

Attention Riders & Crew: It is your responsibility to read through these rules carefully before the pre-race meeting and then ask any questions you may have. Penalties will be assessed against the rider or crew for their mistakes. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse.

These rules represent the minimum interference with rider strategy and performance while effectively controlling the race and preventing hazardous situations.

While the rules of "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" help to ensure maximum safety and competitive fairness, the ultimate responsibility for both safety and fairness remains with the rider and crew.

These rules, where not different said, are valid both for the 24h and the 12h events.

(000) PRELIMINARY

(001) POLICE

1. The "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" is conducted over public roads and is subject to local rules and law. "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" has contacted all the law enforcement agencies prior to the Race and has addressed any concerns brought up by them with regard to the Race. Nothing in the "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" rules is intended to supersede the authority of local traffic police officers in exacting compliance to the vehicle code for all users of the public roads.
2. On occasion, a patrol officer or trooper fails to be informed of "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" and takes action to interfere with a rider's progress. A rider may even be forced to leave the race route. If any dispute arises with local authorities, the Race Director will determine the merits of the case whether any time or distance adjustment should be made. If the action was a result of the rider not conforming to traffic laws, "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" rules and directions, or riding/driving unsafely, no time or distance adjustment will be made.
3. "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" is conducted on public roads. At all times, be polite and courteous to other drivers and motorists.

(002) TRAFFIC LAWS

1. Riders must obey all traffic laws including stops at stop signs/lights.
2. A legal "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" stop is defined as follows: Just short of a track stand, slow enough to theoretically turn the handlebars to the side without falling. The spokes of a wheel should be individually visible or graphics on a disc wheel should be readable. A rider does not actually have to remove a foot from the pedal and touch the ground.
3. Turning right at a red light, making an immediate U-turn and another right turn to avoid waiting at a red light is not allowed.

(003) TIME AND OFFICIAL COUNTING

1. The race clock will be set at the start and will not stop for any reason, until the 24th hour, except due to extreme conditions or events, when judged by the organization.
2. The laps carried out by each team/rider will be counted only if they are completely done. There will be control points along the course. At the end of 24:00'00" hour, the team who completed the highest number of laps, will be declared the winner. If two or more teams inside the same category have the same number of completed laps, the order of arrival at the finish line will be considered to determine the winner.
3. CONTINGENCIES: a "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" contingency means a state of affairs of unplanned and /or unpredictable events (include accidents, traffic jams, storms, winds and other actions of the nature, diversions, constructions, works and any another similar event). The race organizers cannot be held responsible for contingencies that could take place, so there will not be compensations, corrections and/or time deductions to the total time of a team/rider.

(004) MANDATORY LAPS TO BE OFFICIAL FINISHER - SOLO DIVISION

To be an official finisher of the **24h Montello "Memorial Mauro Marcato"** the minimum laps number is 10.

To be an official finisher of the **12h Montello "Memorial Mauro Marcato"** the minimum laps number is 6.

(004/bis) MANDATORY LAPS TO BE OFFICIAL FINISHER - TEAM DIVISION

	24h	12h
Team 2	18 laps	9 laps
Team 4	21 laps	11 laps
Team 8	24 laps	12 laps

(005) MANDATORY LAPS TO QUALIFY FOR RAAM

It is mandatory that each cyclist rides a certain amount of laps, in accordance with his category as follows (valid only for the 24 hours event - there is no minimum laps number at the 12 hours event because it is not RAAM Qualifier):

	Under 50	50+	60+	70+	80+
Men	373mi (600,53km)	352mi (566,72km)	331mi (532,91km)	232mi (373,52km)	248mi (399,28km)
Women	326mi (524,86km)	308mi (495,88km)	290 mi (466,9km)	254mi (408,94km)	217mi (349,37km)

(006) NIGHT RIDING & SAFETY

Be alert for signs of extreme fatigue or sleep deprivation. To ride the night demands a lot of attention. Being that, to the minor symptoms of extreme sleep deprivation, the rider must rest or be substituted immediately.

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(101) RIDER RULES

1. Every rider will have to follow the course that will be widely spread by the organization.
2. During the entire course, it is always a rider obligation to ride at the right side of the road. IT IS CATEGORICALLY PROHIBITED TO THE RIDERS TO RIDE IN THE MIDDLE, LEFT OR WRONG HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD, AT ALL TIMES.
3. Riders will have to use a buckled hard shell helmet approved by the organization, during the entire race course. It is mandatory to fasten the helmet always during the race.
4. Riders will have to wear his/her race number visible at all times.
5. Riders clothes will have to be suited for cycling, however the organization reserves the right to prohibit any type of clothes and/or accessory what it judges unsuitable.
6. It is mandatory that all bicycles are equipped with a continuous white front light (no flashing), visible for at least 100 meters of distance; and a continuous red tail light (not flashing), visible for at least 150 meters of distance, which must be approved by the race organizers.
7. During the night time, which complies the period between 6:00PM until 6:00AM, it is mandatory to use the light.
8. During the night is also recommended to the riders to use a reflective vest.
9. The rider will not be able to receive any type of push or pull when it is done by another person or vehicle.
10. Riders may not draft off any other rider and must maintain at least 100 meters from another rider.
11. Riders cannot ride alongside. If they are riding at the same speed, it is mandatory to space out each other.
12. Riders may not draft off any other vehicle and must maintain at least 100 meters a vehicle.
13. To ride intentionally side by side with a official vehicle more frequently, or for periods longer than the necessary, either for questioning and/or explanations, is also prohibited.
14. Riders may not block or impede the progress of another competitor.

15. The rider will be able to continue on foot until the transition area, since his bicycle is present (carried, dragged or pushed). Any athlete who is separate from his bicycle is prohibited to continue.

16. A rider can finish the current lap with a flat tire or any other type of mechanical failure, since the organization does not judge this move dangerous to the cyclist himself or any other person along the race course. In this case the rider will have to dismount and continue walking with his bicycle until it is repaired or substituted.

17. Though there is no time limit for non stop pedaling during the event, it may suit to the Race Director to impose an immediate stop, followed by a compulsory rest of 1 hour out of the bicycle on any cyclist who presents physical exhaustion symptoms and/or sleep deprivation. IN CASE THE CYCLIST FALLS FROM HIS BICYCLE OR BECOMES UNABLE TO PEDAL IN A STRAIGHT LINE, CROSS SUDDENLY AND INVOLUNTARILY THE STREET/ROAD OR PUT HIS LIFE OR HIS OWN PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OR THAT OF OTHERS, A COMPULSORY STOP WILL BE IMPOSED UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION.

18. The use of radio, music players and phone earplugs is only allowed in the right ear. The left earpiece must be properly isolated (wrapped up, covered) and stowed.

19. Is prohibited to swear at other riders, to attack verbally and physically, to make an attempt of bashing or to act in a non sportsmanlike form with anyone that is connected to the event or not, at any moment during the event, under penalty of warning and/or summary exclusion.

(102) TEAM RULES

1. The rules to the riders (101) are applied also to the Team. However there are certain rules special for the teams.

2. Team of 2, 4 or 8 riders are allowed.

3. The exchanging zone is in Santa Maria della Vittoria.

4. The teams who leave the competition without inform the Race Director will be prevented from participating in future events.

5. The riders from the same team, will be identified by the same number.

6. To be an official finisher at the "12H/24H del Montello. Memorial Mauro Marcato", the teams need at least one rider. In the case of one or more team members suffer an accident, or is not in conditions of continuing in

the race, he/she will not be able to be replaced. In this case, the minimum number of laps will be established and revised by the organization.

7. The category in which the team enrolls will be same in which it will be classified, no matter what the numbers of riders who will remain until the end of the race.

8. Any penalty imposed to a rider, will be extensive to the whole team.

(103) SUPPORT CREW RULES

1. The support person or crew is the person who actively helps the teams/solo riders and other crew member on a continuous form during the event. In spite of not being compulsory, it is extremely advisable to have a support crew (one or more persons).

2. It is an obligation to all crew members to know entirely the rules and regulations of the "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato". The rider is accountable for the behavior of the crew. A crew's misconduct may result in the penalization or disqualification of the rider.

3. The organizers cannot take responsibility for the crew behavior, only to orientate them; however in case of misconduct, it will suit to the organization to warn them and/or exclude he/she/them of the event premises at any time.

4. Support vehicles of any kind are prohibited along the race course.

5. It is a crew responsibility to provide his/her rider with any necessary support during the whole race.

6. No crew, rider, race staff, press or person related in any form to the event, is allowed to use any type of alcoholic drink, drugs or other controlled substances.

7. It is a crew obligation to keep himself hydrated, nourished, rested and to take care of his/her general well being. However, if in the opinion of the race Director sleep deprivation in any participant is compromising safety, the race Director may impose an immediate mandatory rest break.

(200) PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION

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Time penalties for traffic law violations and/or RAAM rule violations will accumulate throughout the race. These time penalties are cumulative. Riders and Teams are allowed 5 penalties then disqualified on being given the 6th penalty. Violation of any rule may result in a penalty being issued.

Penalty Structure:

- 1st penalty -- 15 minutes
- 2nd penalty - 30 minutes
- 3rd penalty - 45 minutes
- 4th penalty - 60 minutes
- 5th penalty - 75 minutes.
- 6th penalty -- disqualification

1. Director prerogative: the Race Director may stop a Rider and/or Crew at any time to discuss safety and/or Rule concerns without allowing offsetting time. While not a penalty, it is within the Director's discretion to use upto 1 hour as a 'cooling off' time as well as an opportunity to discuss and explain to the competitor the details contained in the Rule Guide.
2. If rider penalties are determined by the Director to not change the finishing order of the race, the Rider may be directed by the Director to complete the Race. The Rider penalties in such case will be added to the finishing time by the Director.
3. Any rider, crew or personal film/media crew observed violating traffic or race rules may be penalized. These penalties are served by the associated rider.
4. Warnings may be given at the discretion of a Race Officials and/or Race Director. Warnings can be given at any time, although a warning does not have to be given before a penalty can be assessed.

(202) DISQUALIFICATION

The following are considered flagrant offenses and are grounds for immediate disqualification:

1. Refusal to agree and abide by the contractual requirements necessary to participate in "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" 2009, including: race rules and traffic law.
2. Use of illegal drugs, banned substances, or intake of alcohol of any kind by a rider or crew.
3. Failure of a rider to submit to drug urine testing when requested by the "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" 2009 Director before, during or after the race.
4. Refusing to take a sleep (off bike) break, as requested by the Race Director, after displaying unsafe bike handling skills.
5. Rider advancing along the route without a bike or in a vehicle without explicit authorization from the Race Director , except in the case of a medical emergency.
6. Illegal drafting of any motor vehicles.
7. Holding onto another vehicle (motorized or non-motorized) to aid or augment forward travel.
8. Drafting from motorized vehicles or from another rider.
9. Riding alongside another rider.
10. Riding during the night without light on.
11. Riding without helmet or riding with the helmet not fastened.
12. Refusal to take a rest when it is necessary to have it, because the riding isn't safe enough.
13. Behavior on the part of a rider or crew that is deemed inappropriate and that might cause safety, legal, or reputation problems for the race or other riders and their crew.
14. Willfully altering roads signs to misdirect the competition or for any other reason.
15. Accumulation of more than 5 penalties of any kind shall result in disqualification on notification by the race Director of the 6th penalty.

(203) SUSPENSION AND BANISHMENT

For any of the violations resulting in disqualification from "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato", (may be cumulative over years) the following applies:

1st flagrant offense = Disqualification

Double flagrant offense = "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" suspension of one year.

Triple flagrant offense = "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" permanent banishment.

The Director of "Montello 24H. Memorial Mauro Marcato" reserves the right to permanently ban anyone from the race if they determine that this person is a serious liability or detriment to the organization, for any reason whatsoever.

(300) APPEALING A RACE DECISION OR A PENALTY

If a Racer believes that a Race Official has made a decision that violated the event rules, was biased, or was unfair to the Racer, the Racer may appeal the decision to the Race Director.

Appeals must be submitted in writing within one hour after the end of the race. It must be submitted to the nearest Race Official who will relay the Appeal to the Race Director.