

Audax UK (AUK) - Regulations and Appendices

Glossary

AUK Events are cycle rides registered with AUK.

The AUK Calendar is the list of cycle rides registered with AUK and published in Arrivee and on the AUK website.

A Brevet can be:

- (i) a certified ride ;
- (ii) the card carried on such a ride; or
- (iii) the award for successful completion of such a ride.

Brevet de Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRM) is a term registered to Audax Club Parisien (ACP), used to describe a cycling event of 200, 300, 400, 600 or 1,000 km, controlled through a series of time and distance checks by means of a 'brevet card'. BRM events are registered with ACP, appear in the Randonneur Mondiaux Calendar published by ACP and, when held in the UK, also appear in the AUK Calendar.

Randonneur Mondiaux events (RM) are as above but are registered with Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (LRM) and are longer than 1,000 km.

Brevet de Randonneur (BR) describes an event registered with AUK, similar to BRM but subject only to AUK Regulations.

Brevet Populaire (BP) describes an event of lesser distance and/or speed than a BR.

Permanent events are BR or BP that are registered with AUK but not calendared and can be ridden at any time by arrangement with the organiser.

Audax Club Parisien is the club which initiated the Brevet de Randonneur style of cycle ride.

Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (LRM) is the group of national organisations authorised by ACP for the administration of BRM and RM events in each member country.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association can be seen at:

http://www.aukweb.net/official/07auk_mem_and_arts.pdf

Subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the following constitutes the rules (the "Regulations") governing the conduct of officials and members of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association (the "Company").

Where there is any conflict between these Regulations and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the Memorandum and Articles of Association shall take precedence.

Regulations

1. Application of Regulations

1.1 The Regulations govern the administration of AUK and the system of AUK events.

1.2 The Regulations can only be changed at a general meeting of the Company.

1.3 The Appendices to the Regulations are additions to the regulations that detail best practice.

1.4 The Appendices to the Regulations may be changed by the board during the course of the year, subject to ratification at the next general meeting.

1.5 Complaints Procedures: AUK publishes complaints procedures, to be followed in the event of a dispute in the application of these regulations and appendices.

2. Affiliations

2.1 AUK associates with Audax Club Parisien (ACP) and represents ACP in the United Kingdom.

2.2 AUK associates with Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (LRM) and represents LRM in the United Kingdom.

2.3 AUK may affiliate with other organisations as appropriate.

3. Financial

3.1 Financial year: the financial year is the 12 month period ending 31 August.

3.2 Subscriptions: the level of annual subscriptions is decided at each AGM.

3.3 Honoraria: levels of honoraria payable to those officials nominated to receive them is decided at each AGM.

3.4 Expenses: officials and members with delegated duties are entitled to be reimbursed from AUK funds for expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out those duties.

3.5 AUK event charges: fees for services relating to events, including registration, validation and recording, are decided at each AGM.

4. Membership

4.1 Club annual subscriptions: the membership subscription year is January to December.

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1.5 Complaints Procedures

1.5.1 Complaints regarding the conduct of a rider should be made to the rider's club and copied to the AUK secretary. If the complaint is upheld by the AUK secretary, the validation secretary and the rider concerned will be informed that no further brevets will be accepted by AUK in the current year from that rider.

1.5.2 Complaints regarding the conduct of an event should be made to the organiser's club and copied to the AUK events secretary. If the complaint is upheld by the AUK events secretary, the organiser's level will be rescinded.

1.5.3 Complaints regarding a decision by an AUK official, delegate or helper should be made to the AUK secretary or chair who will take the complaint to the AUK board. If the complaint is upheld by the AUK board, the relevant decision will be over-ruled. Should a complainant disagree with the decision of the AUK board, s/he should ask the AUK secretary or chair to place the matter before the next AUK annual general meeting.

4. Membership

4.1.1 The initial subscription may include an enrolment fee.

4.1.2 New members who join after 31 August shall be members until the end of the following membership subscription year.

4.1.3 Life members:

(i) any member over 65 years of age on 1 January who has been a member continuously for the previous 10 years may remain a member without subscription.

(ii) A reduced subscription may be payable if AUK publications are required.

4.1.4 Household members:

(i) where one member of a household is a member, other members of the same household may become members at a reduced subscription rate.

(ii) Such additional household members will not automatically be sent personal copies of AUK publications

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5. Officials' Duties

5.1 The board or any duly authorised committee shall allocate duties to its members having regard to their responsibilities.

5.2 A job description shall be prepared by each job holder and agreed with the board or the committee.

5.3 The general secretary shall hold the details, publicise their existence annually and make them available to any member on request.

6. Publications

AUK publishes a calendar of events.

7. AUK Events

7.1 AUK events are cycle rides approved and registered with AUK, organised by AUK members and published in the AUK calendar in time for riders to take part.

7.2 AUK Event Classifications: AUK events are registered as:

- (i) Brevet de Randonneur (BR), an event conforming to Regulation 9 or
- (ii) Brevet de Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM) a calendar event conforming to regulation 9 with modifications under regulation 10 or
- (iii) Randonneur Mondiaux (RM), a calendar event conforming to regulation 9 with modifications under regulation 10 or
- (iv) Brevet Populaire (BP), an event conforming to regulation 9 with the possibility of modifications under regulation 11

7.3 Additional Event Classifications, plus additional regulations, may be designated by organisers, provided they do not rescind any AUK regulation or appendix and are published in official AUK publications and in the event literature..

8. Validation

8.1 AUK arranges validation of participants' rides under the above classifications.

8.2 AUK maintains records of all validated rides.

9. Organisation and Conduct of Brevets de Randonneur

9.1 AUK and organisers are responsible only for indicating or agreeing control points to confirm that a participant has completed a predetermined distance within the allowed time.

9.2 AUK events are open to all cyclists, with the following provisos:

9.2.1 Non-members may be required to obtain temporary membership of AUK for the duration of the event.

9.2.2 Minors may take part providing they have the consent of their parent or legal guardian and subject to any guidelines issued.

9.3 Any kind of cycle may be ridden, with the following conditions:

9.3.1 The cycle is propelled solely by human effort.

9.3.2 The responsibility for ensuring that a machine complies with the road traffic laws rests solely with the rider.

9.4 Event Entry: Entries must be made before the start of an event using the official form, or a textually exact copy.

9.5 Insurance

9.5.1 All riders must have 3rd party liability insurance cover for the duration of an event.

(i) Entrants declare that they have this insurance when entering an event.

(ii) The responsibility for ensuring that a rider has suitable insurance cover rests solely with the rider.

9.5.2 All organisers and helpers must have public liability insurance cover for the duration of their event duties.

9.6 Distances: The standard event distances are 200, 300, 400, 600 and 1,000 km but any distance over 200 km may be offered.

9.7 Speeds: Events are run within maximum and minimum overall

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6. Publications

AUK official publications include a yearly Handbook, yearly Organisers Handbook, quarterly magazine Arrivee and the AUK website www.aukweb.net

7. AUK Events

7.2.1 Further AUK Event Classifications:

(i) Calendar events: Are ridden on specified date(s) published in the AUK calendar

(ii) Permanent events are BR or BP that may be ridden on any date by prior arrangement with the organiser.

7.3.1 Additional Event Classifications:

(i) Arrows are 24 hour events, intended to be ridden as place-to-place rides. Riders provide organisers with their own control details. Min/max distances at randonneur standard are 360/720 km.

(ii) Darts are events, organised like Arrows, above, of under 24 hours.

(iii) Grimpeurs (G) and Super Grimpeurs (SG) are hilly events with points awarded under the Audax Altitude Award. See the AAA page of the AUK Handbook for details.

(iv) Off-road events have a route consisting of not less than 50% designated bridleway, byway or any other right of way open to cyclists as is acceptable to the U.K. events secretary as Off-road or Rough Stuff. The event must be designated as Off-road or Rough Stuff in the title.

(v) Relays are a series of events between predetermined places and may be ridden singly or consecutively.

(vi) Team events are ridden by teams of 3, 4, or 5 machines (a tandem counts as one machine). At least 3 machines must complete an identical route/distance to be recorded. Each team nominates a captain to deal with the organiser.

(vii) DIY events (DIY) are permanent events where riders provide the organiser with their own control details.

(viii) Extended Calendar Events (ECE) add a DIY event to a registered calendar event.

9. Organisation and Conduct of Brevets de Randonneur

9.4 Event entry

9.4.1 The organiser may set a closing date for entries and/or a limit on entry numbers, which must be published in the calendar.

9.4.2 Entry fees are not refundable.

9.5 Insurance

9.5.1 Rider Insurance:

(i) All AUK members, including temporary members, who are normally resident in the UK, are provided with private 3rd party insurance while participating in AUK registered events in the European Union.

(ii) 3rd party in this case includes all members of the public and other event participants.

(iii) For the purpose of insurance, an AUK event begins when the rider arrives at the start control and ends when the rider abandons, or leaves the finish control, or the finish control closes, whichever is the soonest.

(iv) Non-UK residents must arrange suitable insurance cover.

(v) All entrants of AUK events outside the European Union must obtain suitable insurance cover.

9.5.2 Organisers and Officials Insurance:

(i) AUK has public liability and employer's liability insurance for organisers (and their helpers) of events registered with AUK and for members acting in a voluntary capacity for AUK as directors, officials, committee members or delegates.

(ii) Public liability in this case includes all members of the public and other event participants.

9.5.3 Claims should be addressed in the first instance to the AUK secretary. There is an excess in place, meaning that the first part of the

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speeds, set by the organiser and published in the calendar:

9.7.1 The minimum speeds are:

for events up to 699km - within the range 14.3 to 15kph;

for events from 700 to 1299 km - 13.3kph;

for events from 1300 to 1899 km - 12kph;

for events from 1900 to 2499 km - 10kph; and

for events over 2499 km, 200 km per day.

9.7.2 The maximum speed for the whole or any part of an event is any speed acceptable to the AUK events secretary up to 30kph.

9.8 Controls: Riders obtain proof of passage through controls whose opening and closing times correspond to the published maximum and minimum speeds for the event.

9.9 Rider Conduct

9.9.1 Entrants agree that they are on a private excursion and will follow the rules of the road, show consideration to other road users, and obey AUK regulations and appendices.

9.9.2 Participants who infringe AUK regulations, ignore event officials' instructions, or behave in a manner likely to bring an event, an organiser, or AUK into disrepute may be excluded from the event and from future AUK events.

9.10 Results: AUK events are not races and no timed results list or placings list of any AUK event may be published.

10. Modifications of organisation and conduct applicable to Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux and Randonneurs Mondiaux events

10.1 **Speeds and distances** are as set down by ACP or LRM.

10.2 **In addition to AUK validation** the brevet is ratified by ACP for events up to and including 1,000 km or by LRM for events longer than 1,000km.

11. Modifications of organisation and conduct applicable to Brevets Populaires

11.1 **Brevets Populaires (BPs)** may be of any distance acceptable to the AUK events secretary.

11.2 **The minimum speed** may be further relaxed at the discretion of the AUK events secretary.

12.9 Points

12.9.1 Members shall gain points at a rate of 1 point for every 100km ridden in BR and BRM events in the UK or overseas, the PBP and Fleche Velocio.

12.9.2 These points shall count for trophies awarded by AUK

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compensation is paid by the claimant.

9.8 Controls

9.8.1 Controls are placed at intervals of approximately 50 - 80 km at the discretion of AUK.

9.8.2 Controls may or may not be staffed by a representative of the organiser, the 'controller'.

9.8.3 A rider arriving late at the final control may give a written explanation. The brevet will be awarded if the Board considers the explanation is reasonable.

9.8.4 At the final control, it is the rider's responsibility to ensure that all necessary details are provided in order to ensure validation.

9.8.5 Where the final control is unstaffed, the rider shall return the brevet to the organiser within 14 days to be validated.

9.9 Rider Conduct

9.9.1 An AUK event may not be ridden concurrently with any other organised event.

9.9.2 Organisers of calendar events and their helpers may ride their own event(s) up to 15 days in advance or 7 days after the scheduled event date and be included in the event results.

9.9.3 Participants may ride singly or in groups and may pace each other but may not be paced by any other cyclist.

9.9.4 Participants are expected to be self-sufficient. They are responsible for their own feeding and may stop for food and rest at any place.

9.9.5 Participants' personal helpers are not encouraged but may be permitted, at the discretion of the AUK event secretary, provided the participant and their helpers agree:

(i) Not to drive a motor vehicle on a section of route in use by participants, except within 1km of a control or in the case of an accident or emergency.

(ii) The participant will be held responsible for the behaviour of their personal helpers.

9.9.6 The organiser or AUK event secretary may impose additional conditions, provided these do not conflict with AUK regulations and appendices, and are published in the calendar and event literature.

10. Modifications of organisation and conduct applicable to Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux and Randonneurs Mondiaux events

10.1 Speeds and Distances

10.1.1 The minimum and maximum speeds for BRM events are as regulation 9.7, with the following exceptions:

The maximum time limit for 200 km is 13 hours 30 minutes

The maximum time limit for 400 km is 27 hours

The maximum time limit for 1,000 km is 75 hours

10.1.2 Only the standard BRM distances may be organised.

10.1.3 The minimum and maximum speeds for RM events are as regulation 9.7.

10.1.4 RM events may be run at intervals of 100 km from 1200 km.

10.1.5 RM and BRM events must not be more than 5% over the standard distance.

10.1.6 No extra time is allowed for over-distance events.

11. Modifications of organisation and conduct applicable to Brevets Populaires

11.1.1 Standard distances are 50km, 100km and 150km.

11.2.1 A minimum of 10 - 12.5 kph and maximum of 20 - 25 kph is normal practice.

12. Awards

12.1 Distance medals and badges: Riders who successfully complete a standard distance event up to 1,000 km shall be entitled to buy the appropriate medal and/or badge for that distance.

12.2 The Randonneur Series is for rider achievement in one season. See the Randonneur series pages of the Handbook.

12.3 The Brevet Series includes rider achievement over extended periods. See the Brevet series pages of the Handbook.

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12.4 Audax Altitude Award: see the AAA page of the Handbook & AAA website.

12.5 International Super Randonneur: see the ISR page of the Handbook

12.6 Fixed Wheel Challenge: see the FWC page of the Handbook.

12.7 The Randonnée Organiser Award (ROA) series marks organising achievement of individual Organisers according to the cumulative total distance of kilometres organised in BRM, BR and BP events in the AUK Calendar. The standard distances will be used in the calculations. Organisers have the right to have their ROA level indicated alongside their events in the Calendar.

(i) ROA 1000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(ii) ROA 2000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(iii) ROA 3000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(iv) ROA 4000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(v) ROA 5000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(vi) ROA 10000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

(vii) ROA 25000 kilometres organised in AUK Calendar events, over any period of time.

12.8 Trophies: Although the Club is non-competitive, it does recognise achievement and some of the club's trophies reflect this. Special awards may be made via nominations by members and/or the directors or committee for outstanding achievements of tenacity, courage or service.

The following are annual awards which, with the exception of the Helpers' Trophy, are made only to AUK members:-

As per current guideline 6...

12.9 Points

12.9.1 For individual points trophies listed under Appendix 12.8, the number of points gained from permanent events must not exceed the number of points gained in calendar events.

12.9.2 It is the rider's responsibility to inform the recorder of points gained in overseas events.

12.9.3 AUK members who ride and appear on the result sheet of an official 24-hour time trial road ride organised under the rules of Cycling Time Trials or any successor body, may claim 1 point for every 100 km ridden in that event to a maximum of 7 points provided the member covers a minimum distance of 360km. Subject to a claim being made by the member, such points will count towards AUK individual and club awards for the AUK season within which the 24-hour ride occurs.

12.10 The season for events is the 12 month period from 1 October to the following 30 September.