

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN

CYCLOTOURING ASSOCIATION Founded in 1904

is organising
from 18 to 22 August 2003

The 15th PARIS-BREST-PARIS

Under the patronage of
The Minister responsible for Youth and Sport

with the participation of
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES

Under the sponsorship of the
FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE CYCLOTOURISME

And with the assistance of the following Clubs :
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Departmental committees : 75 - 78 - 28 - 53 - 35 - 56 - 22 - 29.

Departure and arrival: SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES - Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme at GUYANCOURT

REGULATIONS

| DEPARTURE | TYPE OF CYCLE | TIME LIMIT | OPENING OF CONTROLS |
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| Monday 8 :00 pm | Single and all-terrain cycles | 80 hours | Unrestricted |
| Monday 9:45 pm | Tandems, triplets, tricycles and all special cycles | 90 hours | Unrestricted |
| Monday 10:00 pm | Single and all-terrain cycles | 90 hours | To be respected |
| Tuesday 04:45 am | Tandems, triplets, tricycles et all special cycles | 84 hours | To be respected |
| Tuesday 05:00 am | Single and all-terrain cycles | 84 hours | To be respected |

Article 1

L'Audax Club Parisien, is organising from 18 to 22 August 2003, a 1200 km "Brevet de Randonneurs Mondiaux", (at unrestricted speed) PARIS - BREST - PARIS, **without assistance** except that authorised by the organisers.

Article 2 - conditions of entry

The PARIS-BREST-PARIS is open to all cyclists, male or female, belonging or not to a club, who are in possession of a cyclo-tourist licence for 2003. The participants must be at least eighteen years of age on the departure day of the event, and must have obtained, in 2003, the qualifying 'brevets' "Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux" of 200, 300, 400, 600 km, organised in France or abroad, and ratified exclusively by the Audax Club Parisien.

The following are not admitted:

- cyclist without a licence,
- a cyclo-tourisme licensee who also has a racing or triathlon licence for 2002 and 2003.

The number of participants is limited to 4000.

Priority will be given to licensees in the following order, FFCT and Foreign participants, then UFOLEP or FSGT.

The participant must supply a medical certificate which is **less than three months' old**, attesting that he is physically apt to cover the 1 200 km distance without any health risk.

Article 3 - cycles

All types of cycle may be used (bicycles, tandems, triplets, tricycles, all-terrain, special cycles) as long as it is propelled by human muscle power only.

Triathlete handlebars and all forms of prolonged bars are forbidden.

The cycles must possess a sufficiently powerful lighting system both **at the front and the rear**. It must be **securely fixed** and permanently on the cycle, **even during daytime, and be able to be used at all times**. At the rear a red **blinking diode is forbidden**. It is highly recommended that two lighting systems be foreseen - torch, dynamo or fixed diode.

Replacement bulbs must be carried (to be presented at the cycle controls on departure and along the route).

Lights must be switched on from nightfall to sunrise or whenever visibility is insufficient, whether the participant is alone or in a group.

If the participant is stopped because of **no or insufficient lighting**, he will only be authorised to continue once the lighting failure has been repaired, unless he has, in his possession, emergency lighting. In this case, he may continue to the next control point.

Note:

The white diode in the front is regarded as an emergency and not as a light.

In order to facilitate controls, a number plate is issued to each participant. **It must remain fixed to the cycle frame for the whole duration of the ride.**

Article 4 - registration

Registrations are individual and must be signed by the participant. The choice of departure is final and cannot be modified after registration. The registrations may only be sent **by post** from 9 JUNE to 11 JULY 2003 (postmark date).
To the following address :

- **French :**
M^{me} Marie-Thérèse MARTIN
6, passage Denis Maugis
78690 LES ESSARTS LE ROI
- **Non-French:**
M^r René CUILIER
9, avenue Rouget de L'Isle
93140 BONDY (FRANCE)

By return post, the participant will receive a file containing a receipt with the registration number, the corresponding number plate and various instructions.

The registration must be accompanied by:

- 1°) a medical certificate **less than three months' old and preferably issued by a sports doctor.**
- 2°) **French :** recto-verso photocopy of the licence.
Non-French : photocopy of insurance certificate.
- 3°) a recent identity photo which must be cut to the size:
35 x 25 mm.
- 4°) **French only:**
One stamped/addressed envelope minimum size 320 x 230 mm, **letter tarif 200 grammes**, made out in the participant's name and address, so that the relevant documents can be forwarded.
For all :
4 **self-adhesive** labels 80 x 40 mm containing the participant's name and address.
ATTENTION: do not forget to put your holiday address if necessary, as the information will be sent over a period from 16 June to 26 July.
- 5°) A postal or bank cheque corresponding to the amount for registration and other requirements.

Registration cost:

- **French:**
82 € - FFCT licensee.
85 € - non-licensee FFCT.
- **Non-French :**
The amount is increased to cover the postal costs of document return.
91 € - for participants residing in Europe or Africa.
98 € - for participants residing in USA, Asia or Oceania.

See the registration document for tariffs of individual services.

All cheques are to be made out to :

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN P.B.P. 2003

NO EUROCHEQUES ARE ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF HIGH BANK CHARGES

Prices are in **EUROS, net of banking fees,**
on any French bank.

Article 5 - cancellation

a) By the participant:

Any cancellation must be confirmed in writing before 18 August. Reimbursement of registration will be made, less a set amount, according to the scale given below and depending upon the date at which the organiser was informed of the cancellation (**date of postmark**).

- Cancellation before 15 July: 15 € retained
- from 16 July to 16 August: 25 € retained
- 12 August to 22 August: 40 € retained

b) By the organiser:

If the event has to be cancelled by the organiser because of unforeseen circumstances, for which the organiser is or is not responsible, participants will not be entitled to any indemnity.

c) In the two preceding cases:

- meals will be reimbursed in totality
- the order for the vest will be honoured and therefore not reimbursed if the order had already been placed by Audex Club Parisien at the date of cancellation of the "brevet".
- The "Super Randonneur" medal will still be delivered and no reimbursement will be made (6 €).

Article 6 - equipment

- A **reflective vest or crossbelt MUST be worn when riding at night** (this equipment is to be presented on the day of the cycle check).
- **Light coloured clothing is recommended for night riding.**
- It is **highly** recommended that a rigid helmet be worn throughout the event.
- It is recommended that the official P.B.P. vest or that of the club be worn.

Article 7 - routes and controls

Subject to authorisation being given by the authorities for use of the planned routes, the itinerary is that included in your file. It contains fixed controls, i.e. :
Departure from the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme at SAINT-QUENTIN-en-YVELINES (GUYANCOURT), VILLAINES-LA-JUHEL, FOUGÈRES, TINTÉNIAC, LOUDÉAC, CARHAIX, BREST, for the outward route.

For the return additional checks at MORTAGNE AU PERCHE and NOGENT-LE-ROI.

A stop for food is foreseen on the outward journey at MORTAGNE AU PERCHE. The outward and return routes are marked by different coloured arrows.

Participants must keep to the assigned route. Your attention is drawn to the fact that non-respect of the official routes entails suspension of the insurance cover.

Secret controls guarantee the regularity of the organisation.

The participant and those accompanying him must, everywhere and at all times, act correctly towards the controllers.

The organisers reserve the right to modify the route or the control points mentioned above, should authorisation to use a certain route not be granted by the competent authorities.

Article 8 - Responsibilities of the participant and insurance

Participants must, whatever the circumstances, respect and obey the highway code. The use of a mobile telephone is forbidden whilst riding (penalties will be issued).

It is especially to be noted that the cyclists participating in the PARIS-BREST-PARIS are doing so at their own risk, and do not have a personal coverage unless they have taken out an individual insurance including a repatriation option for non-French participants

A "Responsabilité Civile - Défense et Recours" policy has been taken out by the organisers throughout the length of the event, for all material or corporal damages caused to a third party by a participant.

This contract does not cover any damage to the cycle or the equipment because of a fall or because of theft. A personal insurance must be taken out to cover these risks.

In all places surveillance of personal belongings is the participant's responsibility. The AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN cannot be held responsible in case of loss or theft.

The organiser cannot be held responsible for the return costs of participants who have abandoned.

Article 9 - route book, badge

A route book and a badge will be distributed to each participant at the departure. The participant is responsible for keeping them in good condition.

The route book and the badge must be carried at all times and the book visaed at each official control.

The participants must present both items to the controllers.

The loss of the route book or the badge, the absence of just one control visa, whether it be a fixed or secret control, or an irregular or incomplete visa will lead to the **NON REGISTRATION of the BREVET.**

Article 10 - control operations

All participants must attend, in their chosen timeframe, the cycle check on Sunday 17 August 2003 which takes place from 09:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. Once the cycle has been checked, the participant will go to the gymnasium. On presentation of a paper proving identity, (passport, identity card etc.) he will be given his badge and the route book. He will then sign the participation form.

Departure control:

This will take place in the gymnasium one or two hours before each official departure.

ATTENTION :

All route books **not controlled and badges not registered** at the departure will lead to **NON REGISTRATION of the BREVET**.

Departure :

For reasons of security, cars and motorcycles will guide participants through Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (15 km). It is forbidden to overtake them (penalty).

Article 11 - opening and closure of the controls

The time in the route book detailing the opening and closing hours of the controls **must scrupulously be respected**.

Note : For those participants departing at 08:00 p.m. and 09:45 p.m. (Tandems etc.) there are no fixed opening times.

The arrival of participants within the limits of the times indicated for each control is **COMPULSORY**. Only a **serious material incident** will be accepted as a justification for any late arrival ; the time must, in any case, be recovered at **the latest** within one or two controls further on.

All participants whose brevet has been accorded in the correct manner, will receive a medal engraved with the registered time, (including any penalty).

This medal has been specially made for the 15th P.B.P.

Article 12 - abandonments and non respect of time limits

A participant who abandons or who is clearly not within the time limit at a check point must hand over **his route book and his number plate**.

To justify that these have been handed over, he must sign the route book in the presence of the controller.

The various documents will be returned to him, together with the results of the 15th P.B.P. in the course of January 2004.

Article 13 - medical control

It can be organised on the request of the Ministry for Youth and Sport, which will bear the costs.

If the participant does not accept to undergo this control or is diagnosed **POSITIVE**, this will lead to **NON REGISTRATION of the BREVET**.

Article 14 - accompanying vehicles

They are **FORBIDDEN** on the official cyclist route.

It is **mandatory** for those participants wishing to have an accompanying vehicle (**even for just one control**) to indicate this when registering.

A special itinerary has been foreseen for the support cars.

Participants are informed that both the participant and the driver of the accompanying vehicle must sign a **pledge on their honour** outlining the type of assistance to be provided to the participant and **absolute respect of the present regulations by the accompanying person (penalty)**.

Article 15 - Penalties and appeals

Violations of the regulations recorded by the official controllers, having a distinctive identification, **will be penalised according to the following scale**.

Only the official controllers are authorised to give assistance (food or material) to participants along the route, outside check points.

Participants are informed of the penalties which are noted in the route book, either immediately or after a warning at the following check point ; they are applicable to the overall time only.

No penalty (stoppage) will be applied during the event.

SCALE OF PENALTIES

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| Overtaking of cars or motorbikes at the start of the event | 1 h |
| Absence of lighting at night, or insufficient visibility | 1 h |
| Non respect of the highway code | 1 h |
| Pacing by someone not taking part in the event | 1 h |
| Reflective vest or crossbelt not worn at night | 2 h |
| Refusal to respond to controllers' orders | 2 h |
| Registered car present on the cyclists' route when the driver undertook to follow the special itinerary. | 2 h |
| Assistance given on the route, or in the control towns, by a non-registered vehicle | 5 h |
| Incorrect behaviour of the participants or those accompanying him towards the controllers | 5 h |

In case of repetition, **penalties will be cumulated**.

All participants with a cyclotourist licence, and in possession of a racing or triathlon licence valid for 2002 or 2003 run the risk of **non HOMOLOGATION of the BREVET** if a non anonymous complaint has been filed.

All complaints must be addressed by registered letter within 5 days following the arrival to :

Monsieur THÉOBALD Pierre
Président de la commission PBP
124, avenue du Mal de Lattre de Tassigny
93260 LES LILAS

Article 16 - publicity

Each participant of the PARIS-BREST-PARIS agrees that the AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN has the right to record or film part or all of his participation in the event. Photographs, televised films, radio reports, video cassettes may be used without any payment being made.

Article 17

The PBP commission reserves the right to modify these Regulations and to take decisions if need be, for cases not foreseen in the present Regulations.

It can modify the conditions under which the event is conducted.

As far as possible, the decisions or possible modifications will be brought to the knowledge of the participants :

- either by using the press and radio, Internet, Minitel, at the latest three days before the date of the event if a possible cancellation is foreseen.
- or during the event, by loud speaker and posters.

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INFORMATION:

MINITEL (for the French): 3615 PBP (0,34 €/mn)

Internet : www.audax-club-parisien.com