Audax Australia Ride Rules

1 Commencement

1. These **Ride Rules** are made by the **National Committee** under Rule 33 of the Constitution of the Audax Australia Cycling Club Inc (**Audax Australia**).
2. They may be amended from time to time by the National Committee.

2 Types of Brevets

1. Riding Audax is about successfully completing a ride over a specified route, passing through predetermined controls, commenced on a specified day within a time limit. Such rides are known as **brevets**.
2. A rider carries the **brevet card** issued by the Ride Organiser and uses it to **validate** their arrival at each **control**, or checkpoint specified in the brevet card.
3. The validated brevet card is then **homologated**, or officially ratified, by either Audax Australia or our international affiliates to recognise that the brevet has been successfully completed in accordance with all requirements.
4. Brevet Types offered by Audax Australia are either:
   a) Internationally recognised and registered with and homologated by Audax Club Parisien (ACP), Les Randonneur Mondiaux (LRM) or L'Union des Audax Français (UAF), or
   b) Developed by and registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
5. Brevets are classified as:
   a) Calendar Brevets
   b) Permanent Brevets

2.1 Calendar Brevets

a) Calendar Events may include multiple Calendar Brevets of differing Brevet Types
b) Calendar Brevets commence on a specific date and appear in the Audax Australia Event Calendar.

Calendar brevets include:

BRM	Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux	Brevets on primarily sealed routes of nominal distances 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km. Registered with and homologated by ACP.
LRM	Les Randonneur Mondiaux	Brevets on primarily sealed roads of distance 1200 km or longer. Registered with and homologated by LRM.
Fleche	Flèche Nationale	24 hour Brevet of at least 360 km, for teams of 3 to 5 machines. Teams design their own route. Registered with and homologated by ACP.
Traces	Traces Nationale	A Brevet of at least 200 km, for teams of 2 to 6 machines. Teams design their own route. Registered with and homologated by ACP.
Fleche-14	Petit Fleche 14 hour Time Trial (legacy)	A Brevet of at least 180 km, for teams of 3 to 5 machines. Teams design their own route. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
UAF	Union des Audax Français	Brevets of between 100 km and 1000 km ridden as a group at a controlled speed. Registered with and homologated by UAF.
BA	Brevet Australia	Brevets on primarily sealed roads of nominal distances 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km. Registered with and

		homologated by Audax Australia.
BG	Brevet Gravel	Brevets with a minimum of 40% on unsealed roads, tracks and trails of nominal distances 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or, 1000km. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
BD	Brevet Dirt	Brevets on primarily unsealed tracks and trails of nominal distances 35 km, 70 km or 100 km. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
BR	Brevet Raid	Calendar RAIDs of minimum distance 300 km on mixed terrain, or 400 km on sealed roads. Intended to ride at touring pace. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
Social	Social/Training	Social and Training rides. No brevet card issued. The ride is not homologated. Rides do not contribute to any awards. Controlled by Audax Australia.

2.2 Permanent Brevets

a) Brevets that may be ridden at any time by Audax Australia Members and visitors from overseas who are members of long-distance cycling clubs affiliated with ACP. As a minimum, such visitors must have a one-month Audax Australia Membership.

Permanent brevets include:

BP	Brevet Permanent	Permanent Brevets in the style of BA Brevets. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
BPD	Brevet Permanent Dirt	Permanent Brevets in the style of BD Brevets. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
BPG	Brevet Permanent Gravel	Permanent Brevets in the style of BG Brevets. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
BPR	Brevet Permanent RAID	Permanent RAIDs of minimum distance 300 km on mixed terrain, or 400 km on sealed roads. Intended to ride at touring pace. Registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
SR	Super Randonnée	Permanent Brevets of 600 km and over 10,000 metres of climbing. Registered with and homologated by ACP.

3 Application of Ride Rules

(a) The General Rules are applicable to all brevets.
(b) The Specific Rules by Brevet Type provide additional rules that apply to that brevet type. Where general and specific rules conflict, the specific prevail.

4 General Rules

4.1 Ride Entry and Fees

1. Any rider may take part in a brevet provided that:
   (a) the rider is a member of Audax Australia or has reciprocal benefits through Audax Club Parisien,
   (b) The rider registers online and agrees to Ride Rules and Regulations
   (c) a rider under 16 shall be accompanied throughout the brevet by a parent or other responsible adult,
   (d) a rider under 18 shall have written approval from a parent or guardian,
   (e) the rider has satisfied any qualifying or entry criteria set by the Ride Organiser in accordance with rule 4.8 1,
   (f) if commencing a brevet of 1000km or more, the person must have demonstrated completion of an Audax calendared or permanent ride of at least 600km (or an event deemed by the Ride Organiser to be of equivalent difficulty).
2. Before the start of a brevet a rider shall:
   (a) register to enter using the approved process prior to any specified entry closure date,
   (b) pay the entry fees, comprising ride fee and, as applicable, medallion fee and support fee.
3. Entry fees may be refunded in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the brevet entered.
4. A rider shall specify which distance and brevet type they are entering and cannot subsequently choose a different distance or brevet type after the start of the brevet.

4.2 Bicycles and Equipment

1. A rider may ride any type of cycle provided it is capable of being propelled only by human effort.
2. A rider is responsible for ensuring their cycle and equipment are fully serviced and safe and meet all road rules and legal requirements to be ridden on public roads. This includes having effective brakes, approved helmet, and front and rear lights and reflector.
3. Audax Australia considers riders' safety of paramount importance hence riders shall comply with the [Audax Australia Safety Rules](#).
4. Failure to comply with the Safety Rules may result in a rider's immediate disqualification by the Ride Organiser or support person.

4.3 The Route

1. The route is that described in the event notes and/or depicted on the map issued by the Ride Organiser for that brevet.
2. Where adverse riding conditions are predicted, the decision to cancel, postpone, suspend or modify routes shall be the responsibility of the Regional President in consultation with the Ride Organiser and/or Regional Calendar Coordinator. Audax Australia Safety Rules shall be followed.
3. A Ride Organiser may, in their absolute discretion, cancel, postpone, suspend or modify the routes immediately before or during a brevet if necessary for safety reasons or to deal with unforeseen circumstances.
4. Riders shall stay on the route. If a rider leaves the route, they shall return to the route at the same point before continuing.

4.4 The Route Design

Route design should support the spirit of Audax including: audacious, non-competitive and long distance, where success is measured by its completion.

For both Calendar and Permanent Brevets:

1. The actual distance of a route shall be not less than the nominal distance of the brevet.

2. The route should minimise passing over the same road in the same direction more than once.
3. The route layout should not encourage shortcuts.
4. The route start and finish should be at readily accessible public places, preferably with facilities such as parking, toilets and water.
5. The route shall be approved by the relevant Regional Committee.

For Permanent Brevets:

6. For the same Brevet Type and distance, the route should not be similar to an existing route.
7. Routes should exemplify the best riding in the area
8. Routes shall be maintained by the Ride Organiser. Where a Ride Organiser is no longer able to maintain a route, it shall either be transferred to another Ride Organiser or suspended.

4.5 Controls and Brevet Cards

1. A rider shall carry at all times the Brevet Card provided by the Ride Organiser to prove their arrival at controls along the route.
2. For brevets homologated by Audax Australia, an approved GPS track can be used as an alternative to a brevet card. Nevertheless, the use of a brevet card must always be an option.
3. At each control, a rider shall have recorded on their brevet card their time of arrival and a witness signature, stamp or other required evidence such as a photograph of the rider in an identifying setting or by an electronic control (reading of QR code, electronic chip, etc.).
4. A control is a place through which a rider shall pass to successfully complete a brevet. Controls are open for defined periods and are generally at identified locations. They may be:
   (a) **Supported** – a Ride Organiser provides food, drink and a support person to validate the brevet card.
   (b) **Unsupported** – the rider shall get their brevet card validated by:
      i. another rider taking part in the brevet, or
      ii. a shopkeeper, local resident, passer-by or other disinterested person.
   (c) **Information** – the rider shall record in their brevet card their time of arrival and identifying information at specified locations or landmarks.
5. A Ride Organiser or a support person may also conduct Secret Controls on any Calendar or Permanent brevet by appearing at unspecified locations along the route to validate the rider's brevet card. The place and number of Secret Controls may vary for each route.
6. A rider who arrives at a control after it has closed (excluding Secret Controls) has not successfully completed the brevet, except where the Ride Organiser or support person is satisfied that the rider's lateness is due to something unforeseen and beyond the control of the rider such as stopping to help at a traffic accident or a road closure. In such cases, the rider may be allowed to continue to participate in the brevet. However, if the rider arrives at:
   (a) both of the next two (2) controls; or
   (b) the finish control

   after they have closed, the rider has not successfully completed the brevet. Poor bicycle or equipment maintenance, fatigue, lack of fitness, hunger, etc. are not considered to be unforeseen for the purposes of this rule.
7. At the end of a brevet a rider shall:
   (a) give their completed brevet card to the Ride Organiser or a support person,
   (b) leave their completed brevet card at a pre-arranged place, or
   (c) within 2 hours of the formal completion time for a brevet, text or by other means inform the Ride Organiser that they have completed the brevet (or withdrawn from it), and if no arrangement has been made, within 7 days of the end of the brevet deliver the brevet card to the Ride Organiser.

4.6 Support

1. Each rider shall be self-sufficient. However, a rider may obtain assistance (including buying food and drink, or obtaining mechanical assistance) from:

(a) another rider taking part in the brevet, or
(b) a shopkeeper, local resident, passer-by or other disinterested person.
2. No personal support of any kind (including a follow vehicle) is permitted on the route. Personal support is only allowed at controls.

Personal support means assistance provided between controls by someone other than another rider in the brevet or a disinterested person and includes but is not limited to providing:

(a) food or drink,
(b) tools, equipment or mechanical assistance, and
(c) clothes, accessories or equipment.
3. Any violation of rule 4.6 2 shall result in immediate disqualification.

4.7 Rider Behaviour

1. A rider shall comply with all road rules and traffic signs.
2. A rider may:
    (a) ride on their own or with other riders taking part in the brevet,
    (b) draft behind other riders on the brevet but shall not draft behind any rider not on the brevet.

    In this clause, 'brevet' includes brevets of different lengths or brevet types being run together on the same day in accordance with rule 4.1 4.

3. A rider shall:
    (a) obey the reasonable requests of the Ride Organiser and any support person,
    (b) be courteous to, and behave in a sporting manner towards, other riders, the Ride Organiser, all support people and the community, and
    (c) not engage in any behaviour that may bring Audax Australia into disrepute.

4.8 Special Conditions

1. With the prior approval of the National Committee, a Ride Organiser may:
    (a) impose qualifying or other entry criteria whereby a rider cannot enter the brevet unless they satisfy those criteria, and
    (b) impose additional rules in relation to any aspect of the brevet whereby a rider who breaches those rules may be penalised or disqualified.
2. The Ride Organiser and support persons for a calendar brevet with supported controls may choose to ride the route up to 28 days prior to or 7 days later than the date of the brevet. The rider's brevet card in such circumstances shall be homologated as if the route was ridden on the date of the brevet.
3. If a Ride Organiser or support person does not successfully complete the brevet when riding under rule 4.8 2, they may not participate in the subsequent calendar brevet or otherwise attempt the brevet.
4. Any Special Conditions shall be made available prior to or as part of the registration process.

4.9 Brevet Distances and Control Times

1. All brevets are controlled through a series of time and distance checks at controls by means of a brevet card.
2. Audax brevets are not races, however, to be successful; a rider shall finish within the opening and closing control times allowed.
3. Opening times for controls – Intermediate and finish control opening times for brevets are calculated using the Control Opening Time Calculation Rules.
4. Closing times for controls – Intermediate and finish control closing times for brevets are calculated using the Control Closing Time Calculation Rules.

Brevet Type	Brevet Distances, Control Opening and Closing Calculation Rules

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BA (Brevet Australia) BP (Brevet Permanent)	Nominal Distances (km)	50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600, 1000
	Control Opening Time	30 km/h
	Control Closing Time	15 km/h (km 1 to 600); + 11.428 km/h (km 601+); Control Closing times are based on the actual distance.
BD (Brevet Dirt) BPD (Brevet Permanent Dirt)	Nominal Distances (km)	35, 70, 100
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	10 km/h Control Closing times are based on the actual distance.
BG (Brevet Gravel) BPG (Brevet Permanent Gravel)	Nominal Distances (km)	50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600, 1000
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	12.5 km/h (km 1 to 600); + 10 km/h (km 601+); Control Closing times are based on the actual distance.
BR (Brevet RAID) BPR (Brevet Permanent RAID)	Minimum Distance (km)	400 or 300 when a minimum of 40% of the distance is on unsealed roads
	Completion time	Nominated by Ride Organiser. Average between 100 km/day and 200 km/day for sealed roads, 50% speed for unsealed road segments.
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	not applicable
BRM (Brevet Randonneurs Mondiaux)	Nominal Distances (km)	200, 300, 400, 600, 1000
	No extra time for distance over nominal distance	
	Control Opening Time	34 km/h (km 1 to 200); + 32 km/h (km 201 to 400); + 30 km/h (km 401 to 600); + 28 km/h (km 601 to 1000);
	Control Closing Time	1 hr + 20 km/h (km 1 to 60); + 15 km/h (km 61 to 600); + 11.428 km/h (km 601 to 1000);
LRM (Les Randonneurs Mondiaux)	Minimum Distance (km)	1200
	Control Opening Time	30 km/h
	Control Closing Time	Speeds are selected based on brevet distance 13.33 km/h (km 1 to 1299) for distance of 1200 to 1299 km; 12 km/h (km 1 to 1899) for distance of 1300 to 1899 km; 10 km/h (km 1 to 2499) for distance of 1900 to 2499 km; 8.333 km/h (km 1+) for distance of 2500 km and above;
BUAF	Nominal Distances (km)	100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600, 1000

Brevet Type	Brevet Distances, Control Opening and Closing Calculation Rules	
(Brevet UAF)	No extra time for distance over nominal distance	
	Control Opening Time	20 km/h (km 1 to 100); + 18.75 km/h (km 101 to 150); + 17.391 km/h (km 151 to 200); + 17.647 km/h (km 201 to 300); + 17.391 km/h (km 301 to 400); + 16.667 km/h (km 401 to 600); + 13.158 km/h (km 601 to 1000);
	Control Closing Time	Speeds are selected based on Nominal Distance (ND) 14.29 km/h (km 1 to 200); for ND=100, 150 or 200 15 km/h (km 1 to 300); for ND=300 14.81 km/h (km 1 to 400); for ND=400 15 km/h (km 1 to 600); for ND=600 13.16 km/h (km 1 to 1000); for ND=1000
Fleche (Flèche Nationale)	Minimum Distance (km)	360
	Minimum 335 km at 22 hrs. Minimum 360 km at 24 hrs.	
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	not applicable
Traces (Traces Nationale)	Distances (km)	Minimum 200, Maximum 360
	Minimum 200 km at 24 hrs.	
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	not applicable
Fleche-14 (Petit Fleche)	Minimum Distance (km)	180
	Minimum 10 hrs rest. Minimum 155 km at 22 hrs. Minimum 180 km at 24 hrs.	
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	not applicable
SR (Super Randonnee)	Minimum Distance (km)	600
	Minimum climbing (m)	10,000
	Maximum time to complete the brevet is 60 hrs.	
	Control Opening Time	not applicable
	Control Closing Time	not applicable

5. The National Committee may approve later closing times for intermediate controls if warranted by the topography of the route. Any variation to closing times shall be notified to riders before the brevet commences.

5   Specific Rules by Brevet Type

5.1 Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM)

1. BRM brevets shall conform to Brevet Randonneurs Mondiaux rules.

2. BRM brevets are calendar brevets of nominal distances 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km.
3. BRM brevets are registered with and results homologated by ACP and may appear in the calendar published by ACP.

5.2 Les Randonneur Mondiaux brevets (LRM)

1. LRM brevets shall conform to Les Randonneurs Mondiaux rules.
2. LRM brevets are calendar brevets of 1200 km or longer.
3. LRM brevets are registered with and results homologated by LRM and may appear in the calendar published by LRM.

5.3 Fleche Nationale (Fleche)

1. Fleche brevets shall closely align to ACP Flèche Nationale rules.
2. Fleche brevets are a calendared 24h team event in which each team set their own route to common regional meeting places determined each year by Audax Australia.
3. Teams comprise a minimum 3 and maximum 5 machines.
4. Teams may include rest stops that exceed two hours. This is an approved variation to the ACP Flèche Nationale rules.
5. Fleche brevets are registered with and results homologated by ACP.

5.4 Traces Nationale (Traces)

1. Traces brevets shall align with ACP Traces Nationale rules.
2. Teams comprise a minimum 2 and maximum 6 machines.
3. Teams shall arrive at the meeting place within the specified time period.
4. Traces brevets are registered with and results homologated by ACP.

5.5 Petit Fleche (Fleche-14)

1. The intent of the Petit Fleche 14 hour Time Trial is to provide the sentiment of a Fleche while making it achievable to most Audax Members.
2. Fleche-14 brevet rules are developed by Audax Australia.
3. Fleche-14 brevets shall align to ACP Flèche Nationale rules, with the following differences:
    (a) Fleche-14 brevets are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
    (b) The Fleche-14 route shall be a minimum distance of 180 km,
    (c) At the end of the 12th hour of the brevet, each team shall suspend riding for a period of 10 hrs and not recommence riding until two hours prior to the finish time for the brevet.

5.6 Union des Audax Français (UAF)

1. UAF brevets shall conform to Union des Audax Français rules.
2. UAF brevets are ridden as a peleton, controlled by a nominated peleton leader at a controlled speed.
3. To be homologated, a UAF brevet shall have not less than 4 participants at the start and 3 at the finish.
4. UAF brevets are registered with and results homologated by UAF and may appear in the calendar published by UAF.

5.7 Brevet Australia (BA)

1. BA brevets are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
2. BA brevets may have a maximum of 40% of their distance on unsealed surfaces. The unsealed distance shall be in the registration information.

5.8 Brevet Gravel (BG)

1. BG brevets are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
2. BG brevets shall have a minimum of 40% of their distance on unsealed surfaces. The unsealed distance shall be in the registration information.

5.9 Brevet Dirt (BD)

1. BD brevets are calendar brevets on primarily unsealed surfaces, mainly tracks and trails.
2. BD brevets are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.

5.10 Brevet Permanents (BP, BPD, BPG and BPR)

1. Audax Australia has established permanent brevets (**Permanents**) in the style of BA (**BP**), BD (**BPD**), BG (**BPG**) and BR (**BPR**).
2. The distance, proportion of sealed surface, time limits for controls and other brevet type requirements match the underlying brevet type.
3. Permanents are only available to Audax Australia Members or visitors from overseas who are members of long-distance cycling clubs affiliated with Audax Club Parisien.
4. BP, BPD, BPG and BPR brevets are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
5. A rider shall not ride a Permanent in the same local area and on the same day as:
    (a) an Audax Australia calendared brevet of the same nominal distance, or
    (b) an organised public ride that follows the same or a similar route.
6. Where the route for a Permanent forms a closed loop, the Ride Organiser may agree to a request from a rider to vary the start/finish point. The new start/finish point shall be at a designated control. A route cannot be ridden in the reverse direction.
7. The rider shall immediately advise the Ride Organiser by SMS or other agreed arrangement:
    (a) if they abandon the brevet,
    (b) when they complete the brevet, and
    (c) on brevets of 400 km or over, their time and location at intervals of approximately 200 km.

5.11 Super Randonnée (SR)

1. SRs are mountainous permanent brevets of 600 km with over 10,000 m of elevation gain.
2. Although administered by, and run under the general rules of, Audax Australia:
    (a) Provence Randonneurs Super Randonnée rules overrule Audax Australia rules, and
    (b) Provence Randonneurs approves the route, and verifies and homologates riders directly.
3. Riders of a Super Randonnée may be homologated as either a Randonneur or a Tourist, depending on time of completion.

5.12 Brevet RAID (BR)

1. RAID brevets are in the spirit of cycle touring with the Pyrenees and Alps RAIDs as prime examples.
2. Controls should be planned for one per day.
3. There are no time limits on intermediate Controls.
4. Minimum distance of a RAID is:
    a. 400 km for sealed routes, or
    b. 300 km when a minimum of 40% of the distance is on unsealed routes, or
    c. approved by National Committee.
5. RAID minimum distance per day should be an average 100 km each day over the route.
    a. Example 120 + 80 + 70 + 130 = min 400 km route for a 4 day RAID.
    b. Note: this does not prevent a rider from completing less than 100 km in a day
6. RAID maximum distance per day should be an average 200 km each day over the route.
    a. Example 220 + 180 + 200 = max 600 km for a 3 day RAID.
    b. Note: this does not prevent a rider from completing more than 200 km in a day

7. RAIDs on unsealed routes may be 50% of the minimum / maximum distances per day for the unsealed segment of the route.
8. A Permanent RAID can be ridden in the reverse direction unless stated otherwise by the Ride Organiser.
9. The maximum RAID completion time is nominated by Ride Organiser.
10. The maximum RAID completion time shall be counted in whole days (24 hrs).

5.13 Social Rides (Social)

1. Social Rides are for social and training purposes that appear in the Audax Australia Event Calendar.
2. On Social Rides:
      a. brevet cards are not issued,
      b. the ride is not homologated.
3. The Ride Organiser should nominate a closing time.
4. Social Rides do not contribute to any awards.
5. As a minimum, every rider must have a one-month Audax Australia Membership.
6. Social Rides are controlled by Audax Australia.

6 Other

6.1 Penalties and Disqualification

The Ride Organiser or a support person shall use the following guidelines to determine the Outcome of any Breach of these Ride Rules:

Breach	Outcome
Minor infractions such as: a) road rule violation, b) missing a control, or c) drafting someone not on the brevet	Penalty a) Time Penalty, or b) Distance Penalty
Significant infractions such as: a) exceeded Control Times, b) a large Route deviation, c) a substantial Bicycle violation e.g. an e-bike, d) a substantial Support violation e.g. support car following rider(s)	No Result a) The brevet shall not be homologated
Major infractions that cannot be corrected and may have significant subsequent consequences, such as: a) the rider is likely to present a danger to themselves or others, or b) a major safety or lighting rule violation	Disqualification a) The rider is asked to relinquish their brevet card and stop riding immediately b) The brevet shall not be homologated

Also refer to Appendix 4 in: https://www.randonneursmondiaux.org/files/Constitution_and_Rules_2019.pdf

1. Where possible, a support person should consult with the Ride Organiser or another support person before determining the Outcome of any Breach.
2. A rider shall be given all reasonable opportunity to remedy the Breach before an Outcome is imposed.
3. An Outcome may be imposed on a rider at any time before, during or after the brevet. The rider shall be informed of the Outcome as soon as practicably possible.
4. The Ride Organiser is no longer required to provide support to a disqualified rider.

6.2 Appeal

1. A rider who is disqualified from a brevet or whose brevet is not homologated may lodge an appeal with the National Committee within 7 days of being notified of the disqualification or non-homologation.
2. If an appeal is lodged, the National Committee is to process the appeal within 21 days of its receipt.
3. At any meeting, the National Committee is to allow the effected rider, Ride Organiser and relevant support person to put their cases. Any party may be accompanied and assisted by one other relevant person of their choosing.
4. The National Committee may uphold or overturn the disqualification or non-homologation as it thinks fit. If it overturns the disqualification may award or not award the homologation to the rider as it thinks fit, including imposing a time penalty.
5. A time penalty may not be appealed.

6.3 Definitions

Brevet	An Audax ride over a specified route, passing through predetermined controls (checkpoints), commenced on a specified day within a time limit.
Ride Organiser	the person or persons or other entity designated by Audax to organise a brevet
Ride	when used as a noun, means a brevet conducted by, or on behalf of, Audax
Road Rules	laws and regulations about riding bicycles on the road that apply in the jurisdiction where a brevet is taking place
Support Person	a person designated by the Ride Organiser to assist with the conduct of the brevet, including having the power to disqualify and impose penalties
Nominal Distance	represents the distance goal and is assigned as a convenient designation
Actual Distance	represents the real brevet distance. A valid Actual Distance is >= Nominal Distance
Gravel	unsealed road, trail or bike path
Dirt	unsealed road, trail, track or bike path
Mixed Terrain	A route comprising both sealed and unsealed surfaces