

REGULATION ROC D'AZUR 2009

INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT

1. DEFINITION

1 - 1. Sportys organises the Roc d'Azur competition within the framework of an INTERNATIONAL event under the aegis of the French Cycling Federation.

1 - 2. Any competitor who takes part in this competition, is supposed to be aware of the present regulation. S/he is committed to respecting all its measures unreservedly.

1 - 3. The sole competent authority will be that of the Joint Statutory Auditors for the application of the present regulation.

2. PARTICIPATION

2 - 1. All participants not having an FFC, FFTRI, FSGT, UFOLEP licence or a member of the National Federation affiliated to the UCI, must provide a medical certificate for non contraindication to the practice of competitive cycling, dating back to within the past year.

Participants are aware that:

- no medical certificate will be issued on site
- no discharge will be accepted
- for under 18s, parental authorisation is compulsory

3. CLASS

3 - 1. All racers will contest the Roc d'Azur in the following series: *ELITE*, *NATIONAL*, *REGIONAL*, *DEPARTMENTAL*.

3 - 2. Competitors participating in the Mid Roc event with an *ELITE* series licence, will not be taken into account for the ranking of the latter.

4. CATEGORY

4 - 1. The participating categories are as follows:

- o KID ROC 7 to 14 yrs
- o 'CADETS' 15 to 16 yrs
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- o JUNIOR MEN 17 to 18 yrs

- o JUNIOR WOMEN 17 to 18 yrs
- o 'ESPOIRS' (men – women) 19 to 22 yrs
- o MEN 23 to 29 yrs
ELITE, NATIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL series
- o MASTERS I 30 to 39 yrs
- o MASTERS II 40 yrs and over
- o WOMEN 23 yrs and over
ELITE, NATIONAL, REGIONAL series
- o TANDEM (men or women) 17 yrs and over

4 - 2. Solely the year of birth is taken into account for the allocation of participants in the various categories.

5. CIRCUIT

5 - 1. Checkpoints may be set up along the course. The Joint Statutory Auditors will check all or part of the scores achieved in this way.

5 - 2. For the obvious safety reasons, retiring participants must report their abandonment to the nearest first-aid or refreshment station.
In the absence of information about a retirement, the participant must bear the cost of the means implemented in the search for his/herself.

5 - 3. Any competitor caught going around the circuit the wrong way will immediately be disqualified.

5 - 4. The failure to respect the whole course, the taking of shortcuts or the use of any other unfair means to gain an advantage against the other competitors, will lead to them being disqualified (ref. article 7.3.2 UCI).

5 - 5. The racer is solely responsible for his/her race.

5 - 6. A fork will be installed along the 53 km and 83 km Roc d'Azur at the discretion of the Race Management, to enable participants in the last waves to cross the finish line before nightfall.

Once this fork is installed it will be compulsory. All participants having crossed the finish line prior to and after the fork, will be ranked.

5 - 7. The race management reserves the right to make modifications to the course at the last minute for safety reasons.

In this case, messages will be announced via the general PA system.

5 - 8. It is recommended to competitors that they perform reconnaissance of the course solely during the official days, namely 48 hours prior to the event, under penalty of disqualification, in order to respect private properties.

Competitors are responsible for damage they cause to private properties outside the official dates of the Roc d'Azur.

6. REGISTRATION

6 - 1. Registration can be made in 3 ways:

- _ either by Internet,
- _ or by mail,
- _ or on site, at an additional cost.

6 -2. For Internet registration, the payment of fees must be performed by distance payment (banker's card).

6 - 3. For registration via mail, competitors must send their registration form and, at the same time, must settle the corresponding registration fee via bank cheque. Any non-payment will lead to nullity of the registration.

6 - 4. The confirmation of your registration will be done via email (if registration is sent prior to 1st October 2009) and may also be available on the Internet. The registration forms received after the period indicated on the forms will not be taken into account. Racers having to re-register on site on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will see an increase in their registration fees.

6 - 5. Registration on site will be closed an hour before each race start.

6 - 6. The list of entrants may be consulted on the Internet site www.rocazor.com.

6 – 7. For safety reasons and the well-being of competitors, the organisation limits the number of entrants per race in the Roc d'Azur, considering that each race cannot exceed 500 persons per wave.

As a result:

- the Roc d'Azur on Sunday (1st start 0930hrs), will comprise 8 waves, or a maximum of 4,000 competitors
- the randonnée noire (black trail), 4 waves or 2,000 people
- the randonnée rouge (red trail), 1 wave or 500 people
- the Roc Marathon, 4 waves or 2,000 people
- the Roc Pro, 2 waves or 1,000 people
- the Master Roc, 4 waves or 2,000 people
- the Mid Roc, 1 wave or 1,000 people
- the Rando Roc Odyssey, 1 wave or 500 people...

In addition, all Kids Roc events, for the same reasons, may be forced to limit the number of entrants at any moment, given that no waves can exceed 300 children.

7. RACE BADGE

7 - 1. To facilitate the identification and checks, each competitor must be equipped with a handlebar badge, which is compulsory both in competition and long distance courses.

7 - 2. Badges will be supplied by the organiser.

7 - 3. The handlebar badges are nominatives and non transmissible. Any offender will have to be turned away at the start.

7 - 4. Participants in the various competitions are compelled to wear, in a manner which is highly visible, numbers, stickers and badges, sporting the initials of the company sponsoring the event.

8. RECEPTION and OFFICIAL CHECKING

8 - 1. The reception, the registration and the official checking of competitors will take place from 1700 hrs on Wednesday for all categories, and this until Sunday morning at 0900 hrs.

8 - 2. For registration on site: competitors will present themselves at the check, with their licence (for members) or a piece of identity with a medical certificate (for non members).

In return, the organisation will present them with an event pack, number, microchip and a handlebar badge (see registration form for terms).

For pre-registered entrants: competitors regularly entered for event must produce a piece of identity and the vest number so as to obtain the pack.

9. MATERIAL

9 - 1. Bicycles admitted to the Roc d'Azur must satisfy the official standards in force.

9 - 2. Competitors are solely responsible for the conformity to the standards in force, of the gear they use as well as its maintenance.

9 - 3. The handlebar badge must be attached in such a way that it is clearly visible. This badge and number (for competitions only) are areas reserved for the organisation's official sponsors, to the exclusion of any other, and must be retained in their original configuration. Failure to respect these reserved areas will incur refusal at the start or point penalties at the finish.

10. EQUIPMENT

10 - 1. The wearing of the rigid helmet, with chin strap attached, is compulsory throughout the duration of competitive events and long distance courses alike. In the event of omission from this obligation, the organiser may in no way be held responsible as regards possible incidents which may result.

11. START ZONE

11 - 1. Access to start lines is gained via lateral gates corresponding with the respective positions of competitors on the starting grid.

11 - 2. Any participant taking the start without going through the grid control, will be deemed as a non starter and will not be ranked.

11 - 3. Within the framework of the Roc d'Azur event category "Hommes et Espoirs (Men and Male 19-22 yr olds)", solely distinctive international (World, Europe) and national Champions and jerseys obtained in the 'Mens' category (Elite, UCI) will be admitted onto the 1st start line.

12 . COMMENTS

12 - 1. Any competitor who is caught up, must give way, on pain of time penalties.

12 - 2. Any participant having been subject to a medical intervention, during or following events, must make a declaration to the organisation within five days, on a standard form. Beyond this time period, any declaration may not be taken into account, the organisation may not be held responsible.

13 . START SCHEDULES

The official start schedules for all events and categories will be communicated to participants via posters and microphone announcements.

14 . REPAIRS and OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

14 - 1. No vehicular pursuit of the cyclists is permitted.

14 - 2. It is the responsibility of the racer or his/her team (MTB UCI or national) to have material in the technical assistance zone.

As the regulations state (art. 2.4.3 reg UCI), solely the racer him/herself or one of his/her team-mates (same MTB UCI team or same national team) can effect repairs or perform a change of material in the zone.

In addition, technical assistance can be given outside the zones between team-mates (same MTB UCI team or same national team) during Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships and the events in the World Cup.

The technical assistance zones are the same as the refreshment zones (art. 2.4.2.1 REG UCI). As such there is need for organisers to provide something else other than what currently exists. The number of zones is set at three (3)

14 - 3. On the circuit, the only official motorbikes admitted are those whose drivers are wearing an official chasuble. They will be limited per race and identifiable:

- o one forerunner motorbike
- o one race commentary motorbike for the finish line
- o one steward motorbike
- o one press motorbike (camera)

- o one doctor motorbike
- o one sweeper motorbike

15 . REFRESHMENTS

15 - 1. Liquid and solid refreshment is permitted along the course, in addition to official refreshment stations set up by the organisation.

16 . RANKING

16 - 1. The following rankings will be established:

- o Mens Scratch from the “Elite” and “Espoir” (19-22 yrs old) series
- o Womens Scratch from the “Elite”, “National”, “Regional”, “Departmental” and “Espoirs” (19-22 yrs old) series
- o Junior Men (17-18 yrs old)
- o Espoir Men (19-22 yrs old)
- o Espoir Women (19-22 yrs old)
- o Master I and II (see registration form)
- o Cadet (15-16 yr old Boys)
- o Cadette (15-16 yr old Girls)
- o Tandem
- o Kid Roc

16 - 2. The rankings will be displayed and signed by the race secretary and the finish judge, with a comment about the time display, according to the following procedure:

- 1) after the arrival of the first 20 from each race
- 2) 50 minutes after the first arrival from each category

16 - 3. The time period for making a protest starts from the time the results are displayed (the 1st display for the top 20).

17 . REWARDS AND PRIZE-GIVING

17 - 1. The participation of competitors at the prize-givings after the events is compulsory. In their absence the competitor will not receive his/her prize, and sports penalties may be decided upon by the stewards (except in the event of force majeure).

17 - 2. Prize grid (see table)

Ranks 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 TOTAL
Men 2000 1500 1000 570 400 300 200 125 90 70 6255
Women 1000 700 465 330 200 165 130 100 80 65 3235
Espoirs M 500 300 220 100 75 1195
Espoirs W 150 100 75 325
Juniors M 150 75 40 30 20 315
Juniors W 75 45 30 15 15 180
Masters 300 150 70 60 45 625

Tandem 150 70 60 45 30 355

Total 12460

MARATHON BONUS

MTB Marathon

Men Women

1st 1 000 €350 €

2nd 750 €200 €

3rd 500 €150 €

4th 250 €

5th 250 €

Total 2 750 €700 €

Total Bonus 3 450 €

The various bonuses will be paid to each participant during the prize-giving.

18 . PENALTIES

18 - 1. Failure to respect the areas reserved for official sponsors on handlebar badges (art 10.3):

- at the start *refusal to start*
- at the finish *time penalties*

18 - 2. Lack of branding on the cycles (art 10.6):

- at the finish or during an unexpected test *__disqualified*

18 - 3. Absence at a checkpoint (art 5.2.1) *__disqualified*

18 - 4. Circulation in the opposite direction to the circuit (art 5.2.2) *__disqualified*

18 - 5. Refusal to give way by a competitor that has been caught up *__time penalties*

18 - 6. Failure to respect the course (art 5.2.3) *__disqualified*

18 - 7. Absence of helmet during the race *__disqualified*

19. CANCELLATION GUARANTEE

Any undertaking is personal, firm and definitive, and cannot be the subject of any refund for whatever reason, except for racers having signed the specific 'cancellation' guarantee. No registration transfer is permitted for whatever reason. Any person ceding back his/her number to a third party will be held responsible in the event of an accident suffered or caused by the latter during the event. The organisation does not accept any responsibility in the event of accident in this type of situation.

Participant: Any person who, at the moment s/he registers, has taken out the cancellation guarantee prior to 30th June via form and 4th October via Internet.

Bonus: 2€ per person to be added to the registration fee with the same payment (tick the relevant box on the registration form).

Subject of the guarantee: Sportys guarantees the participant a refund of the expenses incurred for registration to one of the Roc d'Azur events.

Terms of acceptance: The participant may be brought to cancel his/her registration due to one of the following events:

- an accident, a serious illness or death of his/herself,
- a series illness requiring hospitalisation or death occurring to his/her spouse or acknowledged cohabitant, first ascendants or descendants, in the thirty days preceding the event.

The severity of the illness or the accident must be recorded by an appropriate body which is to issue a medical certificate.

Compensation terms: any request for a refund must be sent to us, accompanied by a medical certificate, at the latest within the 10 days that follow the event. Requests will be dealt with in the months following the event.

20. INSURANCE

Civil liability: in accordance with the law, the organisers have taken out insurance covering the consequences of their civil liability, those of their employees and all the participants in the Roc d'Azur events. A receipt may be provided to any participant making such a request.

Personal accident: Participants not benefiting from a sports licence from French Cycling Federations, FSGT, UFOLEP, FFTriathlon, and registered for the Roc d'Azur 2009 are guaranteed.

21. CLAIMS

21 - 1. Claims relating to the running of the event or the behaviour of other competitors, must be filed in writing and signed by the racer within 60 days of his/her arrival.

21 - 2. Claims relating to the ranking, must be filed within a deadline of 30 minutes after the results are posted up.

21 - 3. The Joint Statutory Auditors will regulate disputes immediately by gathering together on site. Any competitor called into question must be heard by the Joint Statutory Auditors.

22. RIGHT OF PERSONAL PORTRAYAL

Through his/her participation in the Roc d'Azur 2009, each competitor expressly authorises Sportys (or its estate) to use or have used or produce or have produced, his/her name, image, voice and sports performance within the framework of the Roc d'Azur in view of any direct or indirect use, or use in the form derived from the event and this, on any medium, within the whole world, via all known or unknown means to date, and through the duration of protection currently granted for these direct uses or derived through legislative or statutory measures, judicial and/or arbitral decisions from all countries as well as through current or future international conventions, including possible extensions which may be made to this duration.

23. CNIL (French data protection watchdog)

In conformity with the French data protection watchdog of 6th January 1978, you have a right of access and personal rectification relating to you.

Via our intermediary, you may be brought to receive proposals from other companies or associations. If you don't want to receive them, it is sufficient for you to write, indicating your surname, forename and address.

24. DOPING

All the control rulings against doping as well as those established by the French legislation (eg.: Public Health Code, Chapter IV of law no.2003-708 from 1st August 2003 relating to the organisation and promotion of physical and sports activities) that those set by international ruling (ref UCI), or any measures adopted in this domain in the future, are applicable within the framework of the ROC D'AZUR 2009.

Any offender in these measures lays open to penalties in the measures listed above.

25. RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In view of the beauty of the region and the site which accommodates us each year, we urge all participants to respect the environment (not to drop wrappers, cigarette butts, ... on the ground). Also take care not to light fires in a region likely to suffer blazes. Be vigilant. Any offender may risk legal proceedings.