ALL OTHER TEAMS

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 withdraw 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 race:

37.1.1 In case of transfer of registration to another athlete, a fine of 20% will be charged on the standard registration fee, respecting the deadline established above.

37.1.2 The participant holding the entries must communicate the organization of the event about the transfer to another athlete (br@brasilride.com.br).

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

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

37.2.3 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).

OVERALL AWARDS