

## VOYAGER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RULES RACER SELF-SUFFICIENCY CONFIRMATION

Greetings Hoodoo 500 Voyager Racers!

We hope you've trained hard and are excited about the race! We're very much looking forward to seeing you in St. George. We hope to be greeting you at the finish line after your 512-mile journey!

***Please print out, sign and bring this letter with you to racer check in. We must have your original signature on this letter to complete your registration to race.***

We trust that you've familiarized yourself with the Official Rules. You must understand the full extent of the Voyager division challenges. Each racer must be 100% prepared and be able to handle any contingency that may occur on the course for their own safety.

We welcome any questions. We realize that what we believe is clearly explained in the Rules may not be as clear to the reader, and that the rules may not explicitly deal with every situation. Remember Rule A of the General Rules.

The drop bag service entitles you to transport one bag to four locations along the course: Kanab, Escalante, Bicknell and Panguitch. Unless you're racing with a trailer, the drop bag service is crucial to your success; so take advantage of it. The drop bag service also includes the limited use of a hotel room in Escalante, Bicknell and Panguitch. While you may be able to get a brief nap at these locations, the rooms are NOT for an overnight stay if you drop out. If you want to shower in one of the provided rooms, you need to bring your own towel and toiletries, as those provided by the hotel are first come, first served. We will have bottled water for you at each of the four locations.

Drop bags will be available Monday morning at the banquet. They will NOT be forwarded to the next time station.

Some last minute advice and words of caution:

A few years back, UDOT repaved State Route 59 between Hurricane and the Arizona Border; about 22 miles of the Saturday morning route. In doing so, they completely removed the shoulder in most places and added a deep rumble strip down the white line. This section is a 55-60 mph highway. While you'll be on the road early when there is little traffic, without the shoulder this road isn't rider-friendly, so please take extra precaution riding this stretch. We highly recommend Voyager racers use some form of rear-view mirror, wear bright clothing and use daytime lights for visibility.

By now your preparations should be complete and exhaustive. You should know the average high and low temperatures, as well as the record temperatures, for many places on the route – and especially for the high mountain passes, which most of you will cross in darkness. You should have tested your lights to make sure they're bright enough and aimed properly to ride down steep hills when you're tired and there's no ambient light. You should have ridden your bike many miles with all of the bike bags you intend to use attached and fully loaded so you're sure they'll stay put and your load is comfortably balanced. You should be confident that you have the tools, parts and know-how to repair common and not-so-common bike problems. You should know how far you have to ride without restocking on food and water and be confident that you can go this distance. You should know the answer to questions about what you will do if you can't continue at various places along the course.

As a Voyager Racer you're required to be completely self-sufficient, fending for yourself along the way, and carrying much of what you need for the duration of the race. The Voyager division is not intended to be, nor is it, simply racing without a crew. This is an extreme race and a test of far more than cycling ability. While perhaps not as difficult, the inspiration for the Voyager division are races such as the Iditarod and Trans Rockies. You'll be testing yourself against the elements, the road, and all the circumstances that may arise during this long and challenging race. The Voyager Division is intended to be somewhat like an unsupported brevet, but even tougher. There is absolutely no support provided other than the drop bags and water at manned checkpoints. While there are many places along the route to obtain food, water and lodging if need be, there are also long, difficult climbs and descents without any services and the potential for extreme weather.

While this short list is not intended to be exclusive, you must be aware of and acknowledge the following:

- Time Stations do not provide meals or accommodations. Manned time stations will have your drop bags, water and the limited use of a hotel room. ***If you decide to quit racing, you're responsible for finding your own way back to St. George.***
- The race course is not marked. The only exception is after Snow Canyon at the end of the course, which will be marked by colored sticker arrows on the ground (color will be announced at the race meeting).
- Should you abandon, you may be offered transportation from a Race Official or from a supported racer's crew; but no one is obligated to provide transportation. You should not rely or plan on any such transportation. Be prepared to ride to a hotel, spend the night / rest up, and either ride back the next day, or arrange transportation. Just because you or another racer was offered transportation at some point in the race and/or in past years does not mean that it will be available or offered again.
- You may be given other assistance (food, water, mechanical, medical) by a Race Official or from a supported racer's crew, but they're not obligated to provide any assistance; and you will receive a time penalty for asking for/accepting assistance. Again, you should not rely or plan on any assistance. The fact that you receive or observe another racer receiving assistance does not mean that it will be available or offered again.
- ***You're required, at the minimum, to carry photo identification, jacket, leg coverings, cell phone (although there is no service in many areas) and a space blanket or bevy sack AT ALL TIMES. We will conduct equipment inspections at some time stations; and arriving at the time station without the required gear and lights will result in a time penalty. You will be DQ'd from the race if you insist on leaving the time station without the required gear.***
- In addition to the minimum required gear, we highly recommend that you carry a credit card or sufficient funds to cover the expense of a hotel room and transportation (rental cars are generally not available, except in Cedar City) back to St. George. The required equipment list is just that - what you must have on the bike at all times. Personally we wouldn't attempt this race without at least the following additional items: full rain gear, waterproof gloves, booties, synthetic or wool insulating layer for at least your core, saddle cream, first aid kit, "emergency" food and water, heat source (either chemical packet warmers or old style burning hand warmer), map and/or gps, extra tire, tire boot, tubes, patch kit, Kevlar emergency spoke, spare shifter cable, extra pedal cleat, zip ties, duct tape, chain lube, chain quick link, tools for every fastener on the bike (if using a multitool, we would check that the wrenches on the tool would

reach every Allen bolt as sometimes the wrenches are either not long enough or the handle gets in the way), chain tool, tire levers, and the knowledge and practice to use all of the parts and tools carried.

- We can't emphasize enough the need for carrying an insulating layer in addition to your jacket, especially over Boulder Mountain and Cedar Breaks. The #1 reason Voyagers DNF is lack of adequate warm clothing during the night over Boulder Mountain. The weather can change quickly, and racers have even had to abandon because of becoming too cold on the way to Escalante. Successful racers typically have either a Polar Tec or wool layer under their jackets for the descents. The temperature swing during this race can be over 70 degrees Fahrenheit; and is typically between 50 and 60 degrees. Take advantage of the Escalante drop bag to have plenty of warm clothes. You can leave them in Bicknell; and pick up a fresh set in Panguitch.
- The SPOT tracker you are provided and required to carry with you during the race is primarily for the benefit of race spectators and to ensure you are completing the entire route. The SOS function will notify Trackleaders and a race official (who may or may not have internet access to receive the alert). It will NOT directly notify EMS or other rescue services. By all means, if there is an actual emergency activate the SOS and we will do our best to assist you. However, you should pursue using your cell phone, a pay phone or asking for assistance from a passerby concurrently.

Finally, remember at racer check-in you're required to bring this fully executed Additional Information and Rules and Racer Self-Sufficiency Confirmation indicating your understanding and acceptance of the special rules and disclosures related to the Voyager Division along with a small white envelope with your name on it containing a minimum five dollar donation to Project Hero. If you don't bring this waiver and the required donation to check-in, you'll receive a 15-minute time penalty.

Have a great race!!!  
Deborah & Brian Bowling  
Hoodoo 500 Race Directors

**I certify that I have read this document, and the Official Rules, and I understand the content.** This document does not supersede the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability, Name and Likeness I have or will execute prior to the Hoodoo 500, but rather is in addition to it. In the event there is deemed to be a conflict between the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability, Name and Likeness and this Additional Information and Rules and Racer Support Confirmation, the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability, Name and Likeness will govern.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and name of parent or guardian if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_