



Inspire India

The Deccan Cliffhanger

Pune, India

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643KM Solo Crew Supported RAAM Qualifier and RAAM Style Relay

Rules and Regulations

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Guiding principles

- Safety of all persons involved
- Running a Clean and Healthy race with a level playing field for all
- Creating a Race of International standards
- Protecting Race integrity and reputation

The guiding principles will dictate decision making by the Race Committee on any issue not specifically covered in these rules

1. General

- A. All participants are responsible for reading and understanding the rules, event information and instructions given before and during the event.
- B. Standard Race Across America and RAAM Style Event Rules apply as listed in Appendix A with exceptions detailed at the bottom.
- C. Safety is a primary concern. In an emergency, riders and their crews are expected to help, and will be given credit for any lost time, if necessary.
- D. All rules and regulations must be obeyed by all riders and support crew members at all times.
- E. Race Across America (RAAM) Rules may be referred to in the event that a situation is not covered in these rules. The race committee has the authority to override, modify, or create rules based on extenuating circumstances.
- F. The race is open to any amateur cyclist over the age of 18 as on December 31st, 2023.

2. Conduct

- A. Riders and support crew members must conduct themselves in a civil manner at all times during the race.
- B. Riders and support crew members may not act maliciously toward any other person for any reason. Riders and support crew members may not intentionally impede the progress of or misdirect any other person for any reason.
- C. Riders and support crew must at all times behave respectfully toward all Race officials and volunteers.
- D. Violation of the conduct rules and/or any other inappropriate behaviour by a rider or support crew member will result in the rider's immediate disqualification and possible suspension from future Inspire India events. This may include the suspension of crew members, from participation or supporting any Inspire India Races.

3. Traffic Laws and Laws of the Land

- A. Riders, follow vehicles and support crew members must obey traffic laws at all times.
- B. This includes, but is not limited to: driving on the correct side of the road, stopping and waiting at red lights until they turn green, stopping at stop signs and checking for traffic before proceeding, using hand signals for all turns, keeping as far to the left as safety permits, using the shoulder whenever possible and obeying speed limits, dipping high beams to avoid blinding oncoming traffic.

- C. Support Vehicles must use indicator, and only pull out on the left of the road when stopping to leap frog the racers, give hand offs or do racer/vehicle exchanges. The only time you may pull off to the right of the road is if you are driving into a property/private compound like that of a hotel, shop, dhaba or petrol pump for example.
- D. Follow Vehicles must use their dipper as required when driving on roads without dividers so as not to blind oncoming traffic. Racers bike lights must be powerful enough that they are not dependent of the follow vehicle's high beams!
- E. Race officials may issue penalties for traffic violations.
- F. Riders and crew members are expected to follow all pertinent laws, regulations, and mandates from time to time.

4. Route and Tracking

- A. All riders and teams must ride (or walk with their bicycle) every inch of the route.
- B. The route will not be marked. Each racer will receive GPX file and a cue sheet at the start of the race indicating the route and location of checkpoints. Riders must stay on the route at all times.
- C. If a racer leaves the route for any reason, and using any means, they must return to the route at the same point at which they departed the route prior to continuing in order to avoid shortcuts and detours, unless specified otherwise by the Race Committee. The rider must inform Race Officials as soon as they leave the route and when they rejoin the route.
- D. If for any reason racers are forced off route by road construction, diversion due to accidents, or by traffic police for any reason, they must immediately contact one of the Race Officials and report exact details of diversion along with location details including co-ordinates or location pin of start of diversion. They must do the same at the time of re-joining the race route. Racers may continue to race.
- E. Race Committee will assess whether a time penalty is to be added to Racer's time or whether a time deduction is required. This decision will be conveyed to the racer so that they can re-calculate race cut-off time for the racer.
- F. Racers have the obligation to inform to the officials when leaving the route for any reason, when rejoining the route, and, in case of accidents, closed roads, detours, non-functioning of GPS device, or quitting the race. If for any reason they are unable to establish a telephone call, they must send a text message or WhatsApp message.
- G. A mobile based app will be installed on the rider's phone for tracking them. Phone battery must be kept charged to allow the tracking application to function at all times during the race. All rider's locations will be publicly available through a dedicated tracking weblink.

5. Checkpoints and Cut-offs

- A. At a manned checkpoint, riders or crew must report their arrival with the Race Card to the official when they arrive, and sign the checkpoint log. Time will be recorded as of when they report, not when they arrive, if there is a lapse. At an unmanned checkpoint Riders or crew must report their arrival in the manner prescribed.
- B. Support crew can report instead of the rider during daylight hours. Rider may continue riding, except at the finish of their event, at which time the rider must check in. At night it is mandatory for the racer to stop until the checkpoint procedure is completed.
- C. It is solely the rider's and crews responsibility to make sure their time is recorded, when they pass through a manned checkpoint. Failure to do so will result in penalties and/or disqualification. The support crew may not report before a rider has physically crossed that particular time control.
- D. There are no hard cut offs in between, for RAAM Qualification. You have to reach the Finish within the Time limits of your respective Category. But if you arrive at Manned checkpoints after the Race Officials have left, you will be automatically disqualified from RAAM Qualification.
- E. The Close of Control timings of checkpoints as listed in Appendix D are the latest time till which Volunteers will wait at manned check points. These timings are primarily to validate a finish within Inspire India Finishers timings and not recommended for RAAM Qualification.
- F. Riders may not be eligible for Finishers awards if they reach a manned checkpoint after it has closed and officials have departed. Participants may continue riding the course but their timings will not be validated. Ref Appendix D.

6. Timings and RAAM Qualification

- A. Finish Cut off timings according to categories based on Age and Gender are detailed in Appendix B.
- B. Solo racers who successfully complete the entire course of 643 km in accordance with the RQ (RAAM Qualification) timings for their respective category will be qualified for Race Across America (RAAM) 2024 and 2025.
- C. All Solo racers who finish within the 38 hour cut off will be acknowledged as Finishers of the Deccan Cliffhanger by Inspire India and eligible for the finishers Medal. Solo racers who finish Outside of Time Limit will be listed as OTL in the results.
- D. Teams finishing within their respective time cut-offs will be eligible for the Finishers Medals. Teams that finish Outside of Time Limit will be listed as OTL in the results.

7. Race Officials and Race Committee

- A. Race Officials are individuals designated to enforce the Rules of the Race upon racers and crew members. Race Officials include Marshals, Control Point Officials, Head Official, Race Director, and Race Management members.
- B. Race officials may be stationed along the route as well as at checkpoints, and will be marshaling the route marked or unmarked vehicles.
- C. The Race Committee is comprised of the Race Director, Head Official, and the Executive Director. From time to time, the committee may also include other Officials or individuals who the Committee deems necessary and fit.
- D. The Race Committee has the authority to override, modify, or create rules based on unfolding circumstances during the course of the event. Race officials have complete authority and the decision of the Race committee is the final word on all matters.

8. Embedded Official

- A. Inspire India reserves the right to assign an official to observe a racer/team from within his/her support vehicle, at any time before or during the race. Racer and crew will accommodate the official within his/her vehicle and will be responsible for the safety and well being of the official.

9. Relay Teams

- A. Teams may be comprised of 2 – 4 members riding in a relay. The same rules and regulations that apply to individual riders, apply to teams and their support crews.
- B. Rider exchanges may take place anywhere on the course and at any frequency depending on team strategy. Any number of teammates may ride at the same time. A team's official time is calculated when the first rider crosses the finish line.
- C. As a relay running race requires a passing of a baton, Team Relay Racer Exchanges mandatorily require wheels to overlap between retiring racer and fresh racer, to ensure that there is no gap in time or space in the teams' race. This rule will be strictly imposed. Teams will be issued a time penalty for first offense and be disqualified on second offense.
- D. In the day time rolling exchanges may take place, with support vehicles going ahead to place the fresh racer and waiting in readiness for retiring racer to arrive and overlap wheels. At night, due to mandatory direct follow rules, both racer and vehicle have to stop and remain in vehicle headlights. Teams with more than one follow vehicle may do rolling exchanges at night, provided no racer continues on the course unless in the headlights of the follow vehicle.
- E. Drafting is allowed between teammates, but not between rival teams, solo racers or any other rider.
- F. Each Team must have a team leader, who should be a member of the team. Any decision regarding penalties or disqualification will be conveyed to the team leader or the crew chief.
- G. Team members may support their team when they are not riding, but must obey all rules regarding support crew members, with the exception of the rule banning support crew members from riding on the course.

10. Bicycles

- A. All bicycles must be propelled solely by human force. There is no limit as to the number of bicycles a rider may use. Disc wheels, wheel covers and/or aero bars are allowed.
- B. There are no bicycle categories at this time. Special bikes will be considered and ruled upon by the Race Director. Solo Racers must have a road bike as a primary bike and may choose to have a hybrid/

MTB as a spare bike for bad road sections.

- C. All bicycles must be deemed to be in race condition. If a bicycle is judged to be unfit or unsafe to ride, riders may NOT use it until the issue is resolved to the satisfaction of the Race Director.

11. Helmets

- A. Riders must wear an approved helmet, properly fastened, at all times when riding a bicycle. Riders without a helmet will not be permitted to start. Riding without a helmet, even briefly will result in immediate disqualification of the racer.

12. Lights and Reflective Gear

- A. Riders must use at least one steady white front light visible from 500' (150 lumens or more) mounted to the bicycle and a steady (not flashing) red rear light visible from 300' mounted to the bicycle. A second red rear light visible from 300' mounted to the bicycle or rider, may be kept on flashing or steady mode. Be warned however that the flashing mode can cause extreme irritation and/or hypnotic effect on the follow car driver.
- B. Riders must wear a reflective gear during the night hours, in the form of a vest or bandoleer. (Adhesive reflective material and jerseys with reflective material stitched to them, are not acceptable in lieu of reflective gear)
- C. Lights and reflective gear must be used during night hours from 6:00 PM – 7:00 AM, and switched on when passing through a tunnel. All lighting requirements must be met by all riders, during the night hours (mandatory direct follow hours). Any rider caught riding without lights and/or reflective gear during the night hours will be immediately penalized (no warnings).
- D. These are the minimal requirements we will accept, but are nowhere near optimal. For optimal lighting, we recommend using a front light of at least 600 lumens, with a secondary front light in use with the other light or to use as a backup. For the rear, we recommend using lights with visibility up to 500'.
- E. Support crew must wear Reflective gear during the night hours. It is recommended that they wear reflective gear when they are outside the vehicle during daylight hours as well. We suggest wearing and keeping reflective gear on all day and night for the crew.

13. Support Crews

- A. Support vehicle with a minimum of 2 support crew capable of driving the vehicle, for solo riders is Mandatory. For safety it is advised that there be 3 crew in the vehicle. 3 and 4 person Teams may manage with a single support crew member who is the dedicated driver, provided team members (riders) are prepared to share the driving. 2 Persons teams are required to have 2 crew that can both drive.
- B. Support vehicles may leap frog their rider during the day and provide support only via pedestrian hand offs. No vehicle hand offs are allowed. At night, they must follow directly behind their rider at all times. It is mandatory for the Racer to be within the headlights of the support vehicle during night time hours.
- C. Support crew members must obey all of the rules and regulations. If a support crew member violates a rule, it will result in their expulsion from the race and penalties and/or disqualification for their rider.
- D. Support crew members must be considerate of the surrounding area in which the course travels. They should not behave in a disruptive manner, and pay all bills of purchases made on the course.
- E. Support crew members are not allowed to ride a bicycle on the course at any time during the race.

14. Support Vehicle Requirements

- A. Only 4 wheeled vehicle may be used as support vehicle. Please ensure that it is well maintained and in proper condition before start of race. 2 wheeled vehicles may not be used for support.
- B. Rear emergency flashers (Parking lights/Hazard lights) must be used while supporting a rider, driving slowly or whenever pulled over.
- C. All support vehicles must display a "SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE TRIANGLE". "Slow-moving vehicle triangles" may be purchased at most auto parts or hardware stores. In the absence of a "Slow-moving vehicle triangle", the support vehicle must prominently display, a reflective sticker not less than 2 feet in length.
- D. Support vehicle with a Bike rack mounted at rear must use a rear red flashing light mounted on the bike rack.
- E. Support vehicle must display Race signage in the manner instructed at time of briefing. Race signage

may not be removed for the entire duration of the race, except if the rider/s drop out of the race or are disqualified.

- F. In addition to the race signage, each Racer/Team will be given an Indicator that is to be displayed at all times on the Support vehicle following the racer. In case of Racer/Team with more than one support vehicle, this indicator must be transferred to indicate which vehicle is on active duty.
- G. Each Racer or Team must have their own support vehicle. Support vehicle may not be shared.
- H. Refer Rule 28 wrt restrictions on extra support vehicle on one section of the route.

15. Following The Rider, Hand-off's and Passing

- A. Support crews may leap frog their rider during the day and provide support via pedestrian hand off's, and at night, they must follow directly behind their rider.
- B. Follow vehicles must stay as far to the left as safety permits while driving behind their rider. If the shoulder is wide enough for the vehicle to use, they must use it. If it's not, they must drive as close to the left edge of the pavement as possible.
- C. Support vehicles must halt off the shoulder line whenever possible.
- D. Follow vehicles should never block traffic to the rear. If traffic builds up behind them, they must pull off the road and allow it to pass. Then, when it is clear, they may continue to follow their rider. If there is a lot of traffic, or if the road is narrow, follow vehicles must pull over and leapfrog their rider. Except at night, when the racer must also pull over and allow traffic to clear.
- E. Follow vehicles may not impede the progress of another rider or their follow vehicle.
- F. When a rider with a follow vehicle passes another rider, use this procedure: rider A passes rider B and gets clear. When a gap of 30 meters forms between the two riders, rider A's follow vehicle may pass rider B (and their follow vehicle) and continue to follow their rider. Rider B (and their follow vehicle) may not impede the progress of rider A or their follow vehicle.
- G. It is strongly recommended that support crew follow their riders closely, but at a safe distance during the night. It is mandatory to keep them in their headlights at all times. This will provide protection and light to their rider.
- H. Riders may not be pushed, pulled, towed or otherwise assisted by their follow vehicle. This will result in immediate disqualification.
- I. Make sure that crew and the racer plan ahead and refuel and restock before 6:00 pm to avoid wasting the race time at night. Before 11 PM make certain you have enough supplies and fuel to make it through the entire night. On some parts of the route, it will be impossible to find food or fuel after that.

16. Mechanical Support

- A. All riders should be self-sufficient and properly equipped. Riders and/or their support crew should have everything necessary to repair or adjust the rider's bicycle and combat the elements. Race officials may help, but take no responsibility or make any guarantees to fix mechanical problems when and where they occur. Riders and support crew members may assist one another with mechanical or other problems, but no time credit will be given unless it is an emergency or extenuating situation.
- B. Outside assistance may be used, for example a bike shop on route. However if the racer is leaving the course for this or any reason, race officials have to be informed about the location from which the departure is made, prior to leaving the course, and the racer must return to the same location, inform race officials and then continue.

17. Sleep

- A. Sleep is not mandatory, but is recommended that when a rider (or support crew member) need it, they take at least a short power nap.
- B. Race officials reserve the right to pull a rider and/or support crew member off the course and order them to rest if that person is suffering from sleep deprivation and/or riding/driving or acting in an unsafe manner.

18. Warning and Penalties

- A. Riders and support crew members must obey all rules and regulations at all times. There will be no exceptions. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure and s/he or her/his support crew do not give any cause for doubt.
- B. Race officials and volunteers may issue warnings to riders and support crew for minor violations not

including willful cheating. If the situation warrants a penalty may be issued at the first offense.

- C. In the situation of a race such as this, race marshals may take spot decisions that will be conveyed to the Race Committee. Every attempt will be made to convey it to the racer's crew and racer, but Race Officials may not be held responsible if contact is not made with the crew for this purpose.
- D. Repeating an offense will result in a penalty, regardless of whether the racer or crew has been notified or warned about the first offence.
- E. Race officials reserve the right to immediately disqualify a rider and/or support crew member and ban them from future races for inappropriate behavior or if the situation warrants it. It is within the discretionary powers of Race officials to make a decision about warnings, penalties or disqualifications, based on their judgment and observations.
- F. Penalties will be meted out in accordance with RAAM race rule no. 13. In Appendix A, but are not limited to the ones listed there.

19. Cheating

- A. Drafting of any motorized vehicle is strictly forbidden. Any rider seen attempting to gain advantage by drafting a motorized vehicle will be immediately disqualified.
- B. Towing any vehicle is strictly forbidden. A violation will lead to immediate disqualification and a ban from future races.
- C. Any Racer seen using a motorized vehicle to move ahead on the course will be disqualified. If for any reason a racer decides to withdraw from the race, she/he or their crew must inform a race official before moving ahead on the course in a vehicle. If telephonic contact cannot be established, a text message/ sms or WhatsApp message must be sent.
- D. Any deliberate act of taking advantage over others is considered cheating and will lead to immediate disqualification.
- E. A very serious view is taken of any manner of cheating. If found cheating Race officials WILL immediately disqualify a rider and/or support crew members and ban them from future races.

20. Drafting

- A. Drafting is not allowed in any category, except for teams (see rule # 9). Riders must maintain at least a 10 meter space cushion between each other and vehicles. When passing, riders may encroach on the 10 meter space cushion as necessary, but if they linger, they will be considered to be drafting. Drafting any motor vehicle is not allowed.
- B. Any violation of the drafting rules will result in a rider's immediate disqualification.

21. Compliance

- A. All racers have to pass inspection of mandatory requirements before being cleared to race. This will include documentation, Bicycle inspection and vehicle inspection as described in Appendix C. No additional vehicles, that have not been inspected, may be used to give support during the route.
- B. It is the responsibility of the racers and the crew to ensure that compliance is strictly adhered to for the entire duration of the race.
- C. In case a change of vehicle/bicycle is necessitated, between inspections and race start, Race officials have to be informed, new vehicle documents submitted and vehicle/bicycle inspected.

22. Appeals, Protests, and Complaints

- A. During the course of the race, a racer may make a verbal protest to any Race Official or the Race Director, but it must be made privately and respectfully. Any public protest or display of disgust with the contents of the Rules, their application or to a Race Official may result in a penalty.
- B. Any rider wishing to make an official protest must do so in writing and submit it to the Race Director along with a Complaint Fee of Rs. 5000/- no later than two hours after their race's respective time limit has expired. The Race committee will rule on all protests after due deliberation, as time permits.
- C. Please refer RAAM RULES – Appendix A – Cheating and Accusations of Cheating (quoted below)
"RAAM is first and foremost a competitive event – it is the Race Across America. It is also an event characterized by camaraderie, shared experience and personal achievement. You will have a better experience if you are supportive of all Racers. Your priority is racing, not officiating.
- D. Concentrate on your race, the Race Officials will focus on rules. Invariably, becoming fixated on what may be perceived as violations of rules by others and/or what you believe to be officiating mistakes, will

generally cause both Racers and Crew to lose focus on racing and negatively impact performance.

- E. Cheating versus Mistakes - Mistakes happen. Racers and Crew get tired and forget and rules are broken. In most cases it is not intentional. Cheating is a flagrant and purposeful violation of the rules.”
- F. Riders and support crew may not make allegations of cheating in public or in social media of any kind. Racers may not make allegation of cheating to Race Officials without substantiating it with evidence. Protocol is to be observed. Riders must submit a formal letter of complaint to the Race committee along with eye-witness accounts, evidence and a complaint fee, for it to be taken seriously.
- G. Complaint fee will be refunded in full if the Race committee rules in favor of the complaint. In the absence of substantiating evidence, race committee will be unable to take action.
- H. Airing opinions, making allegations and complaints regarding Race and Race officials over Social or other Media before or after making a formal protest, that are considered harmful to the Race Reputation may result in a disqualification or a ban from future races.
- I. All Racers and Crew are encouraged to report to race officials, any suspicions (with or without evidence) if they see some infraction of rules by other teams or racers. These reports must be made during the course of the race, with details of racer/team no. and location, to enable race officials to check on the report. Any racer or crew, witnessing a cheating or rule infraction and not reporting it to race officials immediately, will lead to witnesses being held complicit in the act itself.

23. Communication Protocol

- A. In addition to conduct during the race (ref rules and regulations #2: Conduct) that pertain mostly, but are not limited to face to face conduct during the race, all communication between participants and Race organisation, through any and all means, must be respectful and polite in nature.
- B. In addition to any appeal/protest/complaint covered in Rules and Regulations #22 Appeals/Protesting/Complaints, all communication between Participant and Race Officials must be private and respectful.
- C. The objective of the communication must clearly be to receive clarity and resolution, on race related issues or information from Race officials.
- D. Acceptable means of communication are via email for any official communication that need to be kept on record, and via phone call, text to phone or whatsapp for any inquiries during race days.
- E. Posts on social media are not acceptable means of communication about race inquiries or addressing of issues. These are public forum that are critical to the well-being and growth of this race, and we will use our discretion in judging whether a racer is being disrespectful.
- F. A social media post deemed disrespectful, and harmful to the race reputation (guiding principal #4) may result in a disqualification or a ban from future races.

24. Media, Race Publicity and PR

- A. Riders and support crew agree to the use of their images for the purpose of Race Promotion in all Media.
- B. Riders and support crew must not through their actions on any media (print, social, internet, FB, twitter, etc) harm Race Reputation. The continuation of the Race is dependent on maintaining its integrity and reputation and any action that is considered harmful to the Race Reputation may result in a disqualification or a ban from future races.

25. Littering

- A. Racers and Crew may not litter, throw garbage, plastic etc at any point during the course of the race.
- B. All waste must be disposed off at private or public garbage bins on waste collection sites only
- C. This includes but is not limited to the finish line at Bogmalo where it is forbidden to throw any waste out of the vehicles into the public parking or the streets at the end of the race. Crew must only do this activity at their own respective hotels and dispose off the garbage as recommended at their hotels.
- D. It is the responsibility of the racers to ensure that compliance is strictly adhered to, not only for the entire duration of the race but until departure from Bogmalo the following day.
- E. Any breach of this will result in a penalty without warnings.

26. Substance Abuse

- A. Consumption of alcoholic beverages, drugs, Narcotics, Opioids or any other substance that may have an effect of intoxication or impediment to functionality is STRICTLY PROHIBITED for all Racers and

Crew Members!

- B. This rules applies from the day before the race start till the participants finishes. For Safety reasons, all crew or racers are expected to impose this restriction on themselves and each other.
- C. Race Officials will take the strictest action upon breach of rules, even in the case of suspicion or suspicious behaviour. In addition to a disqualification, Race Officials reserve the right to report offending person or team to local authorities.

27. Special RULES WRT ROUTE

- A. To prevent traffic congestion on hilly narrow sections of the Panchgani area, additional/extra support Vehicles are not permitted on the route from Surur (ref 0109 at 70.4km) on NH4 till Satara (ref 0206 at 169.7km) of the route.
- B. Between this section, only one support vehicle per racer/team will be allowed on the route. All additional support vehicles **MUST** use NH4 to bypass Wai and Panchgani to go directly to Satara.
- C. Teams and solos must proceed with only one support vehicle for this section of the route.**

Appendix A

RAAM Qualifier – Race Rules

1. Approved cycling helmet must be worn at all times.
2. Bicycles ridden at night must be fully visible. Lighting must meet the following requirements: Red tail light with minimum three LED bulbs; headlight; Reflective tape on fork legs, rear triangle, cranks, either rear of pedals or heels of shoes, and wheels; tail light may be solid or flashing.
3. All racers must have a support vehicle (one for solos and up to 2 for teams). Support vehicles must be equipped with the following: Two roof-mounted amber flashing lights clearly visible from the back only; Slow-moving vehicle triangle; “Caution Bicycles Ahead” sign; and race numbers on rear and both sides. No RVs will be allowed on the course. 200-mile racers may ride with a support vehicle or self-supported.
4. Support must be “leapfrog” during the day and “direct-follow” at night. Racers cannot advance at night without a follow-vehicle.
5. Participants and racers must not impede traffic. If two or more motorists and/or a single motorist is backed up behind a support vehicle for more than 2 minutes, the support vehicle must pull over as soon as possible to allow other motor vehicles to pass.
6. Drafting is not allowed. Any number of team racers can be on the road at any time. Teams may draft, but only their own team mates.
7. Racers must ride single file except when passing another competitor.
8. Support vehicle must be completely off the road when providing leap frog support or exchanging riders.
9. All participants must obey all applicable traffic laws.
10. Support crews must call race headquarters from each time station and report the racer’s time of arrival. Racers need not stop at the time station.
11. Racers must follow the exact course and racers must ride the entire course.
12. Racers must progress along the course entirely under their own power. Racers cannot hang onto vehicles, draft vehicles or be ferried along the route in any way.
13. Violation of rules 1 through 10 will result in the issuance of time penalties. Each violation will result in a 15-minute time penalty. The fifth penalty will result in disqualification.
14. Violation of Rules 11 or 12 will result in disqualification.

Exceptions To RAAM Qualifier Race Rules

Rule 3 – Support vehicles need not use roof mounted amber lights, and need not have ‘Caution Bicycle Ahead’ sign.

Rule 4 – Support vehicles can direct-follow their riders during daylight hours also.

Rule 8 – Given off-shoulder road conditions in India, Rule 8 may be relaxed if there is no option to get off the road.



Appendix B

Categories And Timings

SOLO

SOLO is just that.... Solo! Solo racers ride the entire distance, while their crew provides them with full support. Categories and Timings are based on Racing Age and Gender. Racing Age is the age each Racer will turn during the calendar year of the race (year of race minus birth year). Solo Racers at The Deccan Cliffhanger Qualify for The Race Across America if they finish within the RQ timings.

All riders who complete the route within their time limit of 38hrs will receive the Finisher's Award, but will not be qualified for RAAM.

| | Category | RAAM Qualification Cut-Off | Inspire India Timing Cut-Off |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Solo Crew Supported | A Crew Supported Women Over 50 | 36:00:00 | 38:00:00 |
| | B Crew Supported Women 18-49 | 34:00:00 | 38:00:00 |
| | C Crew Supported Men Over 50 | 34:00:00 | 38:00:00 |
| | D Crew Supported Men 18-49 | 32:00:00 | 38:00:00 |

Relay TEAM

The team event is a relay, not a peloton of 2, 3 or 4 members. Team members take turns riding, while other/s rest in the support vehicle and move up the road. Teams have the freedom to decide how often you swap riders, how long each member rides and how much distance each covers.

Categories and Timings are based on Team Age and Gender. Team Age is the average racing age of all Team members (total number of years divided by 2,3 or 4 depending on team size). Racing Age is the age each Racer will turn during the calendar year of the race (year of race minus birth year). Mixed team must have at least one female team member.

| | Age | Time- All Men / Mixed (Hrs) | Time- All Women (Hrs) |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2, 3, 4 Person Relay | 18 to 34 | 30:00:00 | 32:00:00 |
| | 35 to 49 | 31:00:00 | 33:00:00 |
| | Over 50 | 32:00:00 | 34:00:00 |

Note:

- All Categories finish under 38 hours
- All Participants will receive a Medal and Certificate on completion of the route.
- There are no bicycle categories at this time. Special bikes will be considered and ruled upon by the Race Advisor.

Appendix C

These are the mandatory pre-race requirements that each racer and relay team must meet in order to receive a clearance to race the Deccan Cliffhanger 2023. Racers or teams failing to meet these requirements in the required timeline may be denied a clearance to race and their registration cancelled without a refund.

A. Bike Inspection:

All bikes that racers and teams intend to use at the race must be inspected by race officials. The bikes must meet the following requirements in order to pass inspection. Racers will need to arrange for the required equipment listed below unless otherwise stated:

1. Front Bike Light - at least 150 lumens or visible from 200m (recommended 700 to 1000 lumens)
2. Rear Red Tail Light - at least 150 lumens or visible from 500m, must have steady mode (recommended 200 to 600 lumens)
3. Reflective Tape strips of 10mm x 50mm pasted on:
 - i. Fork Legs
 - ii. Seat Stays
 - iii. Cranks
 - iv. Back of Pedals or Shoes
 - v. 3 strips on each side of each wheel rim
4. Helmet
5. Reflective Vest or Bandoleer for all racers and crew members
6. Bike Number Plate attached on seat post of bike - Provided by Officials at Inspection Venue
7. Helmet Number sticker pasted on **front and both sides** of helmet - Provided by Officials at Inspection Venue

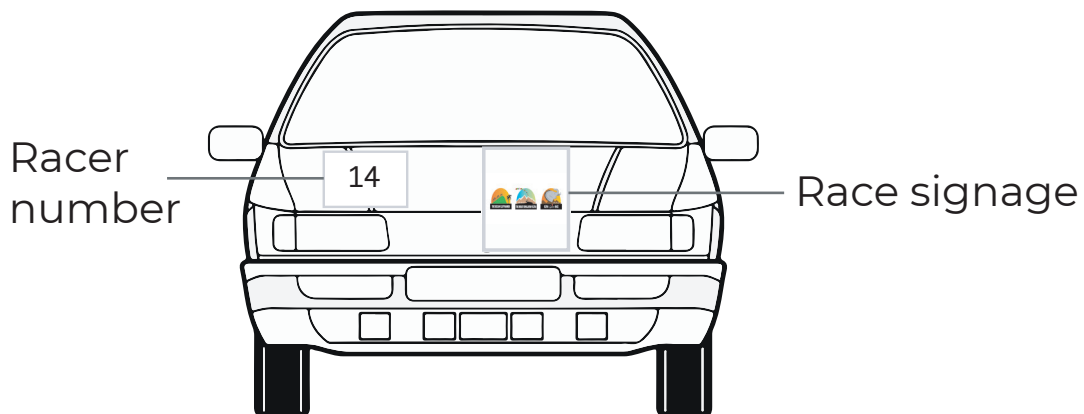
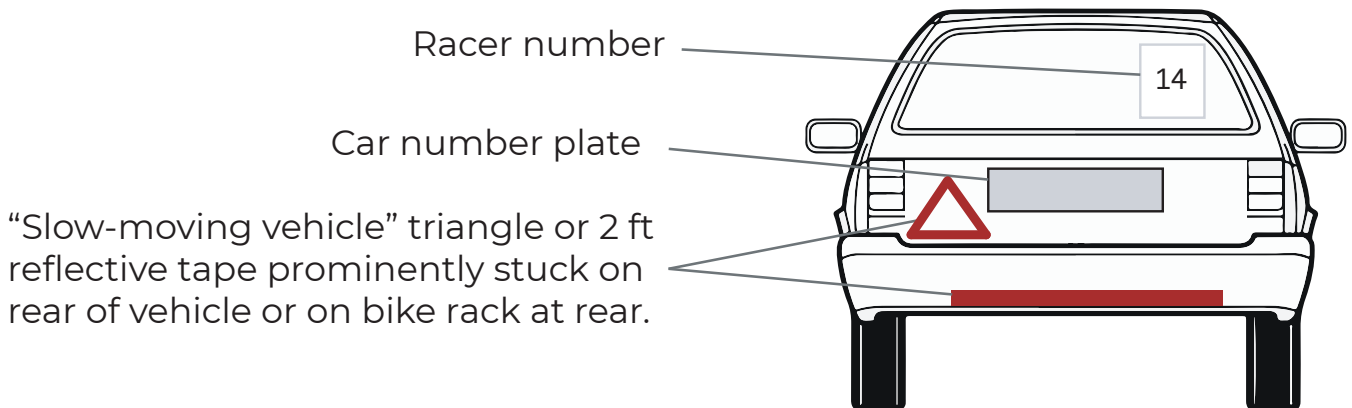
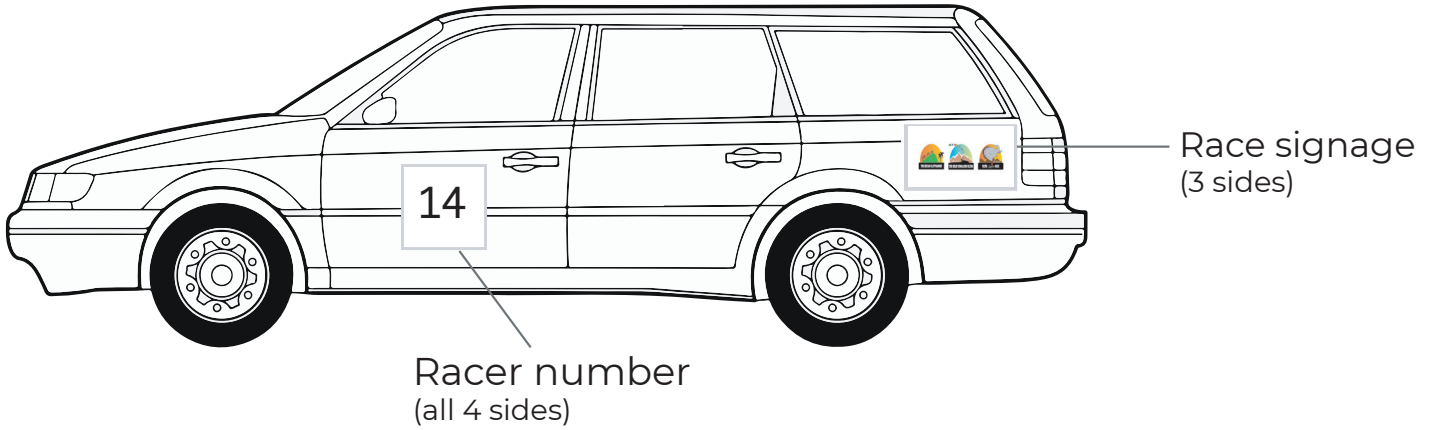
B. Vehicle Inspection:

All vehicles that racers intend to use as support vehicles must be inspected by race officials. The vehicles must meet the following requirements in order to pass inspection. Racers will need to arrange for the required equipment listed below unless otherwise stated:

1. Slow Moving Vehicle Triangle or 30mm x 500mm strip of Reflective Tape pasted on the rear of vehicle
2. Registration Plate visible at all times. If bikes or bike rack are blocking the registration plate, printed registration number to be pasted at a visible site on the rear of vehicle
3. Red flashing light on bike rack
4. Racer Number to be pasted on all four sides of vehicle - Provided by Officials at Inspection Venue
5. Race Signage to be pasted on front and two sides of vehicle - Provided by Officials at Inspection Venue



VEHICLE INSPECTION



Race signage will be provided at inspection venue. Race number will be provided at the venue. Car number plate to be visible at all times, as per traffic rules. If bike rack blocks the number plate even partially, car number to be written/printed and pasted on a visible part of _____



BIKE AND HELMET INSPECTION



Reflective vest



Helmet with number on front and both sides

Front bike light
(150 Lumens visibility 500ft)

Rider number

Rider number

Rear light
(300ft visibility steady mode)

Reflective tape
(seat stays)

Reflective tape
(front fork legs)



Wheels
(3 strips of 2 inches each side)

Reflective tape
(Crank & pedal)

Rider numbers will be provided at inspection venue. Reflective tapes of approx 1/4 inches by 3 inches l c at the venue.

C. Minimum Crew Requirement (Not Applicable to Self Supported Racers):

Each category in each format of the race has a minimum crew requirement. Racers and Teams must meet the minimum crew requirement in order to be eligible to race. Commercial drivers are also considered part of the crew for all purposes in the event.

| Race Format | Minimum Crew Requirement |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 643km SOLO RQ | 3 |
| 643km 2 Person Relay | 2 |
| 643km 3 Person Relay | 2 |
| 643km 4 Person Relay | 2 |

D. Documents:

Racers and teams will have to provide the following documents at the inspection venue. Please note that the inspection venue is NOT equipped to make prints and/or copies. Racers are advised to carry copies of documents themselves.

1. Identity Document of all Racers - Aadhar Card / Driving License / Passport (mandatory for non-Indian participants)
2. Identity Document of all Crew Members - Aadhar Card / Driving License / Passport (mandatory for non-Indian crew members). All crew members intending to drive vehicles must submit copies of Driving License as identity document.
3. Vehicle Registration Documents of all Vehicles - Vehicle Registration Certificate and Vehicle Insurance Policy
4. Waiver and Discharge Forms duly signed by racers and crew members

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Self Help Checklist - RQ and RAAM Style Relay

Use the self-help checklist to ensure that you have met all the requirements for pre-race registratrans and inspections

| Requirement | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Front Bike Light | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rear Red Tail Light | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Tape on Fork Legs | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Tape on Seat Stays | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Tape on Cranks | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Tape on Back of Pedals or Shoes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Tape 3 strips on each side of each wheel rim | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helmet | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reflective Vest or Bandoleer | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bike Number Plate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helmet Number sticker | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slow Moving Vehicle Triangle Reflective Tape pasted on the rear of vehicle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registration Plate visible or printed registration number pasted at a visible site on the rear of vehicle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red flashing light on bike rack | | | | | | | | | | |
| Racer Number to be pasted on all four sides of vehicle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Race Signage to be pasted on front and two sides of vehicle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Identity Document of all Racers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Identity Document of all Crew Members | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle Registration Certificate and Vehicle Insurance Policy | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waiver and Discharge Forms | | | | | | | | | | |

Appendix D

Race Route and Checkpoints

| Appendix D (Solo Crew Supported and RAAM Style Relay) | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|
| Control Point | Place | Landmark | km from Start | Type | Close of Control |
| CP01 | START | Keshavbaug Pune | 0 | Manned | 25/11/23 7:30 AM |
| CP02 | Mahabaleshwar | Bagicha Hotel on Left | 110.6 | Manned | 25/11/23 1:00 PM |
| CP03 | Karad | Hotel Sangam | 220.2 | Unmanned | 25/11/23 6:00 PM |
| CP04 | Kagal | Hotel Ashoka | 302.8 | Manned | 26/11/23 00:30 AM |
| CP05 | MK Hubli | Swagat Retail Indian Oil Petrol Pump | 422.4 | Manned | 26/11/23 7:00 AM |
| CP06 | Belgaum | Infinity Bike Studio | 451.1 | Manned | 26/11/23 8:30 AM |
| CP07 | Sawantwadi | Shiv Udyan Park on Right | 553.8 | Manned | 26/11/23 2:30 PM |
| CP08 | FINISH | John's Seagull Bar and Restaurant | 643 | Manned | 26/11/23 8:30 PM |

- The Close of Control timings of checkpoints as listed in Appendix D are the latest time till which Volunteers will wait at manned check points. These timings are primarily to validate a finish within Inspire India Finishers timings and not recommended for RAAM Qualification.
- For RAAM Qualification, you have to reach the Finish within the Time limits of your respective Category, however if you arrive at Manned checkpoints after the Race Officials have left, you will be automatically disqualified from RAAM Qualification.

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