OFFICIAL REGULATIONS LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL

TEAM TIME TRIAL (T.T.T.)

ART. 1 - INTRODUCTION

LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL is an amateur cycling event whose objective is to bring participants closer to the experience of one of the biggest cycling competitions in the world, the VUELTA A ESPAÑA. In the Brazil challenge, we seek to provide sports entertainment of the highest level for cyclists, their families, and sports fans. We also aim to increasingly involve the populations of the host cities, bringing financial returns not only on the days of the events but also stimulating tourism, sports, and local culture during other periods of the year.
This regulation aims to inform and outline the rules of participation, ensuring maximum safety for participants, staff, and the public present at the events; and harmonious coexistence among everyone, in an environment of equality and companionship.

ART. 2 - REGISTRATIONS AND TEAMS

1. Registrations to participate in the LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL races must be made exclusively through the event's official website: www.desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br
2. The registration period ends when the total number of spots (according to the general race description) is reached or at the organization's discretion, without prior notice.
3. The category classification for the Team Time Trial (T.T.T.) race will be:
    a. Men's team;
    b. Women's team;
    c. Mixed team - minimum of 2 women.
4. Every team must strictly have a minimum of 3 registered athletes and a maximum of 4.
5. Every team must strictly be registered by 1 single person or athlete.
6. Participants born in 2008 and still under 18 years of age on the day of the event must present a written authorization with a notarized signature from their parents or legal guardians; except for these cases, minors are prohibited from participating in the event. The age limit for participation is 74 years. Athletes turning 75 by December 31, 2026, may not register.

7. Incorrectly filling out the registration form, including registering in the wrong age group, will result in the summary disqualification of the participant.
8. **PwD / ELDERLY:** We have implemented half-price entry for athletes aged 60 and over and PwD. To benefit from this, the athlete must email a copy of their identification document, CPF number, and date of birth, and we will generate a 50% discount voucher for validation on the registration platform. For athletes with PwD status, include the medical report.
9. Participation in the LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL event implies total and unconditional acceptance of this regulation. No subsequent complaints regarding the content of this regulation will be accepted.
10. Registrations for LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL are personal. Anyone who releases, transfers, or sells their registration to another person without the organization's consent, within or outside the deadlines established in this regulation, assumes full civil and criminal liability. In the event of any accident occurring/caused as a result of this process or by this person during the event, both may be banned from participating in any other edition indefinitely.

ART. 3 - RACE KIT COLLECTION

1. The athlete kit must be collected at the location, on the days, and at the times stipulated by the organization, as detailed in the event's General Description, by a single athlete who must carry the necessary documents of all athletes, described in item 5 of this article 3.
2. The Team Time Trial (T.T.T.) race kit will consist ENTIRELY of all team items, being 3 or 4 items depending on how many are registered in the team. These are timing envelopes containing data of the registered team athletes with start time, front numbers for the bicycle, helmet sticker and seatpost sticker, in addition to their respective cycling jerseys.
3. The front plate of the timing kit must be fixed with a nylon cable tie to the front of the bicycle's handlebars, in a visible place free from any obstruction. The seatpost sticker must be fixed below the bicycle seat (seatpost). In case of doubt, there will be a model bicycle in the kit collection area, demonstrating the correct way to attach the stickers and the plate.
4. Any type of alteration, mutilation, cutting, and/or folding of the identification plates and stickers is prohibited, as is the absence of any of these items where the timing chips are attached, under penalty of disqualification.
5. The kit for the Team Time Trial (T.T.T.) race can only be collected by a single athlete, upon presentation of the following individual documents for each and every registered member:

a. Printed medical certificate attesting to fitness to participate in a cycling race, completely filled out, with the physician's signature and CRM, issued no more than one year before the event date. (Click here to download the Medical Certificate template).
b. Official identification document with photo.
c. Any other documents requested by the organization.

6. Kits may be collected by third parties not registered on the team, provided the authorized person submits a notarized authorization from the person who registered the team, containing the identification data of the grantor and grantee, in addition to presenting the documents outlined in item 5 of this same Art. 3 for all team members. (Click here to download the Power of Attorney template for kit collection by third parties).
7. Failure to present any of the requested items will prevent the responsible person from collecting the kit of the athlete lacking the required documentation, consequently rendering them unable to participate in the race.
8. At the time of kit collection, the participant or their representative must check the registration data, start time, chips, and cycling jersey size, as well as other items purchased separately. No subsequent complaints will be accepted.
9. Using another athlete's chip is prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of both the person who provided it and the athlete who improperly used it, resulting in the disqualification of the team.
10. An athlete who transfers their Athlete Kit to another cyclist will be suspended, along with the receiving athlete, for two years, and their participation may be denied in any other edition of LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL.
11. In cases of non-attendance at the event, kit items can be sent to an address chosen by the athlete, upon payment of the shipping fee plus an administrative fee of R$ 65.
12. The request must be made after the event via email: contato@desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br
13. The athlete must provide the complete address for calculating shipping and send the proof of registration.
14. The deadline to request the shipping of the athlete kit is 30 days after the race date.
15. The athlete kit will be shipped within 15 business days after receipt of the total shipping payment proof.

ART. 4 - GUIDELINES ON THE START

1. Teams will start with a time interval of 1 or 2 minutes between them depending on the

race schedule informed by the organization. The 3 or 4 registered team members must strictly present themselves in the pre-start corral a maximum of 10 minutes before their start time.

2. The team may only start if it is in the pre-start corral with at least 3 members present, during the time between its call to go up to the gate and its specific start time, considering the race clock displayed at the starting gate.
3. The team will only know their starting grid when collecting their kit.
4. A team that is not present for the start at THEIR ESTABLISHED TIME will not be able to start and is automatically disqualified.

ART. 5 - MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

1. For safety reasons and the smooth running of the event, each participant must start the race with the following mandatory equipment:
    a. Road cycling bicycles, Time Trial Bicycles, or hybrid bicycles in perfect condition and serviced, powered exclusively by human strength.
    b. Electric bicycles are not permitted in the Team Time Trial (T.T.T.) race.
    c. The use of a rigid helmet, road or aerodynamic, and buckled, approved by Brazilian or foreign safety certification bodies, is mandatory during all times the participant is on their bicycle.
    d. The maximum allowed length for bicycles is 2.10m; the maximum width is 0.75m. A standard competition bicycle falls within these measurements.
    e. Cyclists will be allowed to use more than one bicycle throughout the event, with the exchange being only between athletes of the same team.
    f. Extensions of any kind on the bicycle handlebars such as triathlon Clip-ons may be used.
    g. Lenticular (disc) wheels, aerodynamic wheels, composite spokes, and covers are allowed.
2. The organization reserves the right to veto the participation of a participant who presents any mandatory equipment that is unknown or unconventional.
3. It is the participant's obligation to verify with the organization, at least one month in advance of the race, the permissibility of any equipment that may be considered inappropriate under what is described in this regulation.

ART. 6 - NON-PERMITTED EQUIPMENT

1. Power-assisted bicycles or other mechanical propulsion means are not allowed. Recumbent bicycles are also prohibited.
2. Weights installed on lenticular wheels will not be allowed.

ART. 7 - ROUTE SAFETY

1. The organization will implement a series of measures aimed at the safety of participating cyclists and the public on the route, such as traffic cones for signaling and dividing lanes, curve indication signs, flagging staff, and sound whistles. Notwithstanding this, it is the responsibility of each participant to ensure their own safety and that of the other participants by riding defensively and with great care and attention.
2. Since cyclists will travel in both directions of the roads, it is expressly prohibited to ride against traffic, invading the left lane of the road, even for brief moments. There will be inspectors on the route and offenders will be DISQUALIFIED. Cyclists must always ride their bicycles on the extreme right of the lane and overtake only on the left.
3. All locations on the route considered dangerous will be properly signaled with 'DANGER' signs. In addition, the organization will place staff signaling these areas with signaling flags.
4. Participants must pay attention to and respect traffic signs and safety instructions provided by the organization through this regulation throughout the entire route.
5. It is mandatory for participants to be present at the starting location in advance and respect the times set out in the Official Guide, which will be sent to the registered athlete by email with all final instructions.

ART. 8 - TIME LIMIT AND PENALTIES

1. To ensure the safety of participants and allow the organization to reopen public roads to traffic, it is essential that participants remain within the time limits determined for each section of the route and shown in the "Race Schedule" document.
2. If a participant or team wishes to withdraw, has a mechanical breakdown, or is disqualified from the event by a race staff member, they must report to an organization member about the fact and wait to be transported back to the city by our rescue bus.
3. If the participant and/or team fails to reach the route points within the pre-established time limit in the "Race Schedule", they will be automatically disqualified and prevented from continuing on the route to allow the clearance of public roads.
4. Any athlete who fails to comply with the "Race Schedule" and is thus disqualified, must

strictly obey the instructions of the staff and race referees, who may direct them to:

a. Remain at the respective cut-off points until their rescue is carried out by the race bus;
b. Enter the race bus, even if still en route on the highway, since the bus is the last resort for removing athletes before public roads are reopened.

5. Any participant who voluntarily or involuntarily ceases to be part of the event, remains on the track outside the "Race Schedule", does not accept and/or disobeys the instructions of race staff to remain in the designated location or enter the race rescue bus, will cease to be covered by the event's contracted insurance and subject to suspension from LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL events.

ART. 9 - TIMING, RESULTS AND AWARDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL (T.T.T.)

The stages of LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL are timed by a modern electronic chip calculation system, which must be fixed to the bicycle according to the guidelines described in Art. 3, item 3, certifying that the participant completes the route in its entirety and calculating the time achieved.
The first three teams in each category (men's, women's, and mixed) that achieve the lowest net time (time elapsed between the start and the finish of the team's 3rd athlete) will be awarded.
A participant who disagrees with the classification results published at the event by the organization will have 30 minutes - from the time of publication - to open a dispute at the event's SAC (Cyclist Customer Service), in accordance with item 1, Art. 17 of this regulation.
The overall results of the T.T.T. (times of all teams) will be published during the event on the race website. (big screen at the finish)??

ART. 10 - GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Every participant must be self-sufficient; no type of motorized support or backing is permitted on the route, except by organization personnel.
2. It is prohibited to accompany, perform any type of "pacing", or follow a participant with vehicles, since the route will be closed to vehicle traffic. Only organization vehicles enter the race route. "Pacing" is understood to mean escort or athlete protection vehicles.
3. The organization will provide mechanical, medical, and rescue support. It is the participant's obligation to be responsible for their hydration and feeding, as well as to ensure their safety during the T.T.T. race.

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4. A participant or team may not interfere with and/or prevent the progression of another participant, under penalty of disqualification.
5. The participant may not receive any type of push or pull, even being towed or towing, performed by another participant or vehicle of any kind. This infraction is subject to disqualification.
6. Drafting off any motorized vehicle is not allowed. Drafting is understood to mean intentionally or unintentionally remaining less than 10 meters behind and/or less than 2 meters beside a motorized vehicle for more than 5 seconds.
7. Every participant must be accessible to the filming and photography teams throughout the event; however, enjoying an intentional drafting situation behind or next to a press vehicle is prohibited, under penalty of disqualification.
8. The use of headphones for radios, music players, telephones, or others, even if only in one ear, is prohibited, under penalty of disqualification.
9. All participants are prohibited from shouting, cursing, verbally or physically assaulting, committing outrages against public decency, or in any way offending another participant, anyone connected with the organization, or even the public. These will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be subject to disqualification.
10. The technical director and referees of LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL have the authority to warn or even disqualify any participant.
11. It will be up to the race director to decide whether an infraction, act described or not in this regulation, should be punished with a warning or disqualification.
12. The organization undertakes to notify the participant about the warning or disqualification.
13. Infractions considered serious and/or very serious, especially those that put the safety of participants, staff, and/or the public at risk, will be punished with disqualification and exclusion of the participant. The excluded participant is prohibited from accompanying the course of the event in any way, even at their own risk.
14. Contingencies such as accidents, traffic jams, storms, winds, or other acts of nature, detours, constructions, works, and any other similar events will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis by the organizing committee, and after decisions are made, announced to the participants.
15. The contracted medical service will have the autonomy to suggest that, for safety reasons, the participant should cease proceeding in the event. In this case, their bicycle number will be removed and the participant will be transported to the race Village. Any eliminated participant who insists on continuing to ride will do so at their own risk, exempting the Organization, A.S.O., and sponsors from any responsibilities.
16. As situations in an event of this size are numerous, the race direction in an extraordinary

case may meet and reserves the right to create or change the rules and penalties described here, if necessary, before, during, or after the race, always and only under extreme necessity, where the situation in question has not been foreseen in this regulation.

17. For safety reasons, the Organization reserves the right to shorten the routes or cancel the race without any burden.

ART. 11 - ENVIRONMENT

1. It is strictly forbidden to leave trash (paper, plastic packaging, etc.) on the route. Trash bins will be available in the hydration areas, and it will be mandatory for participants to use these areas for trash disposal. Participants must keep their empty packaging with them and may dispose of them in these locations.
2. The technical direction of LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL reserves the right to assign penalties to athletes who dispose of their trash outside the areas designated for this purpose.

ART. 12 - ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

1. The stages organized by LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL are within the scope of jurisdiction of anti-doping rules, and therefore, athletes registered in such competitions accept and undertake to comply with the provisions of the Brazilian Anti-Doping Code, and may, at any time, be selected for doping control.
2. Participants undertake to strictly respect the anti-doping legislation, as well as the provisions relating to doping control, its results, and sanctions provided for in the Brazilian Anti-Doping Code.
3. It is the responsibility of every participant to know the Brazilian Anti-Doping Code and the WADA Prohibited List – World Anti-Doping Agency (www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/prohibited-list).
4. Athletes provisionally or definitively suspended for doping, according to the updated list published on the ABCD website at https://www.gov.br/abcd/pt-br/coordenacoes/gestao-de-resultados/atletas-suspensos, will not be able to participate in LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL stages.

ART. 13 - REGISTRATION CHANGES

1. Registration changes will be accepted provided the deadlines and fees established by the organization are respected. All requests are subject to analysis and must be formalized by email at contato@desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br
2. Uniform size changes can be requested in advance from the organization, under the following conditions:
    a. Requests must be made up to 30 days before the event;
    b. Change requests made less than 30 days in advance can only be fulfilled at the event, subject to item availability.

ART. 14 - TRANSFER AND CANCELLATION

In the event that the registered athlete is unable to attend on the day of the race, they may opt for cancellation provided the deadlines and fees established by the organization are respected. All requests will be subject to analysis and must be formalized by email at contato@desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br. The possibilities are:

1. **Transfer between Athletes**
    a. Requests made up to 15 days before the event will be fulfilled only upon payment of a R$ 50.00 fee. Requests made within the 14 days preceding the event and/or during the event can ONLY be fulfilled upon payment of a R$ 150.00 fee, and with authorization after technical evaluation and spot availability.
    b. Registrations can only be transferred once.
    c. The athlete receiving the transferred registration may not repeat the process and cannot request a refund for this registration.
    d. The athlete registered in the Saturday T.T.T. race can only transfer to another athlete to register for the T.T.T. race. It is not possible to transfer to Sunday's road race.
2. **Team Registration Cancellation and Refund**
    a. The request must be made up to 1 day before the official opening date of the event.
    b. After the aforementioned deadline, there will be no possibility of a refund.
    c. The amount to be refunded will be 30% of the relevant amount paid upon registration.
    d. Extra items purchased with registration will not be refundable. The athlete may request the items to be shipped, subject to the payment of shipping fees, or collect the items directly during kit delivery on the days of the event.
    e. The deadline for reimbursement to be processed is 15 days after the end of the refund procedure.

f. In the case of installment purchases, the reimbursement will be processed 15 days after the last installment clears.
g. The items outlined in Art. 14 will only be valid after the seventh day from the registration purchase.
h. Deadlines for processing the request will be determined according to the event for which the athlete is registered, following the dates indicated in Annexes I, II, and III of this regulation.

ART. 15 - RACE INSURANCE

1. Cycling and/or participating in cycling competitions is an activity that involves risks to health and life. Each registered participant agrees and is aware that the routes will take place on roads with very rugged terrain, consisting of very steep ascents and descents, as well as sharp curves.
2. The organization is not responsible for any problem or accident occurring before or after the race.
3. To insure against the inherent risks of participating in the events, provided the participant is properly registered, LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL contracted an insurance policy in accordance with current legislation, which covers medical and hospital expenses up to R$ 40,000.00 (forty thousand reais). Expenses exceeding this amount are the participant's responsibility.
4. The organization does not assume responsibility for medical care; however, there will be an ICU ambulance service for emergency care and removal of participants. The medical care itself, both emergency and ongoing, will be provided by the Public Health Network, under its responsibility. The participant or companion may decide on another care system, exempting the organization, A.S.O., and sponsors from any responsibility, from removal/transfer to their medical care and future treatments.
5. The contracted insurance policy is available to any registered athlete at the organizer's headquarters.
6. To trigger the race insurance, send the request to the email contato@desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br with the information: race, date, time, location of the accident, and proof of registration.

ART. 16 - IMAGE RIGHTS

1. By participating in the events of the company LTP Brasil Eventos LTDA, each participant

expressly authorizes the organizer, the licensor company A.S.O., the sponsors, the press, and its authorized concessionaires to use, reproduce or have reproduced, without any form of compensation for their performance, name, image, voice, or sports performance within the scope of the organized and/or licensed races, and this in any communication medium, regarding the form of support by all means known or unknown to date or future means, for any type of communication to the public worldwide, for any type of use, including advertising and commercial use, and for the entire duration of the protection currently guaranteed by copyright legislation derived through legislative and regulatory measures, judicial and/or arbitrary decisions of all countries, as well as through current or future international conventions, including possible extensions.

2. Each participant purposely and irrevocably authorizes the organizer and its authorized concessionaires in relation to the aspects of promotional and/or commercial advertising campaigns to:
    a. Make any alteration, addition, or deletion that may be considered useful for the exploitation of their image under the conditions defined below.
    b. Associate and/or combine their image with any signature, tags, slogans, legends, brands, logos, legal mentions, visual effects, and, in general, any element of any nature chosen by the organizer that may be intended to illustrate communication supports in which they may be integrated.
3. The participant guarantees they are free from any exclusivity contract relating to the use of their image and/or their name and/or their voice.
4. The organizer and its authorized concessionaires expressly prohibit any and all participants from using and/or exposing names, logos, flags, voices, and images of a pornographic, racist, or xenophobic nature; generally speaking, they prohibit any exploitation that may affect the dignity of their participants.

ART. 17 - COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

1. It is possible to resolve doubts and obtain information about the race results before the awards ceremony, through a dispute to be submitted directly to the SAC (Cyclist Customer Service), within a period of 30 minutes after the publication of the results by the organization. The organization will analyze the stated facts and provide clarification to the questions.
2. After the 30-minute period has ended, if the athlete believes the race result does not match the published official result, they must file a digitized appeal in PDF, mentioning the competitor's first and last name, their registration number, and the originating fact in detail.

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a. To file the appeal, the athlete must also pay R$ 180.00 (one hundred and eighty reais) payable to LTP BRASIL EVENTOS LTDA and send the receipt attached with the digitized files within 30 (thirty) days from the announcement of the official results, using the data below:
   contato@desafiobrasilbylavuelta.com.br
   PIX (CNPJ) 27.127.718.0001-08 – Banco Santander - LTP EVENTOS
   Bank Transfer: Itaú 341
   Agency 8729
   Checking account: 29122-2
b. The organization will have up to 30 business days to analyze the appeal after receiving all the aforementioned documentation.

3. No response will be given to any request/complaint/appeal via telephone or handwritten document, regarding the interpretation or application of the present rules mentioned above.
4. This regulation may be amended or receive addendums at any time. In this case, participants will be notified through our main communication channels.
5. Doubts or omissions from this regulation will be resolved by the organizing committee in a sovereign manner, with no appeals against these decisions.
6. LA VUELTA DESAFÍO BRASIL is not responsible for objects lost during the events. The L'Étape Brasil organization has a lost and found sector directly at the Cyclist Customer Service (SAC) and follows the terms indicated below:
   a. Documents handed over to the organization that are not collected on the days of the event will have up to 60 days to be requested, upon payment of shipping costs. After this period, documents will be handed over to the Post Office agencies, and the holder must contact the Post Office Customer Service Center by phone: 3003 0100 (for Capitals and Metropolitan Regions), 0800 725 7282 (for other locations) or 0800 725 0898 (for hearing impaired people). The Post Office offers a service that keeps lost documents stored for a period of 60 days. To recover them, it is necessary to pay a fee to the company.
   b. Clothing and others will have a period of 60 days after the event to be requested, if they are handed over to the organization, and will be sent upon payment of shipping. After the 60-day period, the clothing and other items will be donated to institutions of the organization's choice.

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