

# Tour de France roller 2009 rules and regulations

E.R.S (Roller Skating Association) will organize a roller skating event called "Tour de France Roller" from August 8<sup>th</sup> til August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **1 Art 1 : Eligibility**

### ***1.1 General conditions:***

This event is opened to all athletes licensed or non licensed of French or foreign nationality. Participants must be 18 years old as of August 8th 2009. Athletes with disabilities are welcomed as long as they practise some wheeling sport close to roller skating. Athletes with disabilities should be aware that a high level of training is required to perform long and repeated stages.

### ***1.2 Number of participants:***

This event can welcome no more than 19 participants.

### ***1.3 Withdrawal:***

In case of physical / heath problem, participants will be driven by the safety car. All participants sufficiently fit is allowed to return to the raid at any given time. In case of final withdrawal, No refund will be made.

### ***1.4 Medical certificate:***

Under the provisions of the law n° 99-223 on protecting the health of sportsmen and on preventing the consumption of illicit drugs , all French or non-French sportsmen are required to produce proof of their fitness to participate in sporting event. Such proof must be in the form of a medical certificate issued by a doctor following a medical examination or a valid sporting licence (FFRS in this case).

The medical certificate is issued by a Doctor in the following form:

*I, the undersigned Dr ....., Doctor of medicine, certify that the examination of Mr. YOURSELF reveals no contraindications for participating in roller skating competitions.*

*Medical certificate issued in (place)... on (date) :...*

*Signature/Stamp : ...*

### ***1.5 Insurance***

**Civil liability:** all participants must have subscribed to a civil liability insurance policy covering the whole duration of this event.

**Personal insurance:** a supplementary cover subscribed to an external insurance company or obtained via the organizer is strongly encouraged. ERS offers such an insurance through the MAIF insurance company for an additional fee of 28,45€

## **2 Art 2 : Registration**

### ***2.1***

Registration fee for the event is 990€.

No refund will be made for whatever the reasons except if cancellation insurance has been subscribed to. ERS offers such a cancellation insurance through the MAIF insurance company for an additional fee of 30,10€

## 2.2

The following items will be provided by the organizers to fully registered participants :

- Transportation between the different stages from Paris to Paris (except repatriation in case of withdrawal)
- Transport of equipments belonging to the candidate  
It must be packaged in a rigid locked box (iron or plastic) with a lid, if possible, so that these box can be stored on top of each other in the vehicle without risks for the contents.
- accommodation (camping or guest house)
- breakfast
- refuelling during the stage
- lunch and diner

The following items will not be provided:

- duvets
- mattress
- tents

## 2.3 Registration timeframe and deadline

All entries will be closed by May 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 (date of postmark). All requests received after the closing date will be applied an additional 10% penalty fee that is to say 99€.

## 2.4 Payments

Payment will be required no later than May 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 (date of postmark). It should be done in three separate checks:

- A security deposit of 100€ payable on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- a check of 395 € payable on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- a check of 495 € payable on June 16<sup>th</sup>

Note that in case of any delay in registration, a penalty fee of 10% or € 99 will be applied to the candidate.

## 2.5 Waiting list

If the number of applicants exceeds 19 candidates, there will be a waiting list. In this case, new applicants will be notified and asked for a written confirmation to be added to the waiting list. Failing to respond within a week of this request will result in a cancellation of your application at no costs (full refund).

In case of withdrawal of a candidate on the waiting list, the security deposit will be retained by the organization and the other two checks worth of 890 € will be returned to the applicant.

When an entry becomes available, the first candidate on the waiting list is informed that he/she is a registered participant. Checks are cashed as scheduled in Article 2.4. From that time, entry is final and according to Article 2.1, no refund will be made in case of cancellation. For this reason the organizers advise to subscribe to cancellation insurance.

Applicants on the waiting list who will not participate due to the lack of seats available (Article 1.2) will be fully refund.

## ***2.6 Daily stage***

First priority is given to fully registered member of the raid. However, daily stage will be accepted by the organization if the number of raider for each stage does not exceed 19 people (as stated in article 1.2)

Price for a daily stage is 40€. Payment must be done in the form of a one time payment check and will be cashed before May 10<sup>th</sup>. Any applicant who cannot take part of the raid due to the excess of participants (Article 1.2) will be informed and fully refund no later than July 19<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Daily stage participant must observe the same rules as fully registered participants.

Daily stage membership entitles participants to :

- take part of the raid during the registered stage
- the transportation of their belongings and equipments during the registered stage
- be driven by the safety car to the arrival of the registered stage
- Take part of the diner for an additional fee of 8€. Accompanying people can also take part of the diner for an additional fee of 8€ each. Diner are paid before the departure of the raid.

Daily stage membership does not entitle the participant to :

- Be driven back to the departure of the registered stage.

### **3 Art 3 : Cancellation /Withdrawal**

#### **3.1**

If the raid Tour de France Roller had to be cancelled in whole or in part during its progress due to an absolute necessity (red national plan or otherwise), no participant may issue a repayment claims.

#### **3.2**

There can be no claim if the organizer was to be forced to modify all or part of a stage for whatever reason.

#### **3.3**

This also applies to any changes to schedules.

However, the organiser will communicate any foreseen changes within 24 hours before departure except for external reasons (weather, event, traffic accident, ...).

### **4 Art 4 : Required equipments**

#### **4.1**

Roller skating suit is required at all time (suits are not provided by the organization).

#### **4.2**

- Helmet is mandatory
- Helmet must comply to EC regulation
- All participants will have to provide their own safety gears (including helmet)

Helmet will be checked by the organizer before the start of the raid and at any time during its course. A seal will attest that it has been checked by the organization. Any helmet not complying to regulatory rules including crack, trace of impact, defective fastening system or other damages deemed dangerous by the direction of the raid prohibits the participant to continue, if not been replaced by another helmet also controlled by the organization.

The helmet must be properly secured on the head with the strap under the chin.

### **4.3**

Additional safety gears (for wrists, elbows and knees) are strongly encouraged during the raid.

## **5 Art 5. Safety rules**

### **5.1**

All participants agree to abide by:

- the following rules
- driving laws
- advice, instructions and directives of the organizers

For security reasons no participant may be considered as part of the raid if behind of the safety car. To ensure full security and give the best image possible for our organization, constant vigilance is required at all time while skating.

### **5.2**

Between stages or during days off, participants are no longer under the responsibility of the organization. However, they are still covered by the insurance purchased through the organizers. They must observe the laws and give a positive image of our sport and the raid. Offenders will be expelled from the raid.

## **6 Art 6: Press Relation**

### **6.1**

We strongly encourage candidates to take advantage of this wonderful adventure to advertise it.

In the interest of all, we require all candidates to be present at the press briefings that will usually be arranged during stages, but sometimes in other places to promote the raid as well as our sport and sponsors.

### **6.2**

An appropriate dress code and behaviour is required at all times during and between stages.

## **7 Art 7 : Exclusion**

### **7.1**

Exclusion from the raid, without refund, will occur under the following circumstances:

- anyone who does not correspond to the image and ethics of this sporting raid
- anyone who has a dangerous behaviour
- anyone who uses drugs or be in possession of any kind of illegal drugs
- anyone who is under the influence of alcohol

### **7.2**

To guarantee fairness, any disciplinary sanctions will be imposed to the offender by a decision-making college of at least three people. Each case will be overlooked separately.

### **7.3**

If the offender is member of a group or a team, the team as a whole will hold full responsibilities.

## **8 Art 8: Mountain and high slopes**

### **8.1**

Some stages may require additional safety equipments. Additional breaks will be organized the following stages to pull on safety gears:

Le Puy en Velay - Valence

Moutiers - col d'Iseran

### **8.2**

For security reasons, the descents of Alpe d'Huez and Les Deux Alpes will be by car only. Attempting these descents by roller will be considered a deliberate violation of the rules and it will result in a final exclusion without appeal or refund.

### **8.3**

We remind everyone that it is a raid and not a race or a competition.

## **9 Art 9:**

**Additional information and updates to the event regulation.**

### **9.1 Packages each covering a Week**

Due to the increasing number of registration for several consecutive stages and the inability to offer personalized event, we offer two packages each covering a week:

From August 8th till August 15th departing from Paris and arriving in Valence (Drôme).

and

From August 15th till August 23<sup>rd</sup> departing from Valence (Drôme) and arriving in Paris.

Registered fee for a week is **545€\***

(food, transportation, accommodations included, look at article 2)

\* cancelling insurance is an additional fee of 18,60 €

Those are the last possibilities we offer In order to keep the original spirit of this event (long distance adventure raid)

### **9.2 Payments**



Payment will be required no later than May 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 (date of postmark). It should be done in three separate checks:

- A security deposit of 100€ payable on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- a check of 175 € payable on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- a check of 270 € payable on June 16<sup>th</sup>

Note that in case of any delay in registration, a penalty fee of 10% or € 54,5 will be applied to the candidate.

### **9.3 Remark:**

To go to Valence or come back, you have the TGV (HST), it's direct to Paris. (The two packages each covering a week do not include those travels by the train and their price).