

# **General Regulations**

**on holding an International Mountain Bike Rally  
dedicated to 70th Anniversary of  
Great Patriotic War Victory through  
Hero Cities of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus**

# **The bike rally motto is Victory!**

## **1. Aims & Objectives**

The bike rally is held to cultivate patriotic spirit and strength of will among youth, building friendships with youth organizations from the foreign countries, promoting healthy lifestyles, bicycling, physical training and sports.

## **2. Dates & Venue**

The bike rally is to be held along a predetermined route through all Hero Cities of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus except Murmansk, but with participation of athletes from Murmansk.

The route is 7 500 kilometers (4660 miles) long, duration of the rally – 41 days. The race starts on March 29, 2015 in City of Military Glory Taganrog. The finish location is the city of Taganrog on May 9, 2015. The route is enclosed.

A 36-hour stop is to be made in every Hero City for rest and prearranged meetings with Great Patriotic War veterans, armed

forces veterans, youth organizations, personnel of military colleges and garrisons, and flower-laying ceremonies.

Apart from 12 stops to be made in the Hero Cities, 29 intermediate stops for rally participants are also planned.

### **3. Coordination and administration of the bike rally**

The organizing committee and Taganrog Sports Committee coordinate the bike rally. The rally is administered by its executive director Mr. Yevgeny S. Dygay, representative of Taganrog Local Government \_\_\_\_\_, and Rostov Oblast head coach for mountain bike Mr. Sergey Lysenko.

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### **4. Participation**

The bike rally is open to all male riders 18 years of age and older. Every Hero City may enter up to two participants, every City of Military Glory – one participant, from Peoples' Republic of China, Great Britain, France, Germany, United States of America

and other Far Abroad countries as agreed. Taganrog City initiator and organizer of the bike rally to enter ten participants.

All participants to arrive in Taganrog on March 27, 2015, starting the rally on March 29, 2015 and finishing the rally in Taganrog on May 9, 2015. The day of departure is May 12, 2015. All riders from out of Taganrog are to provide their own bicycles.

The total of 72 people are to participate in the bike rally: 55 riders and 17 attendants. All above mentioned must provide an application accompanied by a valid medical permission, a passport (original), and a medical insurance policy valid for three countries: Russia, Ukraine and Republic of Belarus.

The meeting of all participants of the bike rally is to be held on March 28, 2015 at 5:00PM at the conference hall of the Taganrog Don-Plaza Congress Hotel.

## **5. Rider's uniform**

Riders from Taganrog are to receive three types of outfit: warm, light and parade uniforms. Support group will be provided with a parade uniform. Foreign riders provide their own uniforms.

## **6. Pace line riding**

Every day riders travel 280 to 340 kilometers (174 to 211 miles). Groups go in three single file pace lines of 15 riders. The riders enter every Hero City in one single group. Three stops of 30 minutes are allowed during the switch of the groups.

The race shall continue in all conditions, regardless of the weather.

## **7. Stay in the Hero Cities**

After the parade event, participants go to rest. Next day riders and support groups participate in the events planned by the host city. After staying the night, next morning starts with a breakfast at 6:30AM and departure of the caravan at 8AM.

## **8. First Aid and Safety**

An adequate number of qualified medical personnel must be ready to intervene rapidly, at any time and at any point on the course. Riders not participating in the rally rest in comfortable buses. The caravan moves keeping a stipulated distance. All events will be run with at least one GIBDD (highway patrol, abbreviation for State Inspection for Road Traffic) lead vehicle and one GIBDD follow vehicle. Safety of participants during the time of rest is to be provided by local police.

## **9. The organizer's official follow vehicles**

There will be 7 following vehicles. Two large buses, two passenger vehicles, one SAG vehicle, one minibus, and one vehicle towing a storage trailer for the bicycles.

A cameraman responsible for filming and taking photographs of the bike rally for federal mass media is to be part of the support group.

## **10. Inspection**

In April-May 2013 the first inspection through all points on the course is to be made for preliminary arrangements and discussions. The second inspection is to be made in March-April 2014 for further agreement of terms and conditions of the bike rally. In October 2014, the third inspection of all points on the course is to be held to define final conditions of the rally, follow vehicles, safety, feeding, accommodations and all the events scheduled in Hero Cities and other points on the course involving rally participants.

## **11. Financing**

The project is financed from sponsorships and other sources. Foreign athletes from United States of America, United Kingdom, France, Germany and Peoples' Republic of China participate at the

expense of their organizations. The total cost per participant is USD 4,500 (Four thousand five hundred US dollars). This amount includes feeding and hotel accommodations during the 41-day marathon bike rally for a total distance of 7500 kilometers (4660 miles). The organizers pay for all expenses related to technical support, support vehicles, first aid, safety, unanticipated needs during the rally, and for feeding and accommodations in the city of Taganrog prior to the start on January 27–29, 2015 and after the finish on May 9–11, 2015

## **12. Special conditions**

1. Organizers reserve the right to introduce amendments into the present document;

2. No athlete shall consume alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants while rally is in progress and any such person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances may be dismissed from the rally.

**These General Regulations are an invitation to participate  
in the bike rally.**