

DEAR RACERS,

In just over a month we will all be gathered at L'Argentière-la-Bessée for the start of the 2012 Raid in France Adventure Racing World Championships. We have been working for the last year in order to prepare for you an excellent 2012 final. Our partners are also doing their best to help us make this event a real success. Joining us in this adventure are also: the Olivier Bertrand group distribution (drinks), the INTERSPORT group and mainly their trade mark McKinley who will equip the totality of the organisation; Unikeco who will provide the biodegradable crockery and cutlery and the company Buff who will provide their well known neck scarves signed ARWC2012 – RaidinFrance.

Transport and accomodation

There are only a few places left on the shuttle buses, which are limited and have already been ordered... For those having not yet booked their accomodation, either at the departure or arrival, as other events are taking place at the same time, places will be limited... In order to facilitate your choice of accommodation in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, we are going to put on the site a plan of where the equipment stocking area is situated. The arrival being within approx. 1 km.

Obligatory equipment

Many answers to questions concerning the above can be found either on the forum or in previous information letters. Take the time to read these and consult the forum.

- Nevertheless here are some precisions and some changes in order to help you organise your race preparation :
- When the obligatory equipment is repeated twice, mountain and canyon or raft and Kayak, this means that this equipment is unique and you don't require two sets.
- iPhones and Smartphones are forbidden.
- For the long sleeved thermal underwear and also for the long tights and trousers, these clothes must only be one piece (no arm or leggings can be added).

The course

Total length: 490km
Trek (including high mountain, ropes, canyon, CO): 170 km
Mountain biking: 230 km
Navigation: 90km
Number of sections: 18
Assistances: 2

Prologue is an integral part of the race. Any team not taking part in this event cannot take the start line the following day.
All teams must be complete.

Assistance

On these 2 specific AT's, you will find 1 assistance container (diameter: 60cm, height: 1.10m and weight: 11kg).
Authorised weight when full: 40kg per container (the 11kg's when empty included in this 40kg's).
Each container will be presented to you only once during the race.
You will have electricity only during the two assistances.

Kayak and raft

A slight modification as regards the 2 obligatory B bags. In order to simplify things, the 2 waterproof bags will be used to transport the obligatory team and racer equipment. Please consult the new obligatory equipment list. During the navigation sections, you will need to transport all your equipment. Nothing can be left at the start of the sections, paddle transport system included.

Remember to bring what you need to attach your waterproof bags to the raft or kayak.
Maximum weight permitted for Bag B: 20kg/per bag (empty weight included in this 20kg)

For those teams who have reserved life jackets through the organisation, you can pick these up at the start of the first kayak section. You will then need to equip them with the obligatory equipment. The same thing applies for the rafting jackets provided by the organisation. Remember to organise a practical and easy system for fixing and taking off this obligatory equipment.

Mountain bike

Maximum weight authorised for the mountain bike case: 28kg (case included).

Be careful as concerns your obligatory bike lighting: should your light not work or stop working – you will not be allowed to continue at night, you must then wait until day break in order to continue. Your head lamp cannot be used to replace the bike light.

High mountain

There is no maximum weight limit for the HM case because it only needs to contain your high mountain equipment: climbing boots, crampons, gaiters, 20m rope, the two pick axes (size: 79x40x34cm – case supplied by the organisation).

Trek

Remember: the size of the case is 71x42x47 and the weight is 2kg

Maximum authorised weight of case A: 28kg (weight when empty included).

You are responsible for keeping your case A and HM in a good state. They will be given to you in a perfect state and should be returned as soon.

Media

As we already said, team reporters are not allowed on the race this year. Nevertheless, we know that some teams are willing to make images or have special agreements to follow for social Medias. This is the reason why, we will accept one team reporter from each team. This reporter will be considered as a media and will need to be accredited by the organisation (form online). He will permanently need to wear the "reporter" marking provided by the organisation and to stick to those rules:

- Either take a seat in the media shuttle of the organisation, that will drive on the remarkable points of the race (track and transition areas) to discover the course in the best way.
- Either to move in their personal vehicle, but under the condition of following the same route as the media shuttle, knowing that individual information can be given to meet up with teams, under control of the organisation and with no promise of result.
- Don't share any information with a team: no private chatting, no wild assistance or help, no contact out of the control of the organisation.

A non-respect to those rules will lead to sanctions (penalty for the team) and the team reporter will be excluded from the race.

Administration

A reminder to all teams who have not finalised their inscription and time limits for annexe services (shuttle buses, mountain bike cases), you need to do this now. Teams who haven't finalised their inscription will not be accepted at the start line.

Thank you to forward your registration form modified for any changes in the composition or the name of your team at concurrent@raidinfrance.fr. Indicate clearly all information requested for each team member.

Penalties will be given for non-respect of the equipment provided by the organization.
Only transport issue because of the organization can justify bad return state.

A deposit of 1000 euros will be ask during administrative checks. It includes all the equipment given to you and which you are responsible for (raft, kayak, life jacket, paddles, boxes...).

Be sure you can deposit this amount during the checks; if not you won't take the start.

Consider reading the forum where you can find a number of answers to questions about the organization.

Good preparation for this last month.

We are looking forward to see you in L'Argentière-la-Bessée.

Pascal, Nancy, Béatrice and all the team

The Adventure Racing World Series is an international circuit of adventure races creating a 12 month calendar of professional events around the world. The series events in 2012 are Huairasinchi-Ecuador, Tierra-Viva-Argentina, GodZone-New Zeland, Costa Rica Adventure Race, Apex-Switzerland, Untamed New England-USA, Adidas Terrex-England, Gold Rush Mother Lode-UDA. Adventure Racing World Series events are qualifiers for the Adventure Race World Championship : Raid in France.

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