

All-Russian brevet “Vologda – Onega – Vologda” – 1200km

RULES and CONDITIONS

1. Event targets

- To popularize and develop amateur cycling movement
- To increase tactical group and individual professionalism of participants
- To develop psychological endurance and technical autonomy
- To detect strongest randonneurs for further participation in super brevet Paris-Brest-Paris and London-Edinburgh-London
- To develop links among bicycle tourists from different Russian regions and different countries
- To add an effort to the international Randonneurs movement



2. Time and place of the event

Place: The event will be held on 4–8 July 2008 on the territory of North-Western Federal District (Vologda region and Karelia Republic).

Start: at 07:00, July 4th, on Kremlin Square, Vologda

Itinerary and checkpoint times:

Checkpoint	Road number	Total distance	Opening	Closing	Comments
Vologda		0	04.07, 07:00	04.07, 07:00	Start
Kirillov	P5	127	04.07, 10:44	04.07, 15:28	Water
Turn to Lipin Bor	P5	200	04.07, 12:52	04.07, 20:20	Water, meal, café available
Turn to Alexandrovskaya	P5	305	04.07, 16:09	05.07, 03:20	Water, meal
Vytegra	P5	353	-	-	Shops available
Saminskyi Pogost	P5	395	04.07, 18:58	05.07, 09:20	Sleeping places available in the tent camp, transfer #1
Pudozh	P5	457	04.07, 21:01	05.07, 13:28	Sleeping places available
Peshcaniy	P5	514	04.07, 22:55	05.07, 17:16	Sleeping places available in the summer scout camp
Tchylmuzhi	P5	576	05.07, 00:59	05.07, 21:24	Checkpoint at the tent camp (no sleeping places available)
Medvezhegorsk	M18	655	05.07, 03:45	06.07, 3:48	Sleeping places available
Girvas	P15	731	05.07, 06:28	06.07, 10:27	Sleeping places available
Shuya	M18	807	05.07, 09:11	06.07, 17:06	Sleeping places available, transfer #2
S'jamozero	A133	867	05.07, 11:20	06.07, 22:21	Sleeping places available at the tent camp
Mandery	P21	952	05.07, 14:22	07.07, 05:48	Sleeping places available at the tent camp
L'yaskel'ya	P21	1037	05.07, 17:30	07.07, 12:46	Sleeping places available
Sortavala	A130	1068	05.07, 18:42	07.07, 15:06	Sleeping places available (water rowing base)
L'yaskel'ya	A130	1099	05.07, 19:53	07.07, 17:25	Sleeping places available
Pikyaranta	A130	1138	-	-	Shops available
Salmi	A130	1175	05.07, 22:48	07.07, 23:07	Tent camp (no sleeping places available)
Vidlitsa	A130	1216	05.07, 23:46	08.07, 01:00	Finish, hotel “Stee'vee”

3. Event management

Preparation and carrying out of VOL-2008 is being managed by amateur long distance marathoners (Randonneurs) cycling club **Baltic Star** (St. Petersburg) with support of Society of Russian cycling tourists-marathoners “Russian Randonneurs” (ORVM)

4. Common event rules

As a background of the present rules the rules developed by ACP (Audax Club Parisien) are taken. The mentioned ACP rules are a mandatory for member clubs of Global Association of Randonneurs (Randonneurs Mondiaux) (http://perso.orange.fr/audax-club-parisien/brm/brm_fic/brm_regl_part_ang.doc).

4.1 Participants requirements

Members of clubs or individuals from Russian regions or cyclists from other member clubs of Randonneurs Mondiaux having proven experience of 200+ brevets can participate in the event. In case of lack of presence of officially registered brevets the participant shall provide detailed description of brevet’s experience. Participants should be at least 18 years old.

4.2 Equipment requirements

Participant should have a human-powered vehicle having working brakes and mandatory front and rear lights. The event will take place during so called “white nights”, thus at least front side-light is required (rear red light is mandatory too). If no side-light is installed (and have not sufficient spare batteries if required) rider will not be permitted to start. All riders also should have valid passport, health and life insurance policy, some spare cash, pen, map and route itinerary, route card, clothes according the weather, repair pack including tools and spare inner tube, some food. It is strongly recommended to have a mobile phone, to wear light clothes, and light reflecting bands. Helmet is also mandatory on the road.

4.3 Requirements on the route

Main task for the rider is to complete the distance on the human-powered vehicle (HPV: bicycle, tandem, recumbent etc.) being autonomous within predefined time frames. Any help from organizers or supporters is permitted only on checkpoints.

Rider will be disqualified in the cases that follow:

- Failure to check at the any checkpoint (without very good reason)
- Route shortening
- Usage of the vehicles not allowed by the Conditions

Any other rules violations can be a subject of penalty time to be added to the rider result.

Additional non-listed checkpoints can be established.

Note:

During the event, each rider is considered to be on a personal ride. The rider must ride in accordance with all applicable traffic codes and obey all traffic signals. Organizers cannot and do not accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur during the course of a brevet.

4.4 Checkpoints opening and closing

Riders must arrive at each checkpoint between the opening and closing time for the checkpoint with no exception. Only very good reason can be accepted as an exception of the rule. In any reason the mentioned delay should not reoccur after one or two next checkpoints.

4.5 Penalties and responsibilities

For rules violations noted by controller rider will be prosecuted by penalties. In case of minor rules violation it is allowed to issue only oral warning. In case of significant violation noted the penalty is to be written in rider’s route card either on the place of violation noted or at the nearest next checkpoint. Penalties collected are to be added to total rider’s result time.

Penalties:

Overtaking organizers' support car on start	1 hr
Lack of sidelights in the night time or in case of limited visibility (i.e. in fog, dusk etc)	1 hr
Disobeying traffic code or using mobile phone while driving (without hands-free)	1 hr
Lack of helmet while being on the road	1 hr
Lack of checkpoint mark in route card (if checkpoint passing can be confirmed by any other means)	1 hr
Disobeying controllers directions	2 hrs
Help received from support car out of +/- 2km zone from checkpoint	5 hrs
Tactless behavior of rider or his/her supporting persons against controllers	5 hrs
Unintentional route shortening	Upon organizers discretion

4.6 Leaving the route and breaking time restrictions

Rider who decided to leave a distance or significantly failing to fulfill time requirements should pass the route card to the controller on any nearest checkpoint and sign the route card. In case of inability to do that rider should inform organizers as soon as possible about leaving the route by phone (contact numbers are listed in the route card).

5. Participation requests

Event participation requests can be made on Baltic Star club web site: http://balticstar.spb.ru/rego_en.htm

Payment can be made by money transfer, by credit card (via PayPal) or in person.

Participation fee:

- Till May 1th, 2008 – 2000 rubles (60 Eu),
- Till June 30th, 2008 – 2500 rubles (75 Eu)
- Later – 3000 rubles (90 Eu)

6. Results and awards

Event refereeing is being held according the present rules and conditions, in case of any issues RULES OF BREVETS RANDONNEURS MONDIAUX are being applied. All riders successfully finished within 90hrs from start time are considered as winners. Organizers reserve to themselves a right to encourage riders upon discretion. All riders fulfilled a time condition receive a commemorative medal.

7. Financials

Event organization is being paid from financial resources coming from organizers, sponsors and other means (participation fees). All expenses for accommodation, travel, meals, and per diem are the duty of clubs and organizations who delegated participants for the event and participants themselves.

Additional information on the event organization is available upon request.

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