



OFFICIAL REGULATIONS HAUTE ROUTE FRANCE

PREAMBLE

France Velo Evénements, a simplified joint stock company with share capital of €50,000, registered in the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 978 369 163, with its registered office at 25 rue Notre-Dame des Victoires in Paris (75002), is a company specializing in the creation, production, promotion, sale and organization of sporting events in the field of cycling (hereinafter referred to as "FVE" or the "Organizer").

As such, FVE organizes the "Haute Route" events, cycling road races over several days comprising several stages on the timed and classified roads of France (the "**Haute Route France Events**").

"Haute Route Alpes 2025", one of the Haute Route France Events, is organized from Sunday, August 24, 2025 to Saturday, August 30, 2025 on a seven-stage itinerant route from Megève to Nice (hereinafter "**Haute Route Alpes 2025**", the "**Race**" or "**Event**").

1. PURPOSE

The present official regulations (hereinafter the "**Regulations**") are intended, in particular, to govern the terms and conditions of participation by the rider (hereinafter the "**Rider**") in the Event. It is the responsibility of all Riders to familiarize themselves with the Regulations and to ensure that they comply with them.

These Regulations apply in addition to all other conditions incorporated into the contractual relationship between the Organizer and the Riders, including the general terms and conditions of sale of the Event (hereinafter the "**GTC**").

2. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The Race is open to licensed and non-licensed cyclists and cyclosporives of all nationalities, aged 18 or over by December 31, 2024. As an exception, Riders who are minors on the date of the Race but who will turn 18 within the year must provide a parental attestation. A copy can be provided by the Organizer upon written request from the Rider to the following address: hello@hauteroute.fr.

By participating in the Race, you are taking part in one of the sporting events organized or approved by a sports federation. To take part in the Race, you must present :

- a French sports license issued by the French Cycling Federation (FFC); **or**
- an equivalent international license recognized by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), bearing the words "no contraindication to competitive cycling"; **or**
- an original medical certificate stating "no contraindication to competitive cycling", dated less than one (1) year before the last day of the Race.
- A certificate from the FFC health module for racing (hereinafter the "**Health Module**") and, in cases covered by the Health Module, a medical certificate stating that there are no contraindications to competitive cycling.

Riders must send a copy to the Organizer in order to definitively validate their registration. In addition, Riders must provide one of these documents when collecting their bib.

For registration to be validated, the Rider must also ensure that he/she has completed the following mandatory steps:

- Complete the online registration form in full;
- Provide the Organizer with valid emergency contact information.

If these compulsory stages are not completed, the Rider may not be allowed to start the Race.

3. RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK RECOGNITION

Each Rider acknowledges that participation in the Race requires minimum training and that he/she must be physically and medically fit to participate. By registering for the Race, each Rider agrees to assume full and complete responsibility for any accident that may occur while travelling to or from the Race or during the Race. Each Rider also assumes the risks inherent in the Race such as, but not limited to, accidents with other Riders, bad weather, road accidents and traffic conditions.

Cyclospor, the practice of cycling for leisure and in competition, is a dangerous sport by its very nature, particularly insofar as road traffic remains open to all types of vehicle during the Race. Consequently, each Rider is exposed to a certain number of risks, including - but not limited to - bodily injury, material damage to the bike, etc... (hereinafter the "**Risks**"), which each Rider accepts and acknowledges.

The Organizer reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make changes to the Race and/or itinerary at short notice if it deems it necessary to meet the safety objective of the Event or the Riders.

4. BIB COLLECTION

Riders will receive their bib once they have completed the following actions:

- Provide valid identification;
- Confirm that their emergency contact is correct and valid;
- Present their mandatory equipment, described below.

Each Rider must collect his bib in person.

The Organizer reserves the right to prohibit the start of the Race to a Rider who would not have fulfilled these actions or would not be in conformity with the conditions described in Article 2 without the latter being entitled to claim any prejudice whatsoever.

5. EQUIPMENT

Riders must use a racing bike to take part in the Race. In addition, the following equipment is mandatory, at all times during the Race and without conditions:

- Hard-shell helmet ;
- Long-sleeved jacket for cold weather;
- Overshoes ;
- Leggings ;
- Long gloves ;
- Red rear light fitted to the bike used in the Race.

The cost of such equipment shall be borne by the Rider.

The Organizer reserves the right to forbid the start of the Race or of a stage to a Rider who does not present all this compulsory equipment.

The following equipment (or modification of equipment) is strictly prohibited:

- Any system that does not meet the commonly accepted definition of a "racing bike";
- Triathlete handlebars or any other handlebar extension system;
- Bottles and flasks made of non-deformable materials (glass, aluminum, etc.);

- Recumbent bicycles, unicycles, tandems and electric bicycles;
- Wheels with less than 12 spokes.

The Organizer reserves the right to carry out random inspections on all bikes. In the event of a bike not complying with the conditions described above, the Rider may be banned from taking part in the Race or a stage.

6. CATEGORIES AND RANKINGS

The Race is a cyclosportive stage race, with two distinct Ranking: individual (hereinafter the "**Solo Ranking**") and team (hereinafter the "**Team Ranking**").

All Riders will appear in the Solo Ranking, and may choose to join a team to appear in the Team Ranking. To enter the Team Ranking, a team must comprise a minimum of 3 Riders and a maximum of 10 Riders. Riders wishing to compete as part of a team must contact the Organizer in writing at hello@hauteroute.fr, who will inform them of the additional steps required to be included in the Team Ranking. Riders wishing to compete as a team, but who are unable to assemble a sufficient number of team members, will only appear in the Solo Ranking.

Riders will be classified in one of the following Rankings:

- Solo Men ;
- Solo Women;
- Team Men (men only) ;
- Team Femmes (women only) ;
- Team Mix (made up of at least one woman and one man).

Riders in the Solo Ranking will be classified in the following age categories (age determined by the age on December 31st of the year of the Race):

- 18-29 years ;
- 30-39 years ;
- 40-49 years ;
- 50-59 years ;
- 60 and over.

7. RACE SAFETY

The Race will not be closed to traffic, but the Organizer will make every effort to make it safe, in particular to ensure that Riders have right of way in the timed sectors.

Riders must be extra vigilant and comply with the French highway code, in particular:

- Drive on the right side of the road at all times;
- Do not cross the middle of the road;
- Respect the signs posted by the Organizer;
- Respect traffic lights or other traffic signs if they are not secured by a signaller or one of the Organizer's safety motorcyclists;
- Respect other road users not involved in the race.

The following rules have been put in place to ensure the safety of the Riders and allow for the proper management of the Race:

- Each Rider must wear his bib on his back in a clearly visible manner at all times;
- Each Rider is obliged to place his frame plate clearly visible at all times on the front of his handlebars;
- Bib numbers and frame plates must not be modified, altered or cut out under any circumstances;
- It is strictly forbidden to wear headphones at any time during each stage of the Race.

Some stages will begin with a secure convoy of all Riders, at a regulated pace, until the actual start (start of the stopwatch). Each Rider must scrupulously respect the instructions given by the Organizer.

When the actual finish of the stage (stopwatch) is before the host town, Riders must scrupulously respect the highway code for the remaining kilometers, as they no longer have right of way.

Any Rider who fails to comply with the safety rules described above may receive a time penalty or be disqualified from the Race, in accordance with the provisions described in Article 18 of the Regulations.

8. MEDICAL SAFETY

The Event's medical service will be made up of emergency doctors, nurses, first-aiders and ambulances in sufficient numbers to comply with current regulations and the characteristics of the Event.

For medical reasons, a Rider may be temporarily or permanently refused participation in the Race.

A medical emergency number will be set up so that each Rider can contact the medical team in the event of a major problem, 24/7.

Each Rider :

- agrees to comply with all applicable health and safety regulations;
- authorizes the Organizer's staff or any other representative of the Organizer, or any other medical personnel, to provide him with medical care and to transport him to a medical facility;
- agrees to pay all costs of care and transportation;
- agrees to the disclosure (to or by the Organizer, any federation and/or accrediting body, insurance companies, other health care providers and their staff or representatives) of any medical information or records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or other purposes.

9. RACE TIMEKEEPING

Race timekeeping will be carried out using an electronic timing system. All registrants will receive a frame plate containing a timing sensor.

This frame plate, which must be fitted to the front of the handlebars, will be used to check the regularity of the Race at various points along the route and to give the time achieved by each Rider on each stage.

For stage 1, the starting time for each Rider will be the precise time given by the timing chip on the frame plate when crossing the first timing mat. From stage 2 to the end of the Race, a common start time will be given to the best Riders in the General Ranking (first 25 Solo men and first 5 Solo women). This time will be that of the first Rider to cross the start line.

Rankings will be calculated by adding the time taken by each Rider from the start to the end of each timed section.

Apart from the mass start for the first timed section, the time taken into account will be that given precisely by the timing chip on your frame plate as you cross each timing mat (start and end of timed section, and finish line).

A Rider who does not follow the entire route will not be classified at the finish.

For safety reasons, the Organizer reserves the right not to time certain sections of the Race. These untimed sections must be ridden on the bike, and external assistance is totally forbidden on these sections.

Any Rider who fails to comply with the rules described above may receive a time penalty or be disqualified from the Race, in accordance with the provisions described in Article 18 of the Regulations.

10. TIME LIMITS

Riders must complete every stage inside the stated cut-off time in order to appear in the Final General Ranking.

Cut-off times depend on a number of factors: the distance and difficulty of each stage, weather conditions and the positive and negative gradient of the route. They are defined in close collaboration with the local authorities issuing the permits. These time limits will be communicated during the safety briefing on the eve of each stage.

The following rules apply to cut-off times:

- If a Rider exceeds the cut-off time, he will be disqualified and will then be able to join the "Haute Route Village" in the broom bus;
- By exceeding the cut-off time on a stage, the Rider will be classified as "non-finisher" (DNF) in the official stage Ranking. In such a case, he will be allowed to start on the following days, but will no longer appear in the event's general ranking. He will still appear in the rankings of the stages he finishes, and will be eligible for the daily podiums. The "End of Race Car" will have the authority to stop a Rider who has exceeded a cut-off time.

The "Red Lantern" is a personality whose role during the Race is to provide help, support and encouragement to Riders struggling to complete the stage within the time limit. While the Red Lantern's role is paramount during the Race, his or her position does not define the cut-off time for the stage.

11. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Riders may not receive personal assistance outside the feed zones set up by the Organizer. This includes any form of assistance, in particular mechanical assistance, water or food. Follow-up vehicles will not be allowed to intervene between two feed zones.

Any person who contravenes the regulations described above may see the Rider he is following receive a time penalty or be disqualified from the Event, in accordance with the provisions described in Article 18 of the Regulations.

12. RANKINGS

12.1. Solo rankings

Only Solo Riders who have completed all stages and crossed the finish line before the cut-off time each day will appear in the final General Race Ranking. All Riders must cross the finish line at the "Haute Route Village" on each stage, particularly in cases where the "final stopwatch" is placed before this finish line.

12.2. Team rankings

Each team will be ranked in the Team General Ranking. This ranking will be established by aggregating the times of the three best team members across the various stages.

If any Team Riders withdraw, reducing the number of Riders in the Team below three, the Team will be withdrawn from the Team General Ranking. Team Riders still competing will remain in the Solo General Ranking.

In the particular case of a Team Mix, this Ranking will be established by cumulating the times of the team's three best Riders across the different stages, with at least one woman and one man ranked on each stage. If any Riders in a Team Mix retire and the team can no longer meet this condition, even if three Riders are still present in the Team Mix (3 men or 3 women), the latter will be withdrawn from the General Team Ranking.

13. RIDER WITHDRAWALS

13.1. Withdrawal during a stage

If a Rider suffers a breakdown during a stage of the Race, he can take advantage of the broom bus to reach the finish in the best possible conditions. This Rider will be allowed to restart the next morning if he so wishes, but he will no longer be included in the official General Ranking, as no time will be awarded to him on the abandoned stage.

In the event of retirement during a stage for medical reasons, the Rider may only resume the Race after authorization from the Event doctor.

13.2. Final withdrawal from the Race

In the event of a definitive withdrawal, the Rider shall be fully responsible for repatriation to his chosen destination, and in particular for the repatriation of his luggage and equipment (including his bike bag, which will be available at the final finish town for a 7-day event).

13.3. No-shows at the start

If a Rider does not wish to start the Race or a stage for medical or material reasons, he/she will be classified as a non-starter (DNS) on the stage in question. He may nevertheless, if he wishes, take the start of the Race on the following day(s), but will not appear in the official General Ranking. He will have to make his own way to the start of the next stage.

14. OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

An official prize giving ceremony will be held at the end of each stage. The following Riders must attend:

- The first man and woman of the stage;
- The leader of the Women's Solo General Ranking ;
- The leader of the Men's Solo Ranking ;
- Team Men, Team Women and Team Mix stage winners;
- The leading team in the Team Femmes general Ranking ;
- The leading team in the Team Men overall Rankings ;
- The leading team in the Team Mix overall Rankings.

During the prize giving ceremony, a distinctive jersey will be given to each leader of the Solo Rankings (Men and Women). Each of the Riders concerned will be required to wear this jersey on the following day's stage. Race winners will receive prizes in kind, but no cash will be awarded.

15. DAILY SAFETY BRIEFINGS

The official prize giving ceremonies described in Article 14 will be immediately followed by the daily safety briefing. On this occasion, the Riders will be briefed each day on the following day's stage: essential information on the route, timing, road closures and any other information concerning the safety of the peloton. Any changes made to the stage will be communicated at this briefing.

The presence of each Rider is compulsory. Riders who fail to attend may be penalized in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 18 of the Regulations.

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Liability insurance

Each Rider guarantees that he/she has civil liability insurance covering the risks associated with his/her participation in the Event.

In accordance with current legislation, the Organizer has taken out insurance covering the pecuniary consequences of its professional civil liability, that of its employees and that of all participants in the Event, including the Riders.

With regard to the civil liability of the Riders, this insurance only covers accidents they may cause during the Event. This cover is in addition to, or in default of, any other insurance from which the Riders may benefit. Proof of insurance cover may be provided to any Rider on request.

16.2. Personal accident insurance

All Riders, whether or not they are members of a sports federation, can take out insurance when they register for the Event, or at the latest when they collect their bib, guaranteeing the payment of a lump sum in the event of bodily injury (death or permanent disability) due to an accident occurring during the Event.

THIS INSURANCE IS OPTIONAL BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. It can be taken out in addition to other insurance.

Such insurance may be taken out with the insurer of your choice or with ASSUR CONNECT. For further information or to take out a policy, please use the following link: <https://hauteroutelesabes.assur-connect.com/>.

16.3. Material damage insurance

The Organizer declines all responsibility in the event of damage (theft, breakage, loss, etc.) to the Rider's personal property, even if the Organizer is responsible for its surveillance. The Rider, in his capacity as owner, expressly agrees to retain custody of his personal property for the duration of the Event. This applies in particular to any damage suffered by the Rider's personal property while it is left in the locker, which may be set up by the Organizer during the Event. Riders may not claim compensation from the Organizer for any damage suffered.

17. ANTI-DOPING

The Event is organized under the aegis of the FFC. As such, anti-doping tests may be carried out during the Event. Riders undertake to comply strictly with the ban on doping and with the provisions concerning anti-doping tests, as they result from the laws and regulations in force, in particular articles L. 230-1 et seq. of the French Sports Code.

Any refusal to submit to a diligent control or any positive test will be subject to (i) a sporting and disciplinary sanction at the discretion of the Organizer without prejudice, where applicable, (ii) disciplinary proceedings before the federation with which the Rider is licensed, or before the French Anti-Doping Agency, if he is not licensed by any federation.

18. SPORTING PENALTIES

18.1. Respect for the environment

The Event has a strict "ZERO WASTE" policy on the roads. Riders must keep their garbage with them until they are able to dispose of it in a garbage can set up by the Organizer at the refreshment points, or in a garbage can they may find on the roadside. In the event of infringement of this rule, the following penalties will apply:

- Stage disqualification;
- Disqualification from the General Ranking ;
- The Rider will be allowed to continue the event but will no longer appear in the General Ranking;
- In the event of a repeat offence, the Rider will be disqualified from the Race.

18.2. Start line / Finish line

All Riders, without exception, must cross the official start line and the official finish line of each stage (these lines may be different from the timed start and finish of each stage). Before each stage, the best Riders in the General Ranking (first 25 Solo men and first 5 Solo women) must sign a presence sheet at the official start line. In the event of a breach of this rule, the following penalties will apply:

- 5-minute time penalty added to stage result;
- Time penalty of 5 minutes added to the overall Ranking.

18.3. External assistance

It is strictly forbidden for Riders to receive water, food or material assistance during the stage outside the dedicated feed zones, or from any vehicle other than an Organizer vehicle outside these zones. Riders may use products offered by the Organizer or may receive products from their own support team inside the feed zone.

In the event of a breach of this rule, the following penalties will apply:

- 30-minute time penalty added to stage result;
- A 30-minute time penalty will be added to the overall ranking;
- In the event of a repeat offence, the Rider will be disqualified from the Race.

Riders in breach of safety rules or instructions given by Race officials will be liable to sanctions ranging from a simple time penalty to disqualification depending on the seriousness of the offence.

18.4. Headphones

A time penalty of 15 minutes will be added to the stage result of any Rider wearing headphones during the stage.

19. LANGUAGE OF THE REGULATIONS

The original version of the GTC is written in French. The English translation of the GTC is a translation of the French version. In the event of any contradiction or conflict as to the interpretation of the provisions of the GTC between the original French version and the English translation, the original French version shall prevail.

20. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

By registering for the Race, each Rider acknowledges that he/she has read the present Regulations and the GTC and accepts them expressly and without reservation.

21. ORDER OF PRIORITY

In the event of any contradiction between these Regulations and the GTC, the latter shall prevail.