

Race Rules for Everyone

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REQUIREMENTS

- 1. TEAM CAPTAIN:** Teams must designate a captain, but captains do not have to be a rider.
- 2. COURTESY:** All riders, drivers, and spectators are required to be courteous to fellow riders, volunteers, and race officials. Directions and requests of race officials must be followed.
- 3. SIGN OFF:** Team Captains or their representatives will be required to sign off, when picking up their Race Package, acknowledging that they, and all team members have read, understand and will obey the Race Rules.
- 4. RACE PACKAGE PICK-UP:**
All riders are required to view the **Virtual Racer Briefing** [HERE](#) prior to picking up the team's Race Package.

Waivers: All riders MUST complete and submit a signed, hard copy waiver (Adult or Youth) at Race Package Pick-Up. There are two locations to choose from:

- 1) Whitehorse-area Team Captains have the option of Race Package Pick-Up on the Tuesday before the event in Whitehorse. Check the Itinerary page for the location and time details.

2) The second choice is the Friday before the event in Haines Junction. Check the Itinerary page for the location and time details.

Note: All times for Package Pickup are Yukon times.

5. CHECKPOINTS: See Checkpoint and Finish Line Directions. Please follow all traffic control volunteer instructions at every checkpoint.

6. IMPAIRMENT: KCIBR prohibits the use of non-medicinal drugs and alcohol during participation in the event. Participants must not be impaired by drugs or alcohol while riding or driving on the event course.

7. CHANGES TO THE EVENT: Race Officials, in conjunction with the KCIBR Association Board, reserve the right to make last-minute changes to the event, including canceling the event if deemed necessary for safety reasons. Possible reasons could include but is not limited to: weather, road conditions, wildfire, or wildlife conditions. If the event of changes or cancellations, there are no refunds available. Changes would be communicated as best as possible via the Race Package Pick-up, Start Line and Checkpoint announcements, and local radio media in Whitehorse and Haines.

Regarding riders: Any changes being made to riders or the order of riders are subject to applicable **change fees** and must be accompanied by appropriate rider information. Changes to riders (team members) will not be accepted without a signed waiver for the new rider and which must be handed in at Package Pick-Up.

SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION

A. ROAD CLOSURE: The Haines Highway will be closed on the Saturday as follows:

- Southbound at Dezadeash River bridge in Haines Junction to the 3.8 kilometer highway pullout (top of hill) from 8:15 – 9:15 AM (Yukon Time)

B. LEG 2 RIDER DROP OFF: All Leg 2 riders **MUST BE** south of the Start Line **BEFORE** the southbound road closure takes effect at 8:15 AM Yukon Time. Support vehicles are required to go beyond the area of the road closure in order to support riders on Legs 1 and 2.

The southbound road closure extends from the start line to approximately kilometer 3.8 (which is at the beginning of a pull off on the left at the top of a hill). Due to traffic congestion and safety concerns in leg 1, only one support vehicle per team should be active in leg 1 south of the road closure.

There will be restrictive traffic controls in place at Checkpoint 1 and 2. Please refer to the Traffic Control information.

C. START TIMES: Start times are staggered based on team categories (e.g. solos, 2 person teams, etc.).

Race Start Times are based on what is felt to be the SAFEST start order. Please remember this is a recreational event with a primary focus on fun, participation, and safety.

****** RACE START TIMES** are:

8:20 am (SOLOS AND 2-PERSON TEAMS),

8:45 am (4-PERSON TEAMS) and

9:00 am (8-PERSON TEAMS).

Note: An attempt at defining types of riders:

Competitive Riders = riders who are training for many months for this event. Please line up at the Start Line.

Recreational Riders = riders who have done some (a few weeks) or little training for this event. Please line up 10-15 meters behind the Start Line.

D. LEG 7 RIDERS: Leg 7 riders MUST STOP AT U.S. CUSTOMS and SHOW PASSPORT ID and other required documents.

E. BORDER CROSSING: Please ensure everyone has their **Passports and any other documents** required to cross the US and Canadian borders. Ensure passports and any other documentation is ready to provide (in hand) PRIOR to arrival at the border.

F. MANDATORY LEG 8 START TIME: All riders must start riding Leg 8 by 7:00 PM Alaska Time regardless of whether the Leg 7 rider has entered the checkpoint. All times will be adjusted to calculate the total race time. Teams that use the mandatory start time for Leg 8 are not eligible for the Red Lantern award. A Race Official will oversee any mandatory Leg 8 Starts.

G. 'BLUE TEAM TIME SHEETS': All team progress **MUST** be monitored by the team itself during the race and recorded on the '**Blue Team Time Sheet**', including competitor names and leg times, and any rider substitutions. Team Captains must hand in the 'Blue Team Time Sheet' at the FINISH LINE AREA completely and clearly filled out within 30 minutes of finishing the event. These 'Blue Sheets' serve to sign off your team and are required for any queries, disputes, protests, or category awards. If a timing stick is lost during the race, your team **WILL NOT** be issued a replacement. Therefore, recording each individual's time is essential for accurate race results.

H. RACE FINISH CLOSURE: The race finish area will officially close at 9:00 PM Alaska time. Teams finishing after this time will not get an official result.

I. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AT BANQUET IN HAINES: Alcoholic beverages can only be consumed in the designated areas which may be adjacent to the finish line if there is a beer garden there and at banquet supper area. Please respect local bylaws if you are consuming alcoholic beverages.

J. PORTA POTTIES / OUTHOUSES: There are porta potties or outhouses in every checkpoint. Please try to use these when traveling along the highway to minimize the impact on the natural environment.

Race Rules for Riders on Course

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REQUIREMENTS

1. HELMETS: Approved cycling helmets are mandatory for all riders. No exceptions.

2. BIKES: Most riders use mountain, road, or hybrid bikes.

- Teams using recumbent bikes and teams using tandem bikes are allowed but that type of bike must be used by every rider on a team.
- Recumbent bikes can only draft with recumbent bikes and tandem bikes can only draft with tandem bikes.
- E bikes are allowed on 8-person teams but are not required for every rider on that team.
- Any 8-person team with an e bike may not place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for their category.
- E bikes may only draft e bikes. No other bikes may draft an e bike.
- No other modes of transportation not listed above are allowed.

3. AEROBARS: Aerobars are prohibited. Aerobars means any handlebars or handlebar attachments pointing upwards or forwards and offering forearm support.

4. DISC WHEELS: Disc wheels (or any spoke covers or other fairings meant to emulate disc wheels) are prohibited.

5. CHILD CARRIERS: The carrying of children in pull behind carts, tag-a-long bikes, child carriers, or any other device is NOT ALLOWED.

6. HEADPHONES AND MUSIC: The use of headphones, personal stereos, or cell phones while riding is NOT ALLOWED.

7. DISPLAY OF RACE NUMBERS: Team numbers MUST be displayed on the RIGHT outer thigh, hip, or buttock (this means clothing is required). Bike race numbers MUST be on the seat post fastened with twist ties below your seat trailing behind. Both must be visible and vertical while riding. Rider and bike team numbers are supplied in your race package.

8. HIGHWAY SHOULDER RIDING: Riders must stay as far as possible to the right ON THE HIGHWAY SHOULDER to allow vehicles to pass safely. Requests from race officials or designated volunteers to move on to the shoulder are mandatory. Pack riders must ride as far to the right of the highway/shoulder as possible.

9. DRAFTING: Drafting is permitted with other competitors only.

- Drafting is permitted between riders on standard bikes.
- Recumbent bikes may draft only with other recumbent bikes.
- E bikes can only draft e bikes.
- No standard bikes may draft an e-bike.
- Drafting of vehicles is not allowed.
- No support riders are allowed on the course.

10. SOLO RIDERS: Subject to the same rules as other teams. With the exception of accessing the solo snack support provided by Icycle Sports at Checkpoints 3 and 5, solo riders should **NOT stop at ANY** checkpoint until they reach the Finish Line checkpoint.

11. VEHICLE CONTACT: Contact between riders and vehicles in motion is not allowed. Riders may not be passed anything from a vehicle. Support crew must be outside the vehicle to pass anything to a rider.

12. VALID LEG CONFIGURATIONS FOR TEAMS:

Solo teams - No restrictions (only 1 rider)

2-person teams - There is only one valid configuration:

Rider 1 - Leg 1, 2, 3, and 4

Rider 2 - Leg 5, 6, 7, and 8

4-person teams - Riders must ride a minimum of 2 legs and each pair of legs must start at an odd number. Riders cannot ride 3 legs.

Regular configuration:

Rider 1 - Leg 1 & 2

Rider 2 - Leg 3 & 4

Also allowed (for example): OR (for example):

Rider 1 - Leg 1, 2, 3, and 4

Rider 2 - Leg 5 & 6

Rider 1 - Leg 1 & 2 & 7 & 8

Rider 2 - Leg 3 & 4

Rider 3 - Leg 5 & 6
Rider 4 - Leg 7 & 8

Rider 3 - Leg 7& 8

Rider 3 - Leg 5 & 6

Riders **MUST** stop at Checkpoints 2, 4, and 6, where the exchange occurs and at the Finish Line

(Checkpoint 8). If a rider is riding 4 legs, they must still stop at Checkpoints 2, 4, 6, and at the Finish Line.

8-person teams - No restrictions - any person can ride any leg. All riders must stop at all checkpoints.

13. ORDER/ SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Riders must ride in the order that has been indicated in their team registration.
- Any substitutions may only be made between original riders who have signed a waiver and registered on that team.
- Substitutions must be recorded on the 'Blue Team Time Sheet' and must be turned in at the Finish Line.
- A rider not completing a leg may not ride again in the relay.
- The substituting rider may ride a later leg.
- Only **one** substitution is allowed per leg to a maximum of three substitutions for the race.
- A fifteen (15) minute penalty will be assessed for each substitution.
- Note: If the Leg 7 rider is substituted before the border crossing, the new rider will need their passport with them.

14. DROP OUTS AND BREAKDOWNS:

- If a rider fails to complete their leg they may have a substitute rider from their team complete the leg for them. See Order/Substitutions rule above.
- If no rider can substitute, the team may go to the next checkpoint and contact the Checkpoint Marshall who will allow the next rider to begin their leg.
- Ensure that an outgoing time is recorded for the rider and note it on the 'Blue Team Time Sheet' along with the fact that the previous rider did not complete their leg.
- The incomplete rider will be assigned a time equal to the slowest time on that leg.

SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION

A. CLOTHING: Riders are encouraged to wear bright clothing.

B. SOLO RIDERS: Only experienced riders should enter this category. Icycle Sports is sponsoring a selection of snacks at checkpoints 3 and 5 for solo riders only.

C. TEAM SUPPORT: Teams must be totally self-sufficient for bike repairs and refreshments.

D. CERTIFICATES: A [Certificate template](#) is available on the website and can be filled in with your personal rider information and printed.

Rules for Support Vehicles

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Support vehicles are permitted to assist riders throughout the race. Please follow these simple rules to ensure that riders and drivers have an enjoyable and safe race.

Violations of the REQUIREMENT Support Vehicle Rules may result in team disqualification or time penalties as determined by Race Officials.

REQUIREMENTS

Support vehicles are permitted to assist riders throughout the race FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD ONLY.

All regular rules of the road are in effect at all times before, during, and after the race.

This race has the potential for many dangerous traffic situations. Use caution at all times, particularly at checkpoints. Watch for riders when parking and opening vehicle doors.

1. Each team may have only one official support vehicle.
 - Teams will be given 2 vehicle identification tags.
 - These tags must be displayed on the right front window and rear window.
 - Only support vehicles bearing this identification will be allowed in the checkpoint areas

which permit parking, Checkpoints 3 and 4.

- PLEASE use as FEW vehicles as possible for moving riders down the course.

2. Strict **no parking zones** have been established on either side of checkpoints. At checkpoints obey all signs and only park and stop where permitted. There is Special Traffic Control in effect around Checkpoint 1 and Checkpoint 2. If violation is noted, this may result in time penalty and/or team disqualification.
3. **Parking:** When parking your vehicle along the highway, park COMPLETELY OFF the traveled surface of the road so that when you open your door, it doesn't interfere with riders or vehicles. If there is not enough room to park in this manner, please move further down the highway and look for a better place to park.
4. Support vehicles shall not travel on the shoulder of the road (the bike lane) or keep pace with the rider. Motorpacing of riders is not allowed.
5. Support vehicles must drive in the right-hand lane only. Drivers must obey the rules of the road and pull completely off the highway and bike lane to assist their rider. Park and stop only on the right-hand side of the road, when it is safe to do so.
6. **Passing:** Pass only when it is safe to do so. Do not pass cyclists or vehicles UNLESS it is safe to do so (i.e. you can see far enough down the road that the left lane is clear and safe to use). This is a basic safe driving practice which is ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT in this event!