



Rules and Regulations

Arkade Sahyadri Classic: The Ultra Climbing Cycle Race Third Edition

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Any participating athlete (hereinafter participant, competitor) in the cycling race “Arkade Sahyadri Classic” undertakes to respect the regulations following their registration.

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Article 1 : Preface

Arkade Sahyadri Classic is a cycle sporting event organized by the company TAO Cosmic (hereinafter the organiser)

It will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2021 on roads open to traffic. Accordingly, participants must comply with Traffic Laws as well as follow instructions from directors, managers and personnel of the race.

All regulations are subject to change up until the day of the event in the interest of the riders and their security. If needed, participants will be informed by electronic means (e-mail, organiser's website and social networks) of any changes.

Article 2 : Conditions of participation

Participation is open to all, subject to a minimum age:

- 16 years old for the 4 ghats challenge, and
- 12 years for the 2 ghats challenge.

Participants must be in good health and properly trained. A medical certificate is not required to participate in the event. However, the Organisers strongly recommend all participants to consult a doctor to confirm their ability of being able to perform this type of effort.

Each participant must benefit from his own insurance (accident insurance and civil liability), covering personal injury and property damage during the event.

Participation in the Arkade Sahyadri Classic implies unreserved acceptance by each competitor of its rules and regulations.

Article 3 : Safety & liability

The practice of cycling in general and competition cycling especially, is a risky physical activity. Each event participant must commit, knowing that it will involve mountainous terrain with intense climbs and fast descents.

The organiser will implement several devices to secure the course: signs, motorcycles, flags indicating dangerous areas, signs indicating passages requiring special attention.

Throughout the course, participants must comply with the safety rules and instructions of the personnel of the race (civil protection, bikers, volunteers, etc.). The security arrangements for the event ends at the crossing of the finish line.

Each participant, author or witness of an accident, or seeing a need of medical assistance has the obligation to aid others and call for help by calling the emergency number on their road book.

The participant is solely responsible for any incident, accident or failure to follow the regulations of the event. All fees that would result from medical care (ambulance, doctor, hospital, etc.) are the responsibility of the concerned participant. The responsibility of the organiser, their affiliates, their employees, and other auxiliaries for direct or indirect damage suffered by a participant, as part or in relation to their participation in the race, is solely excluded, in case of accident, theft or damage. The entry is confirmation that the participant is covered by their insurance and waiver any legal action against the organiser and partners and sponsors of the event.

By registering for the event, each participant confirms having read all the information, particularly those relating to security, and undertakes to comply.

Participants must adhere to the rules of the road, race officials, marshals and traffic police at all times including the following:

- Cycle on the left-hand side of the road, at all times;
- DO NOT cross the middle of the road at any time;
- Comply with all event road signage put in place by the Organisation;
- Respect traffic signal lights or signs if they are not secured by a race official, marshal and traffic policeman;
- Respect other road users who are not involved in the race.

The following rules have been put in place to ensure the safety of the participants and to allow for the effective management of the event:

- Participants must have their bib clearly visible at all times;
- Bike plates must be placed on the front of the handle bars and must be clearly visible at all times.
- Bike plates must not be modified, defaced, cut or reduced in size.
- It is strictly forbidden to wear earphones at any time during any stages of the event.

When reaching the 'FINAL STOP TIMING' point, the participants must continue to abide by the traffic laws for the remaining kilometres to the presentations.

Failure to abide by the event Safety Rules could result in a participant being awarded time penalties or disqualified from the event.

Article 4 : Equipment

Each participant must have on him/her throughout the ride and for the duration of the event:

- a rigid helmet with chinstrap attached,
- a mobile phone with a charged battery,
- a bib and the road map with the emergency number,
- a hydration (water bottle or hydration bag) system.
- a front and a rear light attached to the bike (compulsory from 5:00am to 6:30am and from 6:00pm to 7:00pm)

Stationary support vehicles will not be allowed. Trailing support vehicles are strictly prohibited. If a participant is found having a support vehicle, he/she will be disqualified from the event.

All costs arising from technical support (including spare parts) are the responsibility of each participant.

The Organisers will enforce a strict “NO HELMET – NO RIDE“ policy.

Failure to present this equipment could result in a participant not being allowed to start the event.

The Organiser reserves the right to perform random inspections on all bicycles and the failure to comply with these conditions could result in a participant not being allowed to start the event or a stage.

E-bikes are strictly not allowed in the 4-ghats challenge, and the women’s category.

Article 5 : Registration

Registrations for the event have already begun. .

Registrations for the event will close on November 14, 2021, after which late charges will apply till November 21, 2021. Participants will not be able to register for the event after November 21st, 2021.

“Last minute/spot” registrations are not possible.

The rates are presented on the event’s Website, Facebook page as well as on the online registration platform.

The Organisers reserves the right to refuse the entry of a competitor.

The Organiser does not make any refund or postponement in case of accident or illness. Registration rights are owned by the organiser. For a booked and attributed bib, no refund will be done in any case, such as (but not limited to) absence, abandonment of the participant, or postponement or cancelation of the event.

Article 6 : Bike numbers

Each participant must come and pick up their number in person. Exceptionally, and if registration is full, group leader's can get the bike numbers with the confirmation of a registration letter and a signed copy of the identification of the person concerned. Any allocation of bib is firm and final.

Transfer of registration is not allowed for any reasons whatsoever. Anyone selling his/her bib to a third party, can be held responsible for any accident that occurs, or is caused by the latter during the race.

Bike numbers for Arkade Sahyadri Classic:

- Bike numbers and goodies are to be collected at the place mentioned on Friday, November 26, 2021, from 15:00 to 20:00 in Wai. Venues for the same will be communicated via our website and email to all the participants

The bike numbers are given upon presentation of copy of proof of identity, of the confirmation of registration received by email

- Bike numbers can be collected only on the date and times mentioned above. Bike numbers will not be distributed on the event day

- Participants who fail to collect their bike numbers will not be allowed to start the event

Article 7 : Timing, ranking & Categories

Participants are to make sure the event personnel note down their finish time for each climb.

The climbing times for each climb will be added, and the winner will be the participant with the least climbing time. All participants have to finish the race within the stipulated cutoff times.

Categories with more than 10 participants will only be considered as racing categories. No categories will be merged with other categories under any circumstances. Categories with less than 10 participants will be considered as recreational categories, and will not be considered for cash prizes. Recreational category winners will get goodies from event partners.

Number of Cash prize spots will be decided upon the total number of registrations in each particular category. Please find below the table that explains the same.

Number of Participants in each category	Number of cash prize positions
0 - 9	0
10 - 14	3
15 - 19	5
20 - 24	7
25+	10

Below are the categories for Arkade Sahyadri Classic: The Ultra Climbing Cycle Race - 3rd Edition

1. 4 Ghats Men Open - Racing category
2. 4 Ghats Men Masters - Racing category
3. 2 Ghats Women Open - Racing category
4. 2 Ghats Boys U/18 - Racing category
5. 2 Ghats Girls U/18 - Racing category
6. 2 Ghats Men Open - Recreational category
7. 4 Ghats Women Open - Recreational category
8. 4 Ghats Women Masters - Recreational category
9. All 'Team of 2' categories - Recreational categories

Article 8 : Prize-giving

The organiser reserves the right to establish the prize board. The first five from Men Open and the first three of Men Masters and Women's categories must present their bib number and a piece of identification to receive the prize.

Article 9 : Cut off times & withdrawals

Participants must follow the compulsory hours of neutralization, for security reasons. These barriers correspond to the hours from which it will no longer be possible to continue the race from the relevant control post. In not passing the checkpoints before the times defined below, the competitor will be disqualified and will not appear in the ranking of the event.

Category	Cut Off Times
4 Ghats	14 hrs (5:00 am to 7:00 pm)
2 Ghats	10 hrs (5:00 am to 3:00 pm)

If a participant wishes to give up, he/she must announce to any checkpoints set up by the organiser. They must report to the volunteers, who will remove the bib number and tell them the means of repatriation. Anyone abandoning outside checkpoints must immediately report their abandonment to the race management through the emergency number shown on the road book. Any failure may result in costs which shall be paid for by the participant.

Any participant, victim to a fall, mechanical breakage or physical failure and who cannot reach the check points by themselves is required to immediately report his/her abandonment to the race management using the emergency number indicated on the road book. The final vehicle (broom wagon) will only support cases authorized by the race management. The participant supported by the broom wagon will be marked as DNF (Did Not Finish).

The medical service, which includes doctors and first-aiders, may decide to disqualify a participant for medical reasons.

Article 10 : Complaint and claims

Any claims may be done in writing to the race management, no later than 15 minutes after the classification is made. The complaint and/or claim must be accompanied by a justification. This will be accompanied by a deposit of Rupees 1000/-. This amount will be refunded if the claim is accepted. Claims will be judged by the jury of the race (Race Director, timing manager). Decisions related to claims are final.

Article 11 : Ethics

The organiser puts a point of honor on the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect that are the keystone of a fair and sustainable sport. Participants must treat with respect, other competitors, the members of the Organization, volunteers and spectators. The organiser reserves the right to exclude participants who commit acts of violent behavior or discriminating verbal abuse against anyone.

Article 12 : Respect for the environment

In order to respect the environment and natural areas, it is strictly forbidden to abandon waste (paper, plastic packaging, tubes containing energy gels...) on the course. "Collection zones" and

bins will be installed and posted on each refueling station on the course. They must be used by participants.

Participants must keep waste and packaging while waiting for the places indicated by the organiser to get rid of it.

The organiser reserves the right to disqualify any participant deliberately throwing their waste outside of the designated areas.

Article 13 : Legal provisions

Participation in the race is done under the full responsibility of the riders, with waiver of any recourse against the organiser regardless of the damage suffered or caused.

In case of accident, liability of the organiser and any individuals or entities participating in the Organization, including but without being exhaustive, the bodies and employees of the organiser, the agents, contractors, auxiliaries, including volunteers, is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Each competitor expressly authorizes the organiser as well as their assigns, such as media, and partners to use still or audiovisual images of the race including preparation phases and those following the race on which he/she might appear, taken on the occasion of his/her participation in Arkade Sahyadri Classic, on all media including advertising and/or promotional material, worldwide and for the longest duration provided for by the law, regulations, treaties in force, including any extensions that could be made at this time.

Participation in the event is not an entitlement to use the race for promotional or commercial purposes. All communication about the event or use of images from the event is proprietary and is subject to written authorization of the organiser who will set the conditions.

Article 14 : Acceptance of rules and regulations

Participation in Arkade Sahyadri Classic implies express and unreserved acceptance by each competitor of this regulation.