
La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana: Regulations



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A PREAMBLE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE REGULATIONS

1 Preamble

La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana (“the race”) is an individual, multi-stage mountain bike race.

2 Structure and Applicability of the Regulations

- 2.1** The following rules are intended to be comprehensive and definitive. Unless new UCI or FCC rules or regulations are incorporated, such rules and regulations shall apply to the race.
- 2.2** Non-compliance with any of these rules will result in a penalty, which may include disqualification of the competitor in certain circumstances. The different categories of penalties are set out in Section C.
- 2.3** The interpretation of any rule by the organizers shall be final and binding on all participants.
- 2.4** The regulations may be updated and modified depending on the organization of the race, or new rules incorporated by the UCI for marathon-stage MTB races. The version of the regulations in force on the day the race begins shall govern the race for that year.
- 2.5** The rules may be corrected and updated periodically. The version of the regulations in force on the day the race begins shall remain valid for that stage of the race.

3 Definitions

For purposes of the regulations, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

- 3.1** “Red number rider”: refers to a rider who has not completed a stage within the maximum time limit stipulated for each stage, but who is permitted to continue the race under rule No. 17;
- 3.2** “Commissaire”: refers to the official commissaire of the race.
- 3.3** “Maximum stage time”: refers to the maximum amount of time permitted to officially complete a stage, as stipulated by the race organizers.
- 3.4** “Exiled rider”: refers to a rider who is no longer officially participating in the race; he/she may continue to participate, but — for the avoidance of doubt — the rider will receive the status of “exiled rider”;
- 3.5** “Podium contender”: refers to a rider who, at the start of any stage, is within the top 5 positions in his/her category or whose overall time is less than one hour relative to the overall time of the rider in third place in his/her category at the start of that stage;

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B GENERAL RULES (APPLICABLE TO ALL RIDERS)

4 Riders

- 4.1** The minimum age to participate is 18 years on the day the race takes place.
- 4.2** There are 8 available categories:
 - Open Male – male rider (must be between 18 and 29 years of age on the day of the race)
 - Masters 30+ – male rider (must be between 30 and 39 years of age on the day of the race)
 - Masters 40+ – male rider (must be between 40 and 49 years of age on the day of the race)

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- Grandmasters 50+ – male rider (must be between 50 and 59 years of age on the day of the race)
- Grandmasters 60+ – male rider (must be 60 years of age or older on the day of the race)
- Open Female – female rider (must be between 18 and 34 years of age on the day of the race)
- Masters Female 35+ – female rider (must be 35 years of age or older on the day of the race)
- E-Bike – male rider (must be 50 years of age or older on the day of the race) or female rider (must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the race) riding an electric bicycle

5 Medical Jurisdiction

- 5.1** Riders will only have their registrations confirmed after the race organizers have received the La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana Medical Certificate signed by a physician certifying the applicant's health status for participation in an endurance race of this nature.
- 5.2** Riders must ensure that they are in good health and well trained.
- 5.3** The race organizers reserve the right to prevent a rider from continuing the race if so advised by an official race physician or any other physician recognized by the race organizers. The decision of the race organizers in this regard shall be final.

6 Bicycles

- 6.1** Only mountain bikes will be permitted. Only bicycles in good working condition and “race-ready” will be allowed to start each stage.
- 6.2** For purposes of rule No. 7.1, “race-ready” means the following:
- 6.2.1** the front number plate is securely fastened and visible from the front;
- 6.2.2** the frame marking is exposed as indicated in the instructions received at registration;
- 6.2.3** the bicycle is in good working condition, as determined at the discretion of the organizers;
- 6.2.4** handlebar ends and their extensions must have end plugs and must not have sharp or serrated edges. The use of aero bars and bladed wheels is not permitted.
- 6.2.5** bicycles must be propelled solely by means of a chain-drive system and the rider's leg action, without any form of assistance (electric or otherwise).
- 6.3** Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bicycle throughout the duration of the race.
- 6.4** In all cases of maintenance and repair, riders must cover the full stage distance and must finish the stage within the maximum time permitted for each stage. Time spent on maintenance and repair does not entitle the rider to any extension of the maximum stage time.

7 Helmets and Clothing

- 7.1** Each rider must wear a helmet on his/her head at all times, properly fastened, while competing in the race.
- 7.2** All helmets must comply with ANSI standards.
- 7.3** Appropriate cycling attire, including a jersey, must be worn at all times. Under no circumstances may a rider remove his/her jersey.
- 7.4** No rider may wear a replica or original leader's jersey; as referred to in rule No. 9.6, this rule includes any jersey from a previous stage of the race.
- 7.5** No rider may display or reproduce the official event logo or any derivative thereof on the rider's clothing without the written permission of the race organizers. Such authorization must be obtained before the rider's attire or clothing has been manufactured.
- 7.6** La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana passes through areas with variable weather conditions along its route. Riders are responsible for carrying appropriate clothing.

8 Competition

- 8.1 Any rider may receive physical assistance from another competitor. For purposes of this provision, “physical assistance” refers to sharing water or nutrition, bicycle spare parts and accessories (including the exchange of bicycle frames), and assistance with maintenance and repair.
- 8.2 Podium contenders may not accept physical assistance from an exiled rider.
- 8.3 Pushing or towing riders by means of any mechanical or physical device is not permitted.

9 Rider Identification

- 9.1 Riders must display their numbers at all times.
- 9.2 Bicycle numbers must be securely attached to the front of the bicycle and must not be covered by cables or any other object.
- 9.3 The race bib must be attached to the rider at all times in a visible position on their jersey or on the back of their hydration pack or backpack.
- 9.4 Rider numbers must not be modified or defaced in any way, including cutting, adding stickers, removing existing stickers, or adding decorations.
- 9.5 The logos of official sponsors of La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana may not be removed from rider numbers and/or covered in any way.
- 9.6 Race and category leaders will be required to wear the leader's jersey provided by the race organizers.
- 9.7 Podium finishers and overall category leaders must be present at the finish-line podium ceremony (if applicable) and at the daily awards ceremony at 7 pm in the designated area (if applicable), including the final ceremony.

10 Time Trial / Prologue

- 10.1 One of the race stages may take the form of a prologue and/or time trial. If the race includes a prologue and/or time trial in any given year, the provisions of rule No. 10 will apply.
- 10.2 Participation in the prologue and/or time trial is mandatory for all riders.
- 10.3 A rider's time in the prologue and/or time trial counts toward the rider's total time and overall ranking.
- 10.4 Each rider will receive a pre-assigned start time for the prologue and/or time trial. It is the rider's responsibility to know his/her start time.
- 10.5 Riders must report to the start ramp at least 15 minutes before their assigned start time.
- 10.6 If a rider misses his/her start time, they will be permitted to start at the discretion of the race organizers, but their time for the prologue and/or time trial will be taken from the originally assigned start time.
- 10.7 The stage time for the prologue and/or time trial will be recorded individually for each rider, starting from the time assigned to them.
- 10.8 If a rider fails to complete the prologue and/or time trial within the maximum stage time, the rider will be classified as a red number rider.
- 10.9 On the race day of the prologue or other stages, before the start time, riders may not warm up on the competition route for that day under penalty of penalization.
- 10.10 All other rules apply equally to the prologue and/or time trial.

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11 Cross Country (XC) Stage

- 11.1 One of the race stages may take the form of a Cross Country (XC) Stage on a delimited track, where riders must complete a set number of laps. If the race includes an XC Stage in any given year, the conditions of this rule 11 will apply.
- 11.2 Participation in the XC Stage is mandatory for all riders.

- 11.3 A rider's time in the XC Stage counts toward the rider's overall time and overall ranking.
- 11.4 The XC Stage may be held in groups.
- 11.5 Each group will receive a pre-assigned start time for the XC Stage. It is the rider's responsibility to know his/her start time. The start times for each group will be published by the organization together with the results of the previous stage.
- 11.6 Should any rider fail to complete the XC Stage within the maximum permitted time, that rider will be classified as a red number rider.
- 11.7 The organizers may make the track available for practice. No rider will be permitted to enter the track outside the officially stipulated practice schedule (if applicable), or on the race day before their assigned start time.
- 11.8 All other race rules are equally valid for an XC Stage.

12 Stage Starts

- 12.1 The start ramp opens 15 minutes before the start of each stage, unless otherwise communicated.
- 12.2 Different start areas will be assigned according to the rider's category, and the organizers may assign different (e.g., staggered) start times for each start area.
- 12.3 The category leaders will be at the front of each start area. Category leaders must gather in the start grid beside the line of their respective start area at least 10 minutes before their start time.
- 12.4 Start areas will close strictly 10 minutes before the start time. Late-arriving riders must line up at the back of the grid.
- 12.5 Riders must enter the start area with their bicycles and, once inside, must remain there with their bicycles.

13 Route and Stages

- 13.1 Riders must complete the designated route and distances of all stages in full, including the prologue and/or time trial.
- 13.2 Only riders who complete each stage within the maximum permitted stage time will be classified as official race finishers.
- 13.3 The actual race distance may differ from the distance disclosed or communicated.
- 13.4 Riders must follow the official route at all times, obey the directions of logistics and officiating personnel, and must not take any shortcuts or gain any other advantage of a similar nature against competitors. The responsibility for following the official route lies with each rider.
- 13.5 Riders who leave the race route for any reason must re-join it at the exact point where they left it.
- 13.6 Walking, running, or riding without the intention of returning to the course, or any other activity that violates the rules, occurring outside the marked course, is not permitted.
- 13.7 No rider and/or follower may at any time during the year enter territories that form part of the route of any edition of the race and that are not open to the public for mountain biking, nor may they share the GPS coordinates of the route at any time.

14 Prohibited Equipment

- 14.1 The organizers may at any time, at their discretion, prohibit any other item of equipment (beyond essential cycling equipment), and riders must comply with such prohibition.

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15 Timing

- 15.1 Individual times per rider will be published.
- 15.2 No rider may carry more than one transponder at any time, and no rider may pass his/her transponder to any other person at any time.

- 15.3** Time will be measured from the start time each morning (see rule No. 12.2).
- 15.4** The start line will remain open for 15 minutes after the start time.
- 15.5** Any rider who has not started at their start time must report to the organizers within 15 minutes after the start time to request approval for a late start.
- 15.6** No rider is permitted to start late without approval. If a late start is not approved, the rider will be considered a DNS (Did Not Start) and will therefore receive no result for that stage and will automatically be classified as a red number rider.
- 15.7** Any rider who does not start a stage will be classified as a red number rider.
- 15.8** The maximum stage time will not be adjusted for any rider who is permitted a late start and/or who has set off with a later start time than the one assigned to them.

16 Maximum Stage Time

- 16.1** Maximum stage times will be determined according to the distance of each stage and the type of terrain it covers. Maximum stage times will be included in the registration package but may be changed by the organizers at their discretion, subject to rule No. 16.2. Any variation will be communicated to riders in the stage briefing on the evening preceding the stage in question.
- 16.2** The maximum permitted time for each race stage will be the greater of the published maximum stage times and twice the winning time (e.g., if the winning time is more than double the maximum stage time given in the stage briefing, the permitted maximum stage time will automatically be adjusted to twice the winning time).
- 16.3** Riders may cross the finish line on foot, provided they bring their bicycle with them.
- 16.4** The race organizers may designate intermediate cut-off points that must be reached within specified times at each stage. Any rider who fails to reach the intermediate cut-off points, or who in the organizers' opinion is unlikely to do so, will be prevented from continuing, swept from the course, and classified as DNF (Did Not Finish) for that stage.
- 16.5** The race organizers may at any time impose additional cut-off points for safety reasons. The conditions of rule No. 16.4 will apply to riders who have not yet reached the designated cut-off points by the established time or who, in the organizers' opinion, will be unable to do so. Any rider who does not finish a stage will be transported to the finish.
- 16.6** If a rider cannot continue the race for any reason, every effort will be made to transport them and their bicycle to the finish at their own cost.

17 Red Number Rider

- 17.1** Any rider who fails to complete a stage within the maximum stage time for the first time will be classified as a red number rider.
- 17.2** Red number riders may continue the race (they may start the next stage) but will not be classified as official race finishers.
- 17.3** If a red number rider again finishes a stage with a time exceeding the maximum stage time, or fails to start a stage in accordance with rule No. 16, he/she will not be permitted to continue the race (they will not be allowed to start the next stage).

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18 Stage Cancellation

- 18.1** The race organizers may cancel any stage, at any time, at their discretion, for safety reasons or any other reason they deem appropriate. In the event of a stage cancellation, the other conditions of this rule No. 18 must be applied.
- 18.2** If the top 3 riders in each category have already completed the stage before the moment it is cancelled, the stage will be classified as an official race stage and will count toward the overall results. If fewer than 3

riders have finished in any category at the time of cancellation, the stage will not be an official stage and will be discarded for the purposes of the overall results.

18.3 In the event that a cancelled stage counts toward the overall results, riders who are on the course at the time of cancellation will be assigned a stage time based on a percentage of the winning time in their category.

18.4 Any rider who withdraws from a stage before it is officially cancelled, or who fails to reach the designated cut-off point at the time of stage cancellation, will be classified as a DNF in accordance with rule 17.3.

19 Traffic Rules

19.1 The race does not always have exclusive use of the public or private roads traveled during the race.

19.2 All standard traffic regulations must be observed at all times during the race (in the Dominican Republic, traffic drives on the right side of the road).

19.3 All instructions from race officials/judges must be followed and complied with strictly.

20 Check Points

20.1 There will be check points at each stage.

20.2 Riders who are not detected passing through check points may be disqualified.

20.3 The locations of check points will not be published, and hidden check points are not excluded.

21 Registration and Congress

21.1 Race registration will take place at the location and time indicated on the race website.

21.2 Riders must report to registration and bring any form of photo identification.

21.3 All riders must register before the cut-off time indicated on the race website on the day prior to the first stage of the race (or prologue, if applicable). No category changes will be permitted after registration closes.

21.4 A congress will be held prior to the race at the location and time indicated on the race website.

22 Nutrition and Hydration

22.1 La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana passes through very dry and very hot areas of the Dominican Republic. Riders are responsible for carrying sufficient water and nutrition with them.

22.2 The organizers of La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana will provide water at official hydration points along the route, intended solely for hydration purposes. Excessive use of water for other purposes at official hydration points will not be permitted.

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23 External Support and Assistance

23.1 External assistance is not permitted under any circumstances. For purposes of this document, “external assistance” includes physical assistance (as defined in rule No. 8.4) from any person other than another competitor or accredited personnel at official hydration points on the route.

23.2 Drafting (sheltering from the wind) is permitted between riders or other competitors, but no rider is permitted to draft behind an exiled rider or any other person who is not a participant in the race.

23.3 No other form of drafting is permitted whatsoever, including but not limited to drafting behind private vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, and official race vehicles.

23.4 Specific escort vehicles and secondary vehicles not provided by the race organizers are not authorized to follow the race route. However, supporters may drive their own vehicles on public roads to reach observation points and provide personal support.

23.5 No rider and/or supporter may access any restricted and/or prohibited area in the race village.

24 Medical Assistance

- 24.1** Medical assistance will be available only at hydration points designated as medical assistance points.
- 24.2** Technical assistance may be offered at neutral assistance zones along the route, and riders will be informed on our website if this is to be available at any edition of the race.

25 Withdrawals

- 25.1** Riders who are unable to continue the race for any reason must notify the organizers. This can be done at the start of the race, at the finish, or at hydration points.
- 25.2** If a rider fails to notify the organizers of their withdrawal, and a search and rescue operation is carried out as a result, the cost of such operations will be borne by the rider.

26 Environmental Care

- 26.1** Riders must protect the environment at all times, and no environmental damage or littering will be tolerated. In general, but without limiting the generality of this rule, the following actions are prohibited:
 - 26.1.1** discarding water bottles, packaging, or bicycle spare parts.
 - 26.1.2** deviating from the route.
 - 26.1.3** smoking anywhere along the course.

27 Complaints

- 27.1** Any complaint must be made in writing, on the official complaint form, to the race organizers, after the rider has reached the finish line, within the time assigned below.
- 27.2** A deposit of RD\$500 pesos must be made with each complaint before the complaint is considered.
- 27.3** If the complaint is accepted, the deposit will be refunded. If the complaint is rejected, the deposit will go toward the development of race routes.
- 27.4** Race complaints must be submitted within a maximum of 2 hours after the rider reaches the finish.
- 27.5** Complaints regarding results must be submitted no later than 2 hours after the publication of the preliminary results of the stage in question.

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28 Doping

- 28.1** The race organizers reserve the right to carry out doping and/or illegal substance tests on all riders.
- 28.2** All test results will be sent to the national cycling federations, and positive results will be subject to penalties as described in Section C.
- 28.3** Any person under a provisional or final sanction by an Anti-Doping Organization with jurisdiction under the WADA Code (a person 'under sanction') is prohibited from participating or being involved in the race, whether as a rider, rider's coach, official, or in any other capacity. In the event that the sanction has been imposed as a final sanction for an offense committed after December 31, 2012, this prohibition will apply for life (regardless of the duration of the sanction imposed by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization).
- 28.4** In the event that the race organizers become aware that a rider, coach, or official is a person under sanction after having accepted that rider's registration, or the participation of that coach or official, such registration or right of participation will be cancelled immediately with no right to partial or full reimbursement of any amount paid for participation in the race.
- 28.5** La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana will endeavor to follow all due procedures to recover any race prize money paid and/or goods awarded to persons disqualified from the official results of La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana on grounds of doping. In the course of doing so, La Leyenda del Dorado – Punta Cana may not be accused by any party of being responsible for any damages suffered as a result of losing such prize

money and/or goods. Any prize money (or any portion thereof) and/or goods recovered from the disqualified rider will be paid/awarded to the rider who finished immediately after them.

29 Code of Conduct

All participants are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times and are asked to refrain from using offensive language during the race, behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner, being disrespectful toward the organizers, and ignoring the race regulations.

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C. SANCTIONS AND FINES

31 Penalties for Non-Compliance with the Regulations

31.1 Any failure to comply with the regulations will be subject to a penalty according to the following table.

31.2 Penalties will be added to the stage time of the corresponding stage in which they were imposed, but will not be taken into account when determining whether the rider has exceeded the maximum stage time. **32 At the Discretion of the Race Organizers**

Rule / Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence
False information at race registration	DQ		
Rule 6.2	Not permitted to start	DQ	
Rules 7.1 and 7.2	DQ		
Rules 7.3 to 7.6	30 min + verbal warning	1 hr	DQ
Rule 8.2	1 hr	1 hr	DQ
Rule 8.3	DQ		
Rules 9.1 to 9.5	1 hr	DQ	
Rule 9.6	1 hr	1 hr	DQ
Rule 9.7	Verbal warning	30 min	1 hr
Rule 10.9	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ
Rule 11.7	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ
Rule 12.3	15 min	15 min	15 min
Rules 12.4 and 12.5	15 min	1 hr	1 hr
Rule 13.6	DQ		
Rule 13.7	DQ + lifetime ban		
Rule 14	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ

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Rule 15.2	DQ		
Rule 19.3	15 min / a first serious offence may result in a longer penalty	1 hr	DQ
Rule 23	1 hr	DQ	
Rule 26	1 hr / a first serious offence may result in DQ	DQ	
Rule 28	DQ		
Rule 29	1 hr / a first serious offence may result in DQ	1 hr	DQ

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Should additional interpretation of any rule be required, or should there be no specific provision in these regulations for any incident, the decision of the organizers shall be final.

D. E-BIKE

33 General Rules

- 33.1** The E-Bike category will have a separate start from the main race for each stage. The general rules (these rules) also apply to all E-Bike competitors, except where there is a specific E-Bike rule (e.g., rule 6.2.5, etc.).
- 33.2** Participants in the E-Bike category may only start on an E-Bike type bicycle that complies with the following:
- 33.2.1** No throttle
 - 33.2.2** Free-pedaling drive system: rear-wheel drive train, crank, chain, and gear system.
 - 33.2.3** Motor of 750 watts or less
 - 33.2.4** The motor must engage only when pedaling
 - 33.2.5** Motor assistance cut-off at 30 km/h
- 33.3** The use of E-Bikes equipped with a throttle mechanism is prohibited.
- 33.4** Competitors are not permitted to change the battery during a stage and may not carry additional batteries.
- 33.5** The organizer will verify whether the bicycle complies with the regulations from this point of the rule onward through random selection before the start of the race and after crossing the finish line. Should the competitor's bicycle fail to meet the prescribed standards from this point, the competitor will be disqualified.

** Please note: the philosophy of the electric bicycle category is to allow more people to participate in La Leyenda who prefer to ride electric bicycles. The category is open to male riders (must be 50 years of age or older on the day of the race) or female riders (must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the race). There is considerable variability among different electric bicycle models in terms of power, weight, and battery, so we ask riders competing in this category to do so in a spirit of inclusion, goodwill, and enjoyment.*

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