

# **The New Colo Race Participant Agreement, Rules Sheet and Safety Requirements**

## **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, DISCHARGE, ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

Participants Full Legal Name-\_\_\_\_\_.

Please read the following statements, initial each and print and sign name on the bottom

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and acknowledge that I will experience large distances and time frames between services (such as food, water, lodging, bike parts and electricity) and confirm that I am capable of being self-sufficient on a bicycle for significantly long periods of time

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and acknowledge that the NCR Route is untested and subject to change, before and during the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and acknowledge that this route traverses dangerous high alpine trails, high mountain roads, and extended desert segments that will require advanced skills and safety precautions in both climbing and descending on a bicycle, and I possess those skills and will utilize them. I understand that I will experience extreme temperatures, both hot and cold, and am prepared to manage these extremes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm that I have done extensive research to ride this route and have the required fitness and endurance, appropriate gear, know-how, and physical and mental mindset to manage all adversities and challenges that come my way

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that no accommodations of any kind have been made for me, that all normal and typical laws, rules and regulations stand, and that I am solely responsible for my safety and well being. I understand that online tracking is solely for entertainment purposes. I understand that the route is merely a suggestion for travel, and I will utilize my own good judgment, sound thinking and navigation skills when needed to ensure my individual safety and/or follow all applicable laws

\_\_\_\_ I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assignees, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Casey Rhea and the The New Colo Race , it's officers, officials, directors, coordinators, agents, employees, and/or other participants ("RELEASES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Signature**

**Date**

### **The New Colo Race Rules Sheet-**

Please read the following and print and sign name on the bottom

These rules attempt to embody the spirit of self-support and fairness for all riders.

1. Ride the route in its entirety, and under your own power
- . 2. Riders are responsible to assess and report time penalties for violations to the rules on course.
3. You may go off course to resupply or for emergency reasons (ie: mechanical or medical), however riders must return to the exact point of departure from the route to restart their ride and pick up the route.
4. Online GPS tracking (from Trackleaders.com) will be used to aggregate ride information and dictate placement. It is not intended to ensure rider safety. The NCR uses these devices for info-only, and validation of course compliance. Trackers shall remain on and active from start to finish. Turning off a tracker, while moving, could be seen as a way of hiding behavior inconsistent with the rules. If a tracker is not working properly or batteries go dead, it is up to the rider to prove their location; through social media, photos of yourself on route, and keeping your tracking files if needed.
5. No drafting is allowed in the solo category.
6. Services that are not commercially available to all riders are prohibited
7. There are no team cars, there is NO SAG
8. You are responsible for finding food, water, lodging, bike services and anything else you may need along the way. Any service utilized must be available to all. NO private resupply and NO private lodging.
9. Friends and family may visit, in minimum fashion, to offer encouragement but they must not offer any material support of any kind. You are responsible for maintaining communication with them as well.
10. Arrangements or booking of lodging before the ride begins is strictly prohibited.
11. Ride to protect yourself and the ethos of unsupported events. Do not bring this ride, or unsupported bikepacking events, into disrepute. This jeopardizes these types of events.

12. Follow the rules of the road- ALWAYS HUG THE RIGHT SIDE ON BLIND CORNERS

13. Protecting yourself means being safe at all times and using safety requirements to their full capacity. It means not violating the laws of the road, and engaging with other vehicles in a proper, kind manner. Remember, this is on an open route on public roads.

14. No camping or overnight stays on private lands and or pre-determined BLM segments where overnight camping is not allowed.

15. Review and practice Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly Principles while traveling on public lands at all times.

Signature

Date

### **The New Colo Race Safety Requirements**

Each rider acknowledges that they have met the below safety criteria, and also understands that this is a minimum requirement, and that additional safety measures are always encouraged.

#### **On Person:**

1. A mountain bike appropriate helmet, in good working order.

#### **On Bike:**

1. Sufficient lights to ride safely at night, and be seen by traffic ( in both daytime and nighttime conditions). At a minimum, rider must have two (2) front lights and two (2) rear lights, affixed to the bicycle at all times. Lights on your helmet can count towards your front or rear total.
2. A properly working, high performance braking system.
- 3.. Activated and connected tracking device

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#### **In Kit:**

1. Emergency Bivy/Shelter. If packing a more advanced sheltering system, this is not applicable.
2. A basic first aid kit capable of stopping/ mitigating major bleeding.
3. Cell phone capable of sending and receiving calls and texts.

Signature

Date