

RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

PREFACE

The 24 HEURES ROLLERS competition is organized by "La Tribu Rollers" (race organizers hereinafter), a non-profit association that is affiliated with the French Federation of Roller Skating (FFRS), established under the rules of the law of 1901. its main office is situated 83 Rue de la Mariette 72000 Le Mans. The name "24 Heures Rollers" is a registered trademark. Its use without prior written consent from l'Automobile Club de L'Ouest is strictly prohibited and could result in legal action.

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A : PARTICIPATION MODALITIES

Art A1 : Conditions

The 24 Heures Rollers race will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th 2011 on the 4185 meters BUGATTI circuit of the 24 Heures du Mans race course. The course is flat except for one 3.5% grade uphill section of 600 meters followed by a 2% grade downhill section of 1 kilometer that includes two sweeping curves. The track is lit at night. The sole method of locomotion allowed is roller skates, either inline skates or quads. Any other method of locomotion is prohibited. This sports competition, which lasts 24 hours, is opened to all, with or without a sport licence, French or foreigners, aged sixteen or older on the day of the event. No derogation will be allowed, nor any overclassification. A written parental consent is required for competitors between 16 and 18 years old. Minors will not be allowed to skate between 10PM and 6AM.

Art A2 : participation and tarification.

You can register in the following categories:

1. Team from 6 to 10 persons (prestige category)
2. Team from 3 to 5 persons (endurance category)
3. Duo (duo category)
4. Individual category (solo)

The registration fee includes the participation in the 24 H ROLLERS race, access to the race village, accompanying activities, Finisher T-shirts, on-course refreshment station, insurance.

Registration fee:

- Prestige: 530 € until march 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 midnight
- Endurance: 400 € until march 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 midnight
- Duo: 290 € until march 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 midnight (limited to 50 duets)
- Solo: 165 e until march 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 midnight ( limited to 80 solo)

Registration fee is identical for French or foreign teams.

After March 17<sup>th</sup> the registration fees will be increased by 20€ in relation to initial fee.

After May 17<sup>th</sup> the registration fees will be increased by 30€ in relation to initial fee.

**Registration are closed on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Art A3 : no show.

The race organizers will not refund the registration in the event of no-shows, whether the no-show be an individual, a duo or a team.

Art A4 : Team captain's role

Each team or Duo must designate a captain. He is responsible of his team. The captain is the team's sole contact with the race organizers. The captain is responsible for ensuring that the team stand remains clean and orderly (and clean at the end of the race).

Art A5 : Participant levels :

There is no required minimum ability level for participating but each participant must know how to turn and brake correctly (the 2% DUNLOP downhill is 1 kilometer

long). The course is wide (7 to 9 meters across), but there will be a large number of racers on the course at all times.

The judges reserve the right to stop any participant judged to be dangerous to the others (ex: real beginners with only 15-20 hours of experience). **REAL BEGINNERS SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE.**

#### **Art A6 : Team support staff :**

Each team, Duo or solo can be accompanied by support staff (managers or other functions), who will be issued individual passes to the team boxes for the weekend for 15€ per staff member (1 t-shirt free). The "support staff" passes will be available at the information point at 7:00 AM on Saturday June 25th.

#### **Art A7 : Candidatures**

The participants and accompanying staff are considered to be invited by the race organizers. The organizers thus reserves the right to refuse the candidacy or presence of certain teams or individuals.

#### **Art A8 : Liability**

The participants take part under their own responsibility. The organisation can not be held responsible for any accident or event caused by bad health or by individual gear.

#### **Art A9 : Commitments**

All participant commitments are firm and irrevocable, indicate acceptance of all the race rules, regulations and conditions and preclude any and all reimbursements for any reason (illness, exams, marriage, etc.).

Organization commitments include complete organization of the 24 H ROLLERS race, providing access to the race village, accompanying activities, Finisher T-shirts, the on-course refreshment station and insurance for each team member.

#### **Art A10 : Information privacy**

In conformity with law N° 78-17 dated January 6, 1978, each participant agrees to have certain personal information entered in a file or files on an electronic storage medium. Each participant may exercise his or her right to access and to rectify any information concerning him or herself that is contained in these files. The organizers promise to not make any of these files or their content available to a third party. By acceptance of the conditions and regulations stipulated here, and in conformity with article L 212-4 of the French legislation covering intellectual property, each participant agrees to cede to the organizers for a limited period of time and free of charge the right to use his or her image as recorded within the context of the activities of the organizer, and this for the purposes of reproduction by any means known or unknown at the present time.

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#### **B : THE 24 HEURES ROLLERS TEAM RACE**

#### **Preamble 2 : The "Roller Parade" is OBLIGATORY**

All 24 Heures Rollers participants will gather at 11 AM on Saturday June 25th for the traditional participants parade that passes through the center of Le Mans. IT IS OBLIGATORY for all team members. You have to do 1 lap and a half. A helmet is required for underage participants.

Until the start of the race, the competitors will not have any other opportunity to discover the track. This warm-up parade is free for all the participants of the 24h Rollers.

#### **Art B0 Timing.**

Each team/Duo has two electronic chips, one on the person skating and another on the person who will take over. Once the taking over has been done, the skater who just finished gives his/her chip to the next skater. The chip must be placed on the ankle or the skate in order to function.

In case of loss of a chip, the timing team will provide you with a new chip as soon as possible. (Warning: in this case, the chip deposit is lost). Each « individual » will have one chip only.

#### **Art B1 : Qualifications**

At exactly 2 PM, one member of each team/duo will take part in a qualification race (fastest time over a flat course of 300 meters) in order to determine team positions at the starting line. A no show at this qualification race will bring start at the back of the starting grid.

#### **Art B2 : Briefing**

The briefing will start at 3 PM at the race podium on the track. It is obligatory for all participants. After the briefing, competitors will have 30 minutes to warm up in the straight line in front of the pits (closed track).

#### **Art B3 : Start on saturday : 4 PM**

The presence of each team member is not compulsory at the start. The race will start at 4 PM on Saturday June 25th.

**1 member of each team/duo** will start the race **holding the relay chip**. The start will duplicate that of the Le Mans 24-hour motorcycle, with starting participants on one side of the race track and their skates on the other. At the starting gun, participants will cross the race track, strap on their skates and skate for at least two laps.

#### **Art B4 : Baton relays**

Baton passes will take place in a defined zone on a carpeted straightaway section in front of the team boxes. The carpeted relay zone is restricted to competitors wearing their helmets and skates. Coaches and other support staff **must remain behind the barriers** or risk losing their passes and having their teams penalized 30 minutes.

Relays will be done using batons like those in track events.

#### **Art B5 : Race judges**

The official jury is composed of a head judge whose decisions cannot be appealed. He is assisted by race judges named by the racing comitee of the French Federation of Roller skating.

Only the college of commissioners can issue opinions covering race disagreements concerning the rules and regulations.

#### **Art B6 abandon of a team member on the track.**

Only race judges can authorize a replacement racer to restart the race from the relay zone. The judge will then bring back the chip of the racer who retired to the team.

#### **Art B7 : Dress / helmets**

All members of the same team/duo must wear the same top (classic T-shirt, racing signet...).

**All participants must wear helmets while racing on the track.** Anyone found on the course without a helmet will immediately be disqualified. On race Judges' decision, his or her team will be penalized 30 minutes.

#### **Art B8: Number**

**Participants must wear their numbers on their backs.** The judges may stop a competitor momentarily and at any time if his/her number is not visible. It is forbidden to copy or fold the numbers. Remember to take safety pins (6 per number) to properly affix the numbers.

#### **Art B9 : Refreshment station**

The official on-course refreshment and sponge-off station will be 1.2 km before the finish line. Racers cannot be provided with other refreshments while on the course. Each participant may race, however, carrying a belt bottle and his or her own refreshments.

#### **Art B10 : Final relay pass :**

After 3.50 in the afternoon it is no longer allowed to change skater. This means: it is not allowed to change skaters the last 10 minutes of the race. The team member/duo on the course at that time must finish the race for his or her team.

#### **Art B11: Final lap :**

No one may accompany any of the racers on the track for the final lap.

## Art B12 : Awards :

The amounts of the prices will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June on the race's Internet site at [www.24rollers.com](http://www.24rollers.com).

The different categories are:

1. Solo
2. Duets (Duo)
3. Endurance
4. Prestige with option : business, veterans, women, students.

**For the students:** submit photocopies of valid student ID cards; 6 team members at least have to belong to the same school or the university. The team has to take the name of the school or the represented university.

**For the veterans:** 6 team members has to have at least 35 years old in the year 2010, on photocopy of the ID card.

**For women:** all the members of the team have to be of the female genital organ

**For business teams:** submit photocopies of employment contracts or earnings statements. 6 team members at least have to belong to the same company. The team has to take the name of the represented company.

## Art B13 : Winners

The winning team is the one that covers the longest distance in 24 hours. If two teams have made the same number of course laps when the final gun sounds, the winning team will be that whose racer crosses the finish line first after the gun.

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## C : RACE FACILITY - CONDITIONS AND RULES

### Art C1 : Camping.

The camping site is open to everyone (competitors, support staff, public) from 4 PM to 2AM Friday June 24th and from 7AM on saturday 25th to 10AM monday the 27th. Camping access fees (tent site + showers + toilettes ) are 10€/person for the entire weekend (to be paid at the camping area entrance). Entrance is free for the campers vehicles.

The organisation will set up an appropriate security system in the different campsites and parking lots. However it can not be held responsible for any theft or degradation. (caution: **barbeques authorized with all the usual precautions, like getting a fire extinguisher from the firemen present in exchange of an I.D., otherwise you will be held responsible for all damages or consequences**).

Be careful, access to the course area (track, pits and village) is closed on friday the 24th<sup>h</sup>. It is forbidden to pitch a tent outside of the campsite (even in the pits). If so, the team may be expulsed.

**To delimit his tent site by any string, ribbon or any other mean is strictly forbidden.**

### Art C2 : Hygiene and comfort installations

Participants will have access to a separate toilet and shower area during the race. There will also be a special relaxation and dining area for participants. Heating and cooking devices are strictly forbidden in the stands.

### Art C3 : Pits

Stand areas are designated but not equipped by the organizers. Each team can install its own tables, chairs and equipment in its stand area. The **stands are waiting areas and not camp sites**. Each team will have **approximately 8 m<sup>2</sup>** (marked out on the ground) to install its equipment.

It is **strictly forbidden to smoke** in the stand area. Any team violating this rule will be immediately disqualified. There are approximately 3000 liters of racing fuel stored under each stand.

Team captains are responsible for all damage in their teams' stand areas.

#### **Art C4 : Stands allocation.**

In order for several teams to be in the same stand or in two adjacent stands, you have to send the organizers a mail. The organisation will do its best to give you satisfaction but cannot guarantee to group the teams together.

#### **Art C5: Respecting the environment**

The Le Mans race track is unique and it must be kept clean. All participants agree to respect this legendary site, which is one of the world's foremost sites for major sports events.

Leaving the stand sites and camping areas in their original condition is a long-standing tradition of race organizers, who rent the race course from the Automobile Club de L'Ouest. All participants are requested to do what they can to respect this tradition.

#### **Art C6 : Support staff**

For security reasons, the team support staff are not allowed on the race course or in the carpeted relay zone. They can follow the race from behind the participant zone barriers (2 meters from the relay zone) and they have access to the participant stands and spectator areas.

#### **Art C7 : Trailers**

It is **forbidden to trail or follow a competitor** on the race course using a bicycle, scooter or other mode of transportation.

Amateur photographers and cameramen **without official press credential** are not allowed on the course, except in the straight line and the village.

#### **Art C8 : Animals**

Dogs and other animals are **not allowed** within the race course perimeter.

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### **D: MEDICAL**

#### **Article D1: General Services**

A first aid station is set up at the track and medical staff will be posted along the route. The medical team is authorised to decide if a participant must leave the track. At any time, the event doctors can check the health status of any participant and forbid him/her from continuing if need be.

#### **Article D2: Evacuation to hospitals in Le Mans**

Every year, the medical staff of the 24H Rollers evacuates participants who are the victims of serious accidents to hospitals in Le Mans. This year, the Le Mans emergency corps has required that a private ambulance be stationed on the site for all minor evacuations.

In order to manage these evacuations we must ask each participant to bring, at the very least, a photocopy of all insurance cards and information. These documents must keep together by each team captain. Event staff may request to see them at any time. If this is not possible, a fee of 120 € (potentially reimbursed by insurance companies) will be requested from the injured person for transport.

**Important!** Any evacuation must be regulated by the event medical staff. Participants are strongly discouraged from going to hospital Emergency departments without first consulted the event medical staff. This measure is intended to minimise your wait at the hospital Emergency departments.

**For foreign participants** who do not benefit from the French social health security system, a fee of 120 € will be asked for in the event of any evacuation from the site. Check with your personal insurance to find out if this fee can be reimbursed to you.

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### **E : REGISTRATION**

#### **Art E1 : Team "Reservation Form"**

Registration and payment will be done online at [www.24rollers.com](http://www.24rollers.com)

You do not need to provide a final list of team members in order to make a team registration. The earlier you send in your team registration, the better your chances are of participating. One person or organization must pay for the entire team.

A team's reservation is effective after you have filled in the reservation form, accepted the rules and proceeded with the payment on line. The name of your team will appear in the section "list of registered team" on our website.

**NEWS:** In case you lose or break the electronic chip, a 100€ amount will be retained on the credit card used for the payment of the registration.

**Art E 2 : on D-day.**

Obtaining the numbers (+signature) and electronic chips by a representant of the team (with all the documents mentioned below) will be possible from 7 to 11 am on saturday June 25th. **WARNING :** A team arriving after 11h for obtaining the numbers will be penalized of 1 penalty lap.

No medical certificate will be delivered on the spot. The regulations can be modified until the event in the interest of all, in which case, the possible revisions will be redistributed in the form of a leaflet on the day of the race.

**Documents to be presented on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 11am**

**1<sup>st</sup> document :**

License or Medical certificate

Entrants with a valid FFRS license or licensed to foreign Rollerskating federations must provide a photocopy of their 2011 license. The license guarantees the ability to participate in the sport of roller-skating

Unlicensed skaters must provide a medical insurance certificate that is no more than 12 months old on race day (June 25th, 2011) and that certifies their ability to participate in the sport of roller-skating.

**Sporting licenses other than Rollerskating are not accepted.**

**2nd document :**

Photocopy of ID

A **photocopy of a valid ID** for each team member is mandatory.

A parental consent is required for competitors between 16 and 18 years old.

**3rd document**

Rules signed by all team members

A **photocopy of the rules and regulations** accompanied by the handwritten attestation "read and approved" of each team member + its signature is mandatory (see spreadsheet below).