

L'ÉTAPE RIO BY TOUR DE FRANCE 2021 RULES

Article 1 - FOREWORD

L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE is an amateur cycling event which aims to allow athletes to experience the sensation of the world's biggest cycling competition, the TOUR DE FRANCE. In this début edition, we are going on with our quest to provide the highest level of entertainment for the riders, their families and fans. We also aim to keep involving the population of the host cities, stimulating businesses not only during the event, but also driving the tourist industry. Bringing one more event to Brazil represents a milestone in Brazilian and Latin American cycling.

Article 2 - THE EVENT

L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE will take place in the City of Rio de Janeiro, RJ, on Sunday, November 21st 2021, starting at 6 a.m. for a 111 km course and at 6:30 a.m. for a 62 km course.

This regulation aims to organize and guarantee the maximum safety of the participants, staff and audience, for the good progress of the event and the harmonious coexistence among all, within an environment of equality and companionship.

Article 3 - REGISTRATION

1. **Registration for L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE may only be done via the event's official website (letaperio.com.br/inscricao).**
2. The registration period ends when the total of 3,000 spots is reached or at the discretion of the organization, without prior notice;
3. **At the moment of kit collection, all entrants must present the original medical certificate, attesting the athlete's fitness to participate in cycling competitions, fully completed, with the physician's signature and registration number, dated the same year of the event; Click on the link to download template. ([Atestado Médico - L'Étape Brasil.pdf](#)),**
4. Participation in L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE involves the express and unconditional acceptance to these Rules. No further complaints will be accepted as to the content of these Rules.
5. **Requests for race course change in** athlete's registration must be sent by April 30, 2021;
6. All competitors registered by December 31, 2020 will have one opportunity of transferring their registration for the following year (2022). August 18th 2021 will be the deadline to request this kind of transfer.

Article 4 - TIMING AND PRIZING

1. L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE uses a state-of-the-art timing system with electronic chips, which must be attached to each participant's bicycle. During the course there will be chip checkpoints, making sure that the participant completes the entire course, and checking their times.
2. It is the participant's obligation to correctly attach their chip to the bicycle protecting it from bending, crumpling or cutting.
3. The first three women and the first three men to cross the finish line, in the **LONG Course** and **SHORT Course** will be awarded, as well as the King and Queen of the Mountain.
4. The General Classification of the first three riders (men and women) will respect the order of crossing the finish line.
5. The first three athletes of each of the age categories will also receive prizes, **for both courses**, according to their net time.

Men: 18 to 34 years old; 35 to 39 years old; 40 to 44 years old; 45 to 49 years old; 50 to 54 years old; 55 to 59 years old; 60 to 64 years old; 65 to 69 years old; 70+ years old.

Women: 18 to 34 years old; 35 to 39 years old; 40 to 44 years old; 45 to 49 years old; 50 to 54 years old; 55 to 59 years old; 60+ years old.

6. The **participant's age on December 31, 2021** will be considered for the purpose of classification by age group.

7. The results by category will be disclosed based on participants' net time, according to the starting time of each peloton.
8. The overall result will be disclosed within 72 hours after the end of the event, on the website www.letaperio.com.br.
9. Participants born in 2003 and still under 18 years of age on the day of the event, must present a written authorization with a notarized signature from parents or guardians. Except for those cases, minors will not be allowed to participate in the event.
10. Incorrect completion of the registration form, including registration in an incorrect age group, will result in the participant's disqualification.

Article 5 - RACE START

1. For the safety and good progress of the event, L'ÉTAPE RIO participants will be distributed in pelotons, starting in intervals.
2. The criteria used for the pelotons will be based in the **net time result** in the previous edition of L'ÉTAPE BRASIL, as well as technical data provided at the time of registration.
3. The start of the LONG Course category will be at **6:00 a.m.**
4. The athlete who **starts in a peloton** that is **ahead of the one designated by the organization** will be **AUTOMATICALLY** disqualified by the timing system, and their time will not show in the final classification.

Article 6 - KIT COLLECTION

1. The kit must be picked up at L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE Village, on Friday, November 19, from 12 to 8 p. m. and Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 8 p. m.
2. The athlete' kit will consist of 1 back race number, 1 bike front number plate, 2 timing chips, and 1 jersey.
3. The Athletes' Kit can only be collected on the dates and times stipulated, upon presentation of the following documents: **photo id and medical certificate**. Failure to submit any of the two items requested will **prevent the participant from collecting the kit and participating in the race**.
4. **Third parties** are allowed to collect the kit on behalf of the participant, provided they present a **proxy, with a notarized signature** and the original medical certificate (in case they intend to participate in the race).
5. At the time of kit collection, the participant or representative must check the registration data, back and bicycle numbers, chip, and size of the jersey. No further complaints will be accepted.
6. The back number must be worn exclusively on the left side (above the jersey's left back pocket). The bicycle number plate must be attached to the front of the bicycle, in a visible position and free from any obstruction.
7. Any alteration, mutilation, cutting or folding of numbers is prohibited.
8. **Changes in the size of the jersey will be allowed until February 28 2021. After this deadline, the organization reserves the right to provide the jerseys according to the available sizes.**
9. Using **another person's chip** is prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of both the person who provided and the person who used the chip.
10. The athlete who transfers their Athlete Kit to another cyclist will be suspended, along with the athlete who received it, for two years, and may be prohibited to take part in any other edition of L'ÉTAPE DU TOUR in the world.

Article 7 - MANDATORY GEAR

For the safety and good progress of the event, participants in L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE must start with the following gear:

1. Bicycles: **road cycling, mountain bike, tandem, hybrid or touring**, in perfect conservation and maintenance, exclusively human-powered. Engines or other mechanical or electrical propulsion means will not be allowed. Recumbent bicycles are prohibited.
2. The use of extensions of any kind on the bicycle handlebar will not be permitted. Triathlon **clip-ons** or **bar ends** are prohibited.
3. The maximum allowed length of bicycles is 2.10 meters. The maximum width is 0.75 meters. A standard competition bike fits within these measurements.
4. Riders will be allowed to use only one bicycle during the whole event. The participant may replace a bicycle only in case of proven inability to proceed safely (any cracked or broken part). To do so, they may resort to another participant or spectator, however, their number and chip must be attached to the new bike.

5. Lenticular (closed) aerodynamic wheels with composite spokes and covers are allowed. Weights will not be allowed on lenticular wheels.
6. The organization reserves the right to prohibit the participation of riders who present any unknown or unconventional mandatory equipment. The participant must submit any equipment that may be considered inappropriate under this regulation, for assessment at least one month in advance.
7. During all times when the participant is on their bicycle, the use of a **hard and buckled helmet is compulsory**, and the equipment must be approved by Brazilian bodies or foreign security certifiers.

Article 8 - COURSE SAFETY

1. The organization will implement a **series of measures aimed at the safety of participants** and the audience on the course, **such as cones for signaling and lane delimitation, signs indicating turns and commissaires with flags and whistles**. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of each participant to ensure their safety and that of the other participants, riding defensively and cautiously.
2. Since cyclists will ride both ways, **RIDING ON THE OPPOSITE LANE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**, even for brief moments. There will be commissaires along the route, and violators will be **DISQUALIFIED**. Cyclists must always ride on the far right of the lane, and perform overtaking only on the left.
3. All places **considered dangerous along the course will be signaled with 'DANGER' [PERIGO] signs**. In addition, there will be staff people with flags signaling the dangerous zones.
4. Participants must observe and **respect the traffic signs and safety instructions** provided by the organization through this regulation throughout the course.
5. Participants are required to be present at the start line in advance, according to the schedule in the Race Guide. At this point, final orientations will be provided.
6. The Organization reserves the right to shorten or cancel L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE, for safety reasons, without any cost.

Article 9 - TIME LIMITS AND PENALTIES

1. L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE, in its Full Course category, will have a maximum duration of 6 hours.
2. If a participant wishes to **withdraw** or is **disqualified from the event** by a commissaire, they must go to one of the feeding zones or cut points, notify the organization, and wait to be transported back to the village on our rescue bus. Upon arrival, they must present to the organization / timing personnel, who will cancel their participation.
3. There will be **time limits for each section of the course**. The race **Timetable** determined for each leg of the route will be published in **all our media**, and also **sent to each athlete by e-mail**.
4. In order to ensure the **participants' safety** and to allow the **re-opening of roads to cars**, it is **essential** that participants **do not exceed the time limits** for each section of the course, according to the Timetable.
5. If the participant is **unable to reach route points within the time limit established in the Timetable**, they will be **automatically disqualified**, and will be **prevented from continuing on the course** in order to allow the release of public roads.
6. Every athlete that is disqualified for **not meeting the race Timetable** shall **obey the guidance of the Staff and race officials**, who can determine:
 - a) **Remain at their cutoff points** until rescued by the race bus.
 - b) **Get on the race bus, even if they're still on the highway**, since the bus is the last resort for athletes to withdraw before reopening the public roads.
7. Every participant who **is cut off the race, voluntarily or involuntarily, and decides to stay on track, who does not accept and / or disobey** the race officials to **remain at the appointed location or board the rescue bus, will no longer be covered by the insurance** of the event and **subject to sanctions and penalties** described in the item 8, Article 9.
8. Athletes who violate the rules described in this regulation will be automatically suspended from competing in the L'Étape Rio 2022.

Article 10 - RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

1. **Littering** is strictly forbidden on the course (paper, plastic wrappers etc.). Waste bins will be available at the hydration areas. **Participants are required to use these bins when disposing waste**. Participants must hold onto their wrappers and wait until they reach the waste bins.

2. The technical direction of L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE reserves the right to assign time penalties to competitors who dispose of their waste outside the designated areas.

Article 11 - DOPING CONTROL

L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE is organized under regulatory criteria of the Federação Paulista [São Paulo state Federation] and the Confederação Brasileira de Ciclismo [Brazilian Cycling Federation] (www.cbc.esp.br/stjd/index.html), therefore, is subject to doping control. Participants undertake to strictly respect the anti-doping sporting legislation, as well as the provisions on control tests, results and penalties, based on the List of Prohibited Substances of the WADA - World Anti-Doping Agency (www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/prohibited-list). It is each participant's responsibility to be fully aware of the doping control rules and regulations.

Competitors who are on CBC's [Brazilian Cycling Federation] list of suspended athletes will not be allowed to compete in L'ÉTAPE BRASIL by TOUR DE FRANCE.

Article 12 - GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Every participant must be independent. No external support will be allowed, other than that offered by the organization staff.
2. Accompanying, pacing or following any participant is **forbidden**, since the course will be closed to the traffic of vehicles (except those used by the organization).
3. The organization will provide plenty of hydration and feed zones, as well as mechanical and medical assistance and rescue. However, it is up to the participant to care for their hydration and feeding, as well as to ensure their safety.
4. If the participant leaves the course, for any reason, they must return to the exact point where they left, and then return to the course. The use of shortcuts, for any reason, will result in disqualification.
5. A participant that prevents and / or interferes with the progression of another participant can be disqualified.
6. The participant may not receive any kind of push, pull, or tow, by another participant or vehicle of any kind. This infringement is subject to disqualification.
7. Drafting behind motorized vehicles is forbidden. Drafting is defined by intentionally or unintentionally remaining less than 10 meters behind and less than 2 meters beside a motorized vehicle, for more than 15 seconds.
8. Every participant must be visible to the film and photography teams throughout the event, however, enjoying intentional drafting behind or beside a press vehicle is prohibited, and subject to disqualification.
9. The use of headphones for radios, music players, telephones or other is only permitted in the right ear. The left earphone must be properly stored (rolled, inside the jersey, or wrapped).
10. Participants are allowed, at any time, to walk on the course provided they are taking their bicycle (carrying, pushing or dragging) in a safe way, and always as far to the right of the lane as possible. Proceeding without the bicycle will result in disqualification of the participant.
11. It is forbidden for all participants to shout, curse, verbally or physically assault, defame or otherwise offend another participant, anyone connected with the organization or even the audience. These will be considered unsportsmanlike attitudes and may result in disqualification.
12. The technical director and commissaires of L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE have the authority to warn or even disqualify any participant.
13. It is a race director's decision, whether an infraction or attempt should be punished with a warning or disqualification.
14. It is the organization's responsibility to advise the participant of the warning or disqualification.
15. Violations considered serious and/or very serious, especially those that endanger the safety of participants, staff and/or audience, will be punished with the disqualification and exclusion of the participant. The excluded participant is forbidden to remain in the event, in any way, even under their own risk.
16. Contingencies such as accidents, traffic jams, storms, winds or other actions of nature, detours, constructions, road works and any other similar event will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis by the organizing committee and after the decisions are made, they will be disclosed to the participants.
17. The contracted medical service will have the autonomy to suggest that, due to security reasons, the participant withdraws from the event. In this case, their bicycle number will be removed, and the participant will be transported back to the village. Any eliminated participant who insists on continuing to ride, is doing so at his or her own risk, exempting the Organization, A. S. O. and sponsors from any liabilities.
18. The athlete who transfers their Athlete Kit to another cyclist will be suspended, along with the athlete who received it, for two years, and may be prohibited to take part in any other edition of L'ÉTAPE DU TOUR in the world.

19. As the situations in an event of this size are numerous, the organization of the event reserves the right to create or change rules and penalties described here, if necessary, before or during the event, always and only under extreme necessity and where the situation has not been foreseen.

Article 13 - CANCELLATION OR TRANSFER

In case the participant is unable to attend the race, they may choose:

1. Transfer the registration to the following year, according to article 1, paragraph 6.
 - a) Only athletes **registered by December 31, 2020** will be allowed to transfer their registration;
 - b) This **benefit** will be allowed **once**, when requested by **August 28, 2021**;
 - c) In case of cancellation and refund **after using the benefit of transfer** to the next year, the **reference** date of will be the day of **transfer request** the previous year according to paragraph 3 of this 13th article.
2. Transferring your registration to another athlete.
 - a) In case the request is placed by February 28, 2021, the participant will be allowed to transfer their spot to another person, according to the following points:
 - i. Send request to the organization via e-mail contato@letapebrasil.com.br;
 - ii. **Follow the organization's instructions**;
 - b) Each entry allows a **one-time transfer to one athlete**. The athlete who receives the transferred application **cannot repeat the process**, thus entering the cancellation policy described above;
3. Cancellation and refund request will occur according to their order dates via e-mail: contato@letapebrasil.com.br;

- Cancellation request sent by December 31st 2020: the athlete will receive **80% of the amount paid** for registration.

- Cancellation request sent between January 1st and March 31st 2021: the athlete will receive **50% of the amount paid** for registration.

- Cancellation requests after **April 1st 2021 will not be refunded**.

4. Registration for L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE is non-transferable. Any person who releases, gives or sells their participation to others without the consent of the organization, shall be liable in the event of an accident with, or caused by that person during the event, and both may be banned from participating in any other edition of L'ÉTAPE DU TOUR around the world.

Article 14 - INSURANCE

1. Cycling and/or participating in cycling competitions is an activity involving health and life risks. Each participant of the L'ÉTAPE DU TOUR by TOUR DE FRANCE agrees and is aware that the course will be carried out on roads with quite hilly relief, with very steep climbs and descents and sharp turns.
2. The Organization is not responsible for any problems occurring before or after the race.
3. In order to insure the inherent risks of participation in the event, provided that the participant is duly registered, L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE has contracted an insurance policy in accordance with current legislation, which includes medical and hospital expenses up to R\$ 40,000 (forty thousand reais). Expenses above this amount are the participant's responsibility.
4. The Organization does not take responsibility for medical care, however an ICU ambulance is provided in case a participant needs evacuation. The medical service itself, both emergency and treatment, will be carried out by the public health care. The participant or companion may decide on another health care system by exempting the organization, A. S. O. and the sponsors from any responsibility, since the evacuation/transfer to medical care and future treatments.
5. A copy of the insurance policy is available upon request.

Article 15 - IMAGE RIGHTS

1. By participating in L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE, each participant hereby expressly grants to LTP BRASIL EVENTOS and EFFECT SPORT, A. S. O. grantors, as well as to the sponsors, the press, their transfers and assigns, the right to make use of their image, conveying, or having conveyed, without any compensation, their name, image, voice or sports performance within the scope of the competition organized and/or licensed, in any media and through any means of media support, both currently known or to become known in the future, for any means of communication, including the use for the purposes of advertising or commercial use, for the duration of the protection of the rights currently ensured by copyright law resulting from legislative or regulation procedures and court and/or arbitration decisions passed in all countries, as well as current or future international conventions, including any extensions thereof.
2. Each participant intentionally and irrevocably authorizes the organizer and its assigns regarding promotional and/or commercial advertising campaigns to:
3. Make any change, addition or deletion, that may be considered useful for the exploitation of its image under the conditions defined below;
4. Associate and/or combine their image with any signature, tags, slogans, subtitles, trademarks, logos, legal mention, visual effects and, in a general manner, any element of any nature of the organizer's choice which may be intended to illustrate media in which they may be integrated.
5. The participant guarantees to be free of any exclusive contract related to the use of their image and/or their name and/or voice.
6. The organizer and its assigns expressly prohibit any participant the use and/or exhibition of names, logos, banners, voices and images with pornographic, racist or xenophobic character; generalizing, they prohibit any exploitation that may affect the dignity of its participants.

Article 16 - COMPLAINTS / CLAIMS

1. All complaints must be digitized, mentioning the competitor's first and last name, registration number details of the fact. Should be addressed to the organizer's headquarters within thirty days of the announcement of the official results, by mail with a tracking number.
2. To submit a claim, the participant must send a check of R\$ 180. 00 (one hundred and eighty reais), to LTP BRASIL EVENTOS LTDA, along with the claim document. If granted in favor of the claimant, the organization shall return the check. After this time no complaints or appeals will be accepted.

Mail Address:

LTP BRASIL EVENTOS LTDA

L'ÉTAPE RIO by TOUR DE FRANCE

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1. No response will be given to any request/ complaint/ appeal by phone or handwriting, on the interpretation or application of the rules mentioned above.
2. This regulation may be amended or changed at any time. In this case, participants will be communicated through the event website.
3. Questions or omissions regarding this regulation will be settled by the organizing committee in a sovereign manner, and no appeals will be accepted for these decisions.