



Audax Australia Ride Rules

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1 Commencement

These **Ride Rules** are made by the **National Committee** under Rule 33 of the Constitution of the Audax Australia Cycling Club Inc (**Audax Australia**). They come into effect from 1 May 2020. They may be amended from time to time by the National Committee.

2 Types of Brevets

Riding Audax is about successfully completing a ride over a specified route on a specified day within a time limit. Such rides are known as **brevets**.

A rider carries the **brevet card** issued by the Ride Organiser and uses it to **validate** their arrival at each **control**, or designated stopping place specified in the brevet card.

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.

Brevet types offered by Audax Australia are either:

- internationally recognised and registered with and homologated by Audax Club Parisien (**ACP**), Les Randonneur Mondiaux (**LRM**) or L'Union des Audax Français (**UAF**), or
- developed by and registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.

Rides are classified as:

- Calendar – Rides held on a specific date and appearing in the Audax Australia ride calendar.
- Permanents – Rides 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.

2.1 Calendar Rides

Calendar rides include:

BRM	Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux	Brevets on sealed surfaces of either 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km and registered with ACP.
LRM	Les Randonneur Mondiaux	Brevets on sealed surfaces of 1200 km or such longer distance and registered with LRM.
Flèche	Flèche Opperman All Day Time Trial	24 hour team event of at least 360 km and registered with ACP.
Petit Flèche	Petit Flèche Opperman 14 hour Time Trial	14 hour team event of at least 180 km and registered with Audax Australia.
UAF	Union des Audax Français	Brevets of 100 km or more ridden as a group at a controlled speed and registered with UAF.
BA	Brevet Australia	Brevets on primarily sealed surfaces with a nominal distance of either 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km and registered with Audax Australia.
BG	Brevet Gravel	Brevets with a minimum of 40% on unsealed surfaces and with a nominal distance of either 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or, 1000km and registered with Audax Australia.
BD	Brevet Dirt	Brevets on unsealed surfaces – single track and fire trails – with a nominal distance of either 35 km, 70 km

		or 100 km and registered with Audax Australia.
BR	Brevet Raid	Calendar RAIDs of 400 km or longer registered with Audax Australia.

2.2 Permanent Rides

Permanent rides include:

BP	Brevet Permanent	Permanent routes in the style of any of BA rides and registered with Audax Australia.
BDP	Brevet Dirt Permanent	Permanent routes in the style of any of BD rides and registered with Audax Australia.
BGP	Brevet Gravel Permanent	Permanent routes in the style of any of BG rides and registered with Audax Australia.
BRP	Brevet RAID Permanent	Permanent RAIDs of 400 km or longer registered with Audax Australia.
SR	Super Randonnée	Permanent routes of 600 km and over 10,000 metres of climbing that are governed by and registered with ACP.

3 Application of Ride Rules

The General Rules are applicable to all rides.

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 ride provided that:
 - (a) the rider is a member of Audax Australia or has reciprocal benefits through Cycling Australia or Audax Club Parisien,
 - (b) The rider registers online through the Portal and agrees to Ride Rules and Regulations
 - (c) a rider under 16 shall be accompanied throughout the ride 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 [Special Conditions](#) rule 1,
 - (f) if commencing a ride 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 ride a rider shall:
 - (a) register to enter using the approved process prior to any specified entry closure date,
 - (b) pay the ride entry fee, comprising Ride Fee and, as applicable, medallion fee and support fee.
3. Ride entry fees may be refunded in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the ride entered.
4. If two or more rides of different distances are being run together on the same day, or a BA or BG is also being offered as a BRM in accordance with [Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux \(BRM\)](#) rules 6 and 7,

the rider shall specify which distance or ride type they are entering and cannot subsequently choose a different distance or ride type after the start of the ride.

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. Riders shall comply with all relevant road rules including those that require riders to display at night and in conditions of reduced visibility front and rear lights clearly visible for at least 200 metres and rear reflector clearly visible for at least 50 metres.
4. Audax Australia considers riders' safety of paramount importance: riders shall review [Audax Australia Safety Recommendations](#) and are strongly urged to meet the recommended standards for lighting and visibility.
5. Failure to have and use lighting under [Bicycles and Equipment](#) rule 3 shall result in a rider's immediate disqualification by the Ride Organiser or support person.

4.3 The Route

1. The route for a ride is that described in the route notes and/or depicted on the map issued by the Ride Organiser for that ride.
2. The actual distance of a route shall be not less than the nominal distance of the ride.
3. Where adverse riding conditions are predicted, the decision to cancel, postpone, suspend or modify rides shall be the responsibility of the Regional President in consultation with the Ride Organiser and/or Regional Calendar Coordinator. Audax Australia policies shall be followed where available e.g. Extreme Conditions Policy: Heat.
4. A Ride Organiser may, in their absolute discretion, cancel, postpone, suspend or modify the rides immediately before or during a ride if necessary for safety reasons or to deal with unforeseen circumstances.
5. 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 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. 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 (validate).
3. A control is a place through which a rider shall pass to successfully complete a ride. 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 ride, 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.
4. A Ride Organiser or a support person may also conduct Secret Controls on any calendar or Permanent ride 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 rider.
5. A rider who arrives at a control after it has closed (excluding Secret Controls) has not successfully completed the ride, 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 ride. 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 ride. Poor bicycle or equipment maintenance, fatigue, lack of fitness, hunger, etc. are not considered to be unforeseen and beyond the control of the rider for the purposes of this rule.

6. At the end of a ride a rider shall:
 - (a) give their validated brevet card to the Ride Organiser or a support person,
 - (b) leave it at a pre-arranged place, or
 - (c) within 2 hours of the formal completion time for a ride, text or by other means inform the Ride Organiser that they have completed the ride (or withdrawn from it), and
 - (d) if no arrangement has been made, within 7 days of the end of the ride deliver the brevet card to the Ride Organiser.

4.5 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 ride, 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 ride 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 [Support](#) rule 2 shall result in immediate disqualification.

4.6 Rider Behaviour

1. A rider shall comply with all road rules and traffic signs (see [Bicycles and Equipment](#) rule 3).
2. A rider may:
 - (a) ride on their own or with other riders taking part in the ride,
 - (b) draft behind other riders on the ride but shall not draft behind any rider not on the ride.

In this clause, 'the ride' includes rides of different lengths or brevet types being run together on the same day in accordance with [Ride Entry and Fees](#) rule 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.

4.7 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 ride unless they satisfy those criteria, and
 - (b) impose additional rules in relation to any aspect of the ride whereby a rider who breaches those rules may be disqualified.

2. The Ride Organiser and support persons for a calendar ride with supported controls may choose to ride the route up to 28 days prior to or 7 days later than the date of the ride. The rider's brevet card in such circumstances shall be homologated as if the route was ridden on the date of the ride.
3. If a Ride Organiser or support person does not successfully complete the ride when riding under [Special Conditions](#) rule 2, they may not participate in the subsequent calendar ride or otherwise attempt the ride.
4. Any Special Conditions shall be made available prior to or as part of the registration process.

4.8 Control Times

1. All rides are controlled through a series of time and distance checks at controls by means of a brevet card.
2. Audax rides are not races. However, to be successful, a rider shall finish within the maximum time allowed.
3. Opening times for controls – Intermediate and finish control opening times for all rides are calculated on a maximum speed of 30 km/h except UAF which must comply with the UAF speed and schedule.
4. Closing times for controls – Intermediate and finish control closing times for internationally registered rides are calculated in accordance with the following table:

International Brevet Control Closing Times					
Brevet Type	BRM	LRM	SR	Flèche	UAF
Ride Type	ACP registered road rides on sealed surfaces: - Shall not exceed 15 km unsealed surface - Actual length shall not exceed nominal by the lesser of 10% or 40 kms	LRM registered road rides on sealed surfaces: - Shall not exceed 15 km unsealed surface	ACP registered Super Randonnée Permanents: - 600 km - 10,000 m climbing	ACP registered Flèche Opperman All Day Trial 24 hour team event: - min 360 km	UAF registered group rides at 22.5 km/h
Nominal Distance	200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km	1200+ km	600 km	360 km	100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km Peloton Time, Maximum Time
100					5h00m, 7h00m
150					8h00m, 10h30m
200	13h30m @ 15 km/h (+ 10m) No additional time for non BRM distances i.e. 250 km				11h30m, 14h00m
300	20h00m @ 15 km/h				17h00m, 20h00m



International Brevet Control Closing Times					
Brevet Type	BRM	LRM	SR	Flèche	UAF
360				24h00m	
Additional distance				No additional time allowance. At least 335 km at 22 hrs.	
400	27h00m @ 15 km/h (+ 20m)				23h00, 31h00
600	40h00m @ 15 km/h		60h00m @ 10 km/h		36h00m, 40h00
Additional distance	No additional time allowance. Intermediate control times up to 600 km @ 15 km/h.		No additional time allowance. No intermediate control times.		No additional time allowance.
1000	75h00				75h00m - 76h00m
Additional distance	No additional time allowance. Intermediate control times between 600 & 1000 km @ 11.428 km/h.				No additional time allowance.
1200		90h00			
Additional distance		Intermediate control times between 0 & 1299 km @ 13.33 km/h.			
1300-1899		Constant average 12 km/h			
1900-2499		Constant average 10 km/h			
2500+		200 km/day			

5. Intermediate and finish control closing times for Audax Australia registered rides are calculated in accordance with the following table:



Audax Australia Brevet Control Closing Times					
Brevet Type	Brevet Dirt BD	Brevet Gravel BG	Brevet Australia BA	Petit Fleche	RAID BR
	Brevet Permanent - Dirt BPD	Brevet Permanent - Gravel BPG	Brevet Permanent BP		Brevet RAID Permanent - BRP
Ride Type	Dirt rides: single track and fire trails	“Gravel” rides: shall have at least 40% unsealed surfaces	Mainly road rides but - may have up to 40% unsealed surfaces - actual length may exceed nominal by lesser of 40% or 50 kms	Petit (half distance) version of the Fleche Opperman All Day Trial 24 hour team event	Point-to-point multi-day permanent rides. Each RAID has a specific time limit.
Nominal Distance	35, 70 & 100 km	50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km	50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km	180 km	400+ km
35	3h30m @ 10 km/h				
50		4h00m @ 12.5 km/h	3h20m @ 15 km/h		
70	7h00m @ 10 km/h				
100	10h00m @ 10 km/h	8h00m @ 12.5 km/h	6h40m @ 15 km/h		
Additional distance	@ 10 km/h (6m00s per km) for kms over nominal distances				
150		12h00m @ 12.5 km/h	10h00m @ 15 km/h		
180				14h00m	
Additional distance				No additional time allowance. At least 155 km at 12 hrs.	
200		16h00m @ 12.5 km/h	13h20m @ 15 km/h		
Additional distance		@ 12.5 km/h (4m48s per km) for km over nominal distances	@ 15 km/h (4m00s per km) for km over nominal distances		

Audax Australia Brevet Control Closing Times					
Brevet Type	Brevet Dirt BD	Brevet Gravel BG	Brevet Australia BA	Petit Fleche	RAID BR
	Brevet Permanent - Dirt BPD	Brevet Permanent - Gravel BPG	Brevet Permanent BP		Brevet RAID Permanent - BRP
		up to 600 km	up to 600 km		
250 (nominal 200)		20h00m @ 12.5 km/h	16h40m @ 15 km/h		
300		24h00m @ 12.5 km/h	20h00m @ 15 km/h		
400		32h00m @ 12.5 km/h	26h40m @ 15 km/h		Sealed Roads – Average between 100 km/day and 200 km/day. 50% speed for unsealed road segments.
Additional distance		@ 12.5 km/h (4m48s per km) for km over nominal distances up to 600 km	@ 15 km/h (4m00s per km) for km over nominal distances up to 600 km		
600		48h00m @ 12.5 km/h	40h00m @ 15 km/h		
Additional distance		@ 10 km/h (6m00s per km) for kms over 600 km	@ 11.43 km/h (5m15s per km) for km between 600 & 1000 km		
1000		88h00m	75h00m		

6. 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 ride commences.

5 Specific Rules by Brevet Type

5.1 Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM)

- BRM rides shall conform to [Brevet Randonneurs Mondiaux](#) rules.
- BRMs are calendar brevets of either 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km.
- BRMs are registered with and homologated by ACP and appear in the calendar published by ACP.

4. BRMs are road rides intended to be on sealed surfaces and shall have no more than 15 km unsealed surfaces. The unsealed distance shall be specified in the ride calendar system and displayed in registration information.
5. Their actual length shall not exceed their nominal length by more than 10% or 40 km, whichever is the lesser.
6. At the discretion of the Ride Organiser, a calendar ride offered as either an Audax Australia BA or BG may also be registered with ACP or LRM as a BRM or LRM ride, despite its proportion of unsealed surfaces or longer length. The rider shall nominate on registration which ride (eg BG or BRM, BA or BRM) they are entering and shall complete in the relevant timeframe for that ride to be homologated.
7. [Brevet Randonneur Mondial \(BRM\)](#) rules 4 and 5 restricting the proportion of unsealed surfaces and actual length do not apply to rides offered under rule.6. A rider entering such a ride accepts the different conditions overriding the standard BRM rules.

5.2 Les Randonneur Mondiaux brevets (LRM)

1. LRM rides 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 homologated by LRM and appear in the calendar published by LRM.

5.3 Flèche Opperman (Flèche) and Petit Flèche Opperman (Petit Flèche)

1. Both the Flèche and the Petit Flèche are calendared team events in which riders set their own route to a common meeting place determined each year by Audax Australia. Each Region may set its own meeting place. The Flèche is registered with and homologated by ACP and the Petit Flèche is registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
2. Both team events have the following objectives:
 - (a) to build a strong team spirit by training and riding together,
 - (b) to ride the longest possible distance in the maximum riding time of:
 - i. 24 hours (Flèche) or
 - ii. 14 hours (Petit Flèche), and
 - (c) to share camaraderie at the designated meeting place.
3. Riders may only enter as part of a team, and:
 - (a) all riders on a team shall ride together,
 - (b) a team shall have a minimum of three and maximum of five bicycles.
4. Each team shall select its own route and have it approved by Audax Australia at least 14 days before the ride. The route:
 - (a) may start anywhere,
 - (b) shall be at least:
 - i. 360 km for the Flèche, or
 - ii. 180 km for the Petit Flèche,
 - (c) shall finish at the meeting place designated by Audax,
 - (d) shall have controls at such places as are reasonably necessary to establish that the team has ridden the whole route, and
 - (e) shall be in the spirit of Audax and, where practicable, should not pass over the same road in the same direction more than once.
5. The Regional co-ordinator for the Flèche and Petit Flèche team events may agree that a team can receive personal support at the designated controls, but not along the route.
6. Teams may start between 6 am and 10 am and shall finish 24 hours (Flèche) or 14 hours (Petit Flèche) after that time.
7. Different teams shall not ride together. If several teams use the same starting point and the same route, the starting times for individual teams shall be spaced at least one hour apart.

8. At the end of the 12th hour of the Petit Flèche ride, each team shall suspend riding and not recommence riding until two hours prior to the finish time for the ride (which is 24 hours after the team's start).
9. Each rider shall note the exact location and time on their brevet card and have it validated by a shopkeeper or other disinterested person or, if that is not possible, by another rider:
 - (a) at the starting point,
 - (b) at each designated control,
 - (c) at the end of the 22nd hour (Flèche), and
 - (d) 24 hours (Flèche) after the team's start.
10. Teams shall ride a minimum of 25 kilometres in the last two hours.
11. A team successfully completes the ride if at least three bicycles complete:
 - (a) the team's selected route within the maximum riding time, or
 - (b) 80% of its selected route provided that the team has ridden at least:
 - i. 360 km for the Flèche, or
 - ii. 180 km for the Petit Flèche.
12. Only riders who ride the team's complete route shall be homologated. Unsuccessful riders in an otherwise successful team shall not be homologated.
13. For both Flèche and Petit Flèche events, if a team completes its selected route within the allocated time they may extend their route by up to 15% using a route (starting and finishing at the designated finish point) selected by the Regional co-ordinator.
14. Teams shall comply with all the requirements of the general and these specific Ride Rules to be homologated.
15. For the purposes of above [Support](#) rule 1 and [Rider Behaviour](#) rule 2, each team is to be regarded as taking part in a different ride.

5.4 Union des Audax Français (UAF)

1. UAF brevets shall conform to [Union des Audax Français](#) rules.
2. UAF brevets are calendar brevets of 100 km or more 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 homologated by UAF and may appear in the calendar published by UAF.

5.5 Brevet Australia (BA)

1. BA rides are calendar brevets with a nominal distance of either 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km .
2. BAs are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
3. BAs may have up to 40% unsealed surfaces. The unsealed distance shall be specified in the ride calendar system and displayed in registration information.
4. Their actual length may exceed their nominal length by up to 40% or 50 km, whichever is the lesser.
5. The maximum times for BA are based on their actual distance.

5.6 Brevet Gravel (BG)

1. BG rides are calendar brevets with a nominal distance of either 50 km, 100 km, 150 km, 200 km, 300 km, 400 km, 600 km or 1000 km .
2. BGs are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
3. BGs shall have a minimum of 40% of their distance on unsealed surfaces. The unsealed distance shall be specified in the ride calendar system and displayed in registration information.
4. The maximum times for BG are based on their actual distance.

5.7 Brevet Dirt (BD)

1. BDs are calendar brevets on primarily unsealed surfaces, mainly single track and fire trails, and with a nominal distance of either 35 km, 70 km or 100 km.
2. BDs are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.

5.8 Brevet Permanents (BP, BDP, BGP and BRP)

1. Audax Australia has established permanent brevets (**Permanents**) in the style of BA (**BP**), BD (**BDP**), BG (**BGP**) and BR (**BRP**).
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. Permanents are registered with and homologated by Audax Australia.
5. A rider shall:
 - (a) register to enter using the approved process,
 - (b) pay the ride entry fee.
6. A rider shall not ride a Permanent in the same local area and on the same day as:
 - (a) an Audax Australia calendared ride of the same nominal distance, or
 - (b) an organised public ride that follows the same or a similar route.
7. 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.
8. The rider shall immediately advise the Ride Organiser by SMS or other agreed arrangement:
 - (a) if they abandon the ride,
 - (b) when they complete the ride, and
 - (c) on rides of 400 km or over, their time and location at intervals of approximately 200 km.

5.9 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) ACP's [Super Randonnée](#) rules overrule Audax Australia rules, and
 - (b) ACP 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.
4. No support of any kind is permitted.

5.10 Brevet RAID (BR)

1. Checkpoints should be planned for one per day.
2. There are no time limits on intermediate checkpoints.
3. Minimum RAID distance is 400 km, unless approved by National Committee.
4. RAID minimum distance per day should be an average 100 km each day over the route.
 - a. Example $120 + 80 + 70 + 130 = \text{min } 400 \text{ km}$ route for a 4 day RAID.
 - b. Note: this does not prevent a rider from completing less than 100 km in a day
5. RAID maximum distance per day should be an average 200 km each day over the route.
 - a. Example $220 + 180 + 200 = \text{max } 600 \text{ km}$ for a 3 day RAID.
 - b. Note: this does not prevent a rider from completing more than 200 km in a day
6. RAIDs on unsealed routes may be 50% of the minimum / maximum distances per day for the unsealed segment of the route
7. RAID duration shall be counted in whole days (24 hrs).

6 Other

6.1 Disqualification and Time Penalties

1. The Ride Organiser or a support person:
 - (a) may disqualify a rider for any breach of these rules,
 - (b) may disqualify a rider if, in the reasonable opinion of the Ride Organiser or support person, the rider is likely to present a danger to themselves or other road users,
 - (c) shall disqualify a rider for failure to have and use appropriate lighting rules under [Bicycles and Equipment](#), and
 - (d) shall disqualify a rider for any violation of the [Support](#) rules.
2. Where possible, a support person should consult with the Ride Organiser or another support person before disqualifying a rider.
3. The Ride Organiser or support person may, in their absolute discretion, impose a one or two hour time penalty, or a distance penalty in the case of a Flèche or Petit Flèche, for a minor breach of these rules, including but not limited to:
 - (a) a violation of road rules,
 - (b) missing a control, and
 - (c) drafting someone not on the ride.
4. A rider may be disqualified or a time penalty imposed at any time before, during or after the ride and shall be informed of disqualification or penalty as soon as practicably possible.
5. A disqualified rider shall relinquish their brevet card if the Ride Organiser or relevant support person requests. 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 ride may lodge an appeal with the National Committee within 7 days of being notified of the disqualification.
2. If an appeal is lodged, a meeting of the National Committee is to be convened within 21 days of receipt of the objection.
3. At that meeting, the National Committee is to allow the disqualified 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 as it thinks fit, and if it overturns the disqualification may award or not award the ride to the rider as it thinks fit, including imposing a time penalty.
5. A time penalty may not be appealed.

7 Definitions

Ride Organiser means the person or persons or other entity designated by Audax to organise a ride
ride when used as a noun, means a brevet conducted by, or on behalf of, Audax

road rules means laws and regulations about riding bicycles on the road that apply in the place where a ride is taking place

support person means a person designated by the Ride Organiser to assist with the conduct of the ride, including having the power to disqualify and impose time and distance penalties