

## Terms & Conditions of the Audax Alpine Classic 2009

**Audax Club of Australia** Inc is the club's official name and is also referred to as "the club" and "Audax" or "the organisers".

**Audax** from the Latin, audacious.

**Additional items** refers to the purchase of extra items, eg t-shirt etc. It does not include the entry fee.

**Age restrictions** All entrants must be aged 15 years or older on the day of the event.

**Bicycle** Any type of cycle that is propelled solely by human effort. It must be roadworthy and riders must carry tools and spare parts in case of breakdown.

**Brevet Card** is a card traditionally carried throughout an Audax ride to record a rider's arrival times at preset controls. In the case of the Alpine Classic a specific card called a "Throw and Go" card is used. Portions of the "Throw and Go" are left at each control. The top portion, which is retained by the rider, becomes the Brevet Card.

**Cancellation** The organisers reserve the right to re-route, postpone or cancel the event either prior to the start or during the event.

**Course** as described in the route notes and depicted on a map that is supplied by the organiser.

**Controls** are preset locations where riders must stop to have their times recorded. Refreshments are provided and rest encouraged.

**Clothing** Riders must carry clothing for all variations of cycling conditions. i.e. raincoat, warm tops and sun protection clothing.

**Drafting** is permitted while riding Audax events.

**Disclaimer** All entrants must sign a disclaimer on the back of the Throw & Go card prior to starting the ride. Riders who fail to sign the disclaimer and deposit the card at the start will be deemed as not having started the event.

**Disqualification** The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any rider who breaks any of the road rules, ([www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)) ride rules ([www.audax.org.au](http://www.audax.org.au)) or conditions that pertain to the running of the event.

**Entry** The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone without reason. This includes any person who has been offered any special, limited or guaranteed offer.

**Entry fee** is the amount paid to enter the event. It does not include additional charges for other items/options.

**Event** refers to the Audax Alpine Classic.

**Entrant** a person who has been accepted to partake in the event.

**Food and drink** items supplied throughout the event are not meant to be a riders only source of sustenance. Riders must carry and supply any supplementary food, medical needs and personal items that they require.

**Heat Policy** If on the day prior to the event the weather forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for Wangaratta (nearest reporting station to Bright) is for 38°C or greater then the 200km event will not operate. Riders will be encouraged to ride the shorter distances that will still operate.

**Homologation** is the process of registration of a riders result. Results for the 200km event are recorded with Audax Club Parisien, France, and your brevet card will be returned by mail after the event. Results for all other events are recorded in Australia .

**Insurance** The event has a \$20 million public liability policy. However, riders should have their own personal accident policy. Riders who are financial

members of the Audax Club of Australia on the day of the event are covered by the club's member policy. Non-members can source similar insurance through their state cycling organisations. Bicycle Victoria has a nationwide comprehensive policy available. Further information at [www.bv.com.au](http://www.bv.com.au) or (03) 8636 8888.

**Medical & physical fitness** Riders must be medically and physical fit to undertake the ride. Riders with any medical condition must fill in the additional medical section on the back of the brevet. We suggest you check with your physician regarding your physical and medical fitness to undertake this challenging event.

**Operational Period** the period of time from 0001hrs, 22/1/08 to 2020hrs on the day of the ride.

**Passengers** No rider shall carry a non entrant as a passenger on a tandem, hitch bike, baby buggy or any type of seating or cycling apparatus.

**Pre-ride Period** The period of time from when a booking is received up to and including 21/1/2009.

**Post ride period** The period of time from the official finish of the ride onwards.

**Park Entry** Any vehicle entering the Mt Buffalo Park must pay the park entry fee.

**Parking** in Bright on the day of the event is provided at the Entertainment Centre. Entrants are asked not to leave cars parked in Gavan Street throughout the day.

**Privacy** Other than a request from an authorised authority, any list that the organiser compiles is used solely for the purpose of running the event and inviting people for future events. In addition the organiser, the events sponsors & official beneficiary may wish to contact you after the event There is provision on the entry form to nominate if you do not wish to receive this communication.

**Refunds** It is important that entrants fully understand the Audax Alpine Classic refund policy listed below.

If a rider cancels their entry the following policy applies:

Cancellation up to and including 7/1/2009

Complete refund on the entry fee and additional items less an administration fee of \$30.

Cancellation from 8/1/2009 onwards:

No refund on entry fee. 100% refund on additional items except t-shirt, which will be mailed out.

If the organisers have to cancel the event for any reason the following refund policy applies:

If the event is cancelled up to and including 21/1/2009 (the 'Pre-Ride Period'): entry fee portion - the total of all expenses will be deducted from the total entry fee monies held. The remaining amount will be divided by the total amount of entrants and a flat refund amount will be paid to each entrant. Additional Items: a 100% refund will be given on all purchases except t-shirts, which will be mailed out. Pre-ride dinner refunds will be at the discretion of the caterer.

If the event is cancelled between 22/1/2009 & 2020hrs on the day of the ride (the 'Operational Period'): entry fee portion - no refund; pre-ride dinner - refund at the discretion of the caterer; t-shirts - will be mailed to purchasers.

**Randonnée** (French) to tour or ramble.

**Rider** An official entrant in the event.

**Ride** When used as a noun refers to the Audax Alpine Classic ride.

**Road Rules** means the law applying to the State of Victoria ([www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)) regarding the riding of a bicycle on a road. The entire event is held on public roads. At no point are any of the roads closed to general traffic, and you are expected to share the road throughout the event with other road users.

**Ride Rules** The Audax riding rules can be viewed on the Internet at [www.audax.org.au](http://www.audax.org.au) or a copy can be obtained by phoning 0405 223 406. A copy will also be available at all controls throughout the event. All riders must obey the Victorian traffic laws and regulations and obey directions from police, park rangers and ride marshals.

**Support** Private support is strictly forbidden under Audax Rules. Riders can access support at the controls or from other riders throughout the event. A rider may not have a support car following them throughout the event.

**Time** The challenge of the Alpine Classic is to complete the event at your own pace within the time limit set for each distance. Eg 13.5hrs for the 200km event. A riders time is recorded at each control and individual riders may record their own time on a space provided on the back of their brevet card. The time allotted for all events is an elapsed time for that event. The event must be ridden within that time limit which includes all rest, breakdowns, repairs and riding done in that period. Time is recorded using the 24hr clock i.e. 2pm = 1400hrs. All results are expressed in hours and minutes, eg 10h 24m.

**Time Limit** The amount of total elapsed time allowed for a rider to complete the event distance.

**Warranty** The organisers give no warranty (express or implied) or are responsible for the quality or replacement of any product sold or given free of charge by any sponsor or merchant in conjunction with the event.

**Wrist Bands** - these identify riders as official entrants and help officials at controls. They must be worn for the duration of the ride and be visible at controls.