



# Audax Australia Brevet Permanent Rules

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## Introduction

Audax Australia was established for purposes related to promoting and running “Audax Cycling” – defined in our Constitution as “long distance cycling events which are not races and which have their foundation in the style of events promoted by Audax Club Parisien, les Randonneurs Mondiaux and Union des Audax Français”.

Brevet Permanents have been designed to offer experienced Members particular Audax Cycling challenges. Brevet Permanents often showcase the best riding options in an area and provide additional means of participating in “Audax Cycling” when and where calendared events are less available to a Member. Brevet Permanents are intended to focus primarily on events of 200 km and more. Events of 100 or 150 km are also available.

## General Rules

- 1) The Audax Australia Ride Rules, as amended from time to time, apply to Brevet Permanent events (‘Permanents’) subject to the variations set out in these Rules.
- 2) Permanents must be established and conducted in accordance with these Rules.
- 3) The relevant Regional Committee may establish, consistent with these Rules, specific administrative procedures to provide further detail of how the Permanents will be administered in that Region.
- 4) Permanents may be entered only by Members of Audax Australia and visitors from overseas who are members of ACP affiliated long-distance cycling clubs. Such visitors must take out Temporary membership.

## Establishing a Brevet Permanent

- 5) Permanent routes must be designed and established in accordance with the following. They are generally to be developed from existing calendared events but may, in special circumstances and with the express agreement of the relevant Regional Committee, be separately developed.
- 6) A Permanent is the responsibility of the Region in which it is located and must be established and conducted in accordance with these Rules and that Region's requirements.
- 7) They must:
  - a) start and finish at readily accessible public places (preferably with facilities such as parking, toilets, water)
  - b) be carefully considered and designed not to replicate existing Permanents, but to exemplify the best riding in the area
  - c) consider road safety aspects and access to food and water
  - d) be consistent with any general ride organising requirements established by the relevant Regional Committee, and
  - e) be approved by the relevant Regional Committee.
- 8) Where possible, controls should be located at establishments where a rider may obtain refreshment and have a brevet card verified.
- 9) Where it is difficult to eliminate a potential short cut, an information control may be used to require a Rider to answer a question on the brevet card about the control location.
- 10) Regions must post on their Region page of the Audax Australia website a full listing of Permanents available in that Region and each Permanent's Ride Organiser.

## Brevet Permanent Ride Organisers

- 11) Each Permanent must have a designated Ride Organiser who must be a Member of Audax Australia.

- 12) If no longer wishing to be the Ride Organiser, a Ride Organiser must transfer responsibility for a Permanent to another Member by agreement or notify the Regional Committee and withdraw the Permanent from available events.

## **Entering a Permanent**

- 13) The Rider must:
- confirm with the Ride Organiser a ride day and commencement time, and
  - submit a correctly completed entry form and correct payment
- at least 7 days prior to the nominated date, unless otherwise agreed by the Ride Organiser.
- 14) A Ride Organiser riding their own Permanent must advise the nominated member of their Regional Committee at least 7 days prior to the nominated date, unless otherwise agreed by the nominated member of their Regional Committee.
- 15) The Ride Organiser may make inquiries of any Rider's experience and decline any request or impose any reasonable conditions taking into account factors such as ride length, the Rider's experience, number of proposed riders, the period of notice given, prevailing weather conditions, etc.
- 16) The Ride Organiser must provide the brevet card, route map and cue sheets to the Rider no later than 2 days before the nominated date, or as otherwise agreed with the Rider.
- 17) The brevet card must include control opening and closing times based on the nominated start time.
- 18) A Rider must not ride a Permanent in the same local area and on the same day as:
- an Audax Australia calendared event of the same nominal distance; or
  - an organised public ride that follows the same or a similar route.

## **Conducting a Permanent**

- 19) Although the Ride Organiser will not usually be present to conduct a lighting check, the Rider must comply with the Audax Australia lighting requirements specified in the Ride Rules
- 20) The Rider must carry their brevet card at all times and must obtain independent verification that they were at specified controls within the time limits. On occasions, an information control may be used where a control is required but no other way of confirming passage is available.
- 21) The Rider must follow the route specified for each Permanent. However:
- if the Rider leaves the route to detour around hazardous road conditions or because of environmental conditions (such as flood or fire), the Rider must return to the route as soon as practicable
  - if the Rider leaves the route for reasons other than hazardous or environmental conditions, the Rider must return to the route at the point they left it before continuing
  - where a route forms a closed loop, the Ride Organiser may agree to a request from a Rider to vary the start/finish point. Such point must be at a designated control.
- 22) The Rider must immediately advise the Ride Organiser by SMS or other agreed arrangement:
- if they abandon the ride
  - when they complete the ride, and
  - on rides of 400 km or over, their time and location at intervals of approximately 200 km.
- 23) The Ride Organiser may conduct a Secret Control at any time during the ride.
- 24) The Ride Organiser has complete discretion to cancel, or postpone the date of, the proposed ride in the event of any serious adverse condition including fire, extreme temperature, or other severe weather warning.
- 25) Subject to administrative requirements of each Region:
- the Rider must return the completed brevet card within 7 days, and
  - the completed brevet card must be processed within 7 days of receipt.
- 26) No brevet card will be accepted for homologation if the Rider has not entered and participated in the Permanent in accordance with these rules.