

RUTA VIA DE LA PLATA NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1

REGULATIONS FOR RVP-NON STOP/EUROVELO 1

Article 1. Definition

The Ruta Via de la Plata-NonStop/ Eurovelo 1 (RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1) is a mountain bike sporting event in the purest *randonneur* style between Gijón and Seville in which it is possible to enter individually or as a team (and which can be done fully or in relays).

RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 will be held to coincide with the full moon in June.

The event will begin at 10.00 am on June 12 2019 in Gijón and will finish in Seville on Sunday June 16 at 1.00 pm, with a maximum duration of 100 hours (average speed of 10 kph).

The event will include eight check points where the participants must have their route card stamped (La Pola de Gordón, La Bañeza, Zamora, Guijuelo, Plasencia, Casar de Cáceres, Calamonte and Zafra). Teams opting to participate in the relay categories must carry out the relays at those points. The organisation will also establish all the secret check points deemed necessary. These will be perfectly signposted on the route and the participants must have their route card stamped at those points too, since they aim to avoid the participants going off-route.

Each participant will be regarded as on a “personal trip”, accepting and obeying all the legal regulations as regards traffic and the environment and will be uniquely responsible for his or her acts.

The event will take place in accordance with these rules and regulations. In the case of discrepancies, the person who believes himself or herself aggrieved must make a complaint in writing and the organisation committee will take the final decision.

Article 2. Registration

In order to participate, it is necessary to have insurance covering civil liability and accidents that satisfies the legal requirements for this kind of event.

Foreign participants must present a certificate showing that their insurance is valid in Spain together with a copy of their insurance policy.

Registration can be made through the official website for the event: www.rvpnonstop.com.

The form must have been completed and the entry fees paid for the registration to be valid.

The entry fee will be 120.00€ per participant, whatever category they are entering. Additionally a deposit of 100.00€ must be paid for each monitoring control device. Relay teams will only have one, which the member who is riding in the event must carry. This deposit will be refunded when the device is returned in Seville.

The entry fee includes:

- The right to take part in the event.
- Route card
- Ruta Via de la Plata passport
- Electronic monitoring and control device.
- Route tracks
- Eight food and drinks points
- T-shirt commemorating the event
- Commemorative jersey for the first 100 registrations.

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Article 3. Participation

RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 is open to the participation of cyclists 18 years of age or older.

The following categories have been established:

CENTURION: Male or female individual participant.

DUOBUS: Male or female (both participants must finish the whole route at the same time).

MIXED DUOBUS: Male and female (both participants must finish the whole route at the same time).

TRIO: Male, female or mixed (in relays).

VELITES: teams of 4 or 6 cyclists (in relays). Male, female or mixed.

LEGIIONNAIRES: Five or more participants that complete the route and a minimum of 4 must finish at the same time.

SOCIETATIS: teams of 2, 3 or 4 cyclists (in relays). A category for teams formed by employees of the same company. They must justify their status as employees of the company.

DIURNARIUS: teams of 2, 3 or 4 cyclists (in relays). Category for the mass media. The teams must certify that the members are journalists.

There must be a minimum of five registrations in a category for it to be recognised.

As this is a *randonneur* style event, each participant must be self-sufficient. However, due to the characteristics of the event and its difficulty, each team, including the CENTURION category, will be allowed a support vehicle that can only intervene in the eight official control points in the event.

In the relay categories, each participant must complete at least one of the sections between the official checkpoints.

Article 4. Limit to number of participants

As this is the first RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 event, the organisation will establish a limit of 500 participants for safety reasons and to provide the best possible attention.

Article 5. Distribution of event numbers

The participants can collect their event numbers on Tuesday June 11 2019 from 3.00 pm to 10.00 pm or on Wednesday June 12 2019 from 8.00 am to 9.00 am in Las Mestas Cycle Track (Gijón, Asturias).

Participants must present the documentation proving their registration and their insurance certificates.

The event numbers will be assigned in the order of registration, but the organisation will reserve the first ten numbers to be assigned according to their criteria and interests.

The organisation will provide the participants with:

- 1 plaque for the bicycle per participant.
- 1 electronic device to control the participants' times
- 1 on-line monitoring device per team, which will be the evidence of the relay.

Additionally, each participant will be given an identification bracelet which must be worn at all time during the event. This bracelet will allow access to the areas authorised for participants.

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Article 6. Reception of participants

A reception to welcome the participants will be held in Las Mestas Cycle Track (Gijón, Asturias) at 9.00 pm on June 11 2019. The characteristics of the event will be explained there. Attendance is compulsory. Failure to attend will excuse the organisation of any responsibility as regards the topics explained there

Article 7. Bicycle

Electric bicycles are not allowed.

Only mountain bikes with wheels 26, 27.5 or 29 inches in diameter will be allowed, and also cyclo-cross or gravel bikes with off-road tyres. All the tubes (frame, handlebars, connections, etc.) on the bicycle must be covered.

It is recommended that all the spares necessary to repair the bike should be carried.

It is compulsory to carry a white light at the front of the bike which should be switched on from dusk to dawn. A red light should be carried on the rear and this should be kept on during the whole route.

All bikes that in the opinion of the organising committee do not comply with the necessary safety elements for the competition will not be authorised to start the route.

Article 8. Equipment

Compulsory for all participants are:

- A rigid approved cycling helmet to be worn in the whole event.
- The use of reflectors so that the participants are clearly visible from dusk to dawn. Reflectors included in clothing will be accepted.
- The plaque with the number at the front of the bike.
- For safety reasons, a mobile phone with sufficient battery charge for it to work during the whole event. The number must be supplied to the organisation.
- The relay evidence (on-line monitoring device).
- A space blanket.

Although the food and drink stops will be complete and include solids and liquids, it is recommended that the participants carry their own food and drinks.

Article 9. Participation in the event

The start will be at 10.00 am on Wednesday June 12 2019 at Las Mestas Cycle Track (Gijón, Asturias) with a neutralised route escorted by security forces to the city limits where the official start will take place.

Two types of checkpoints will be established during the route.

9.1. Control of passage (CP)

Eight control points will be established beforehand and coincide with the relay points, in addition to the secret controls of passage. The participant's number and the time when the point is passed will be noted.

If a CP is missed or reached after the maximum time fixed by the organisation, the participant will be disqualified from the event.

Participants receiving outside help away from the controls of passage will be excluded from the event.

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9.2. Relay point (RP)

Points will be established on the route, called relay points, where the team member that is participating will hand over the evidence of the relay (on-line monitoring device) to the team member that will continue on the route. The relays will only be allowed in these points and in the area marked as the relay area.

The team member who will be regarded as participating in the event will be the one who carries the relay evidence.

The relay points will coincide with the controls of passage and food and drink points.

9.3. Life stations (LS) will coincide with each of the eight controls of passage. At these life stations, participants with no outside assistance will find the belongings that they choose to send with the organisation. For this, when they collect their event number, the participants should give the organisation their belongings in a well-closed bag labelled with their information (event number and name of the life station to which they would like their bag to be sent). A maximum of four bagdrops are allowed per participant. The organisation will seal each bag and deliver it to the life station, where it will be returned to the participant on identification.

During the route, the participants with no outside assistance can leave in the life stations the belongings they no longer require for the rest of the route and these will be delivered to them at the finish.

The contents of the bags can be certified and identified with photographs on a mobile phone to make the location of these objects easier, bearing in mind the difficulties and limitations during the event.

The life stations will be in enclosures with showers and rest areas to assist the participation in the RVP-NONSTOP /EUROVELO 1.

Article 10. Finish

The event will finish in Seville, at Consorcio de Turismo. Paseo Marqués de Contadero, s/n.

Article 11. Route track

The route will not be marked. Only the secret control points will be signposted sufficiently in advance to avoid any possible doubts about them. The organisation will provide the participants with a GPS track so that they can follow the route.

Article 12. Route

The route is open to traffic in some sections along roads. The participants must follow the indications of traffic authorities, respect the highway code and cycle with precaution.

It is compulsory to follow the route and controls of passage fixed by the organisation.

The maximum time in which to complete the route will be 100 hours.

The closing times at the check points will be:

La Pola de Gordón, at 11.00 pm on Wednesday June 12 2019

La Bañeza, at 9.00 am on Thursday June 13 2019

Zamora, at 4.00 pm on Thursday June 13 2019

Guijuelo, at 10.00 am on Friday June 14 2019

Plasencia, at 7.00 pm on Friday June 14 2019

Casar de Cáceres, at 3.00 am on Saturday June 15 2019

Calamonte, at 12.00 noon on Saturday June 15 2019

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Zafra, at 8.00 pm on Saturday June 15 2019

Seville, at 1.00 pm on Sunday June 16 2019

Article 13. Food and drink points

The official food and drink points will in the places of the controls of passage and will be clearly signposted.

They will provide all the needs of food and water for the participants during the event. Showers will also be available and areas for recharging mobile phones, GPS and light batteries.

Article 14. Impassable sections

The director of the event may decide that a section of the route has become impassable and is blocked. The route may then be diverted along an alternative section chosen by the organisation.

Article 15. Abandonment

The organisation must be informed as soon as possible if a team member abandons the route. In this case, the other members may continue the route and must remain in the category in which they entered the event. If the member who abandons is participating, this rider must abandon at a relay point, which the rider must reach by his or her own means without any outside help. If the rider does not complete the section, the whole team must abandon the event.

Article 16. Starting order/Categories

The starting order will be in the strict order of registration in the event according to the participants' event numbers, irrespective of the category in which they are participating.

Article 17. Awards

All the participants that complete the route will receive a medal and a diploma certifying that that have finished the RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1.

A commemorative jersey will be awarded to all the participants who finish the route within the official time but who were not among the first 100 to enter the event.

Article 18. Awards ceremony

The trophies and awards will be given at 2.00 pm on Sunday June 16 2019 at La Cartuja (Seville). The Emperor and Empress of RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 from among the participants in the CENTURION category will be awarded a Roman tunic and laurel crown.

Awards and diplomas will be given in the different categories with a minimum number of participants.

To receive the awards, it is necessary to attend the prize-giving ceremony.

Article 19. Penalisations

Any incorrect behaviour, short cuts, assistance outside the official points, anti-regulation relays, towing, or antisocial behaviour will result in the immediate disqualification from the event.

Article 20. Complaints and sanctions

Within the organising committee, a RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 monitoring committee will ensure that the event takes place correctly. The RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 monitoring committee will consider any complaints and solve any problems that may arise in the course of

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the event. Its decisions will be final and no appeals will be admitted. Any complaint or request must be made in writing and addressed to the RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 monitoring committee.

Article 21. Sport and nature

Our sport, mountain biking, is an activity that is carried out in nature and its impact on the environment is the responsibility of all the riders and organisers of the sporting events.

We request the participants to respect the natural environment which the route goes through, taking care with litter, wrappers, leftovers of food or drink, not to go outside the indicated routes or take shortcuts that damage the vegetation, respect pedestrians, take care with animals in the mountains, not to throw away any spare parts, etc.

Going outside the naturally indicated route or invading private property will result in disqualification from the event.

At the controls of passage (CP), the organisation will monitor the belongings that each participant takes with them between the sections. Any wrappers or litter left on the route outside the refuse containers will result in disqualification from the event.

Article 22. Other considerations

All the participants must respect all the other participants, members of the organisation, mass media and the general public.

The organisation reserves the right to alter or modify the present regulations at any time.

REGISTRATION IN THE RVP-NONSTOP/EUROVELO 1 STOP IMPLIES THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE REGULATIONS.

