

# HOODOO 500 VOYAGER & VOYAGER 72 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Updated May 3, 2022)

**Attention Riders:** All riders are responsible for reading and knowing these rules before arriving in St. George. These rules are meant to ensure safety and competitive fairness as well as to comply with various permit requirements. Any rule violation by rider or crew will result in disqualification or time penalties. Automatic DQ offenses are noted below.

## GENERAL RULES

- A. Hoodoo 500, and every category and division, is a “rules of the road” event. Riders must be familiar with and obey the law. Under Utah law, a bicycle is considered a vehicle and with same rights and responsibilities as an operator of a motor vehicle. This includes obeying traffic signals, stop and yield signs, and all other traffic control devices; yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks; stopping for school buses with flashing red lights; and pulling over and stopping for any emergency vehicles (police, fire, ambulance or other). Bicyclists must ride as far to the right as practical except when passing another bicycle or vehicle, preparing to turn left, going through an intersection past a right-turn-only lane, or avoiding unsafe conditions on the right-hand edge of the roadway. Please familiarize yourself with all Additional Rules of the Road, here: <https://www.bikeutah.org/bicyclelaws>. Any violation of State law will result in DQ without warning.
- B. The Event Directors (“Directors”) may, at any time, alter these rules or invent new ones. Directors have final say over rules, their interpretation and enforcement. If a rider or crew plans to do something not explicitly covered by these rules, they should inquire in advance.
- C. All riders and crew must download and bring with them to check-in all applicable required documentation, filled out and signed. Documents are available on the Hoodoo 500 website.
- D. Riders must read, understand, accept all terms, sign and submit to Directors the Voyager Waiver Letter before starting. No Voyager rider will be allowed to start without submitting the Waiver and complying with any new rules included therein.
- E. Attendance at check-In and bicycle inspection (2-5pm Thursday for Voyager 72; 2-5pm Friday for Voyager) and the Event Meeting (Thursday at 5:15pm for Voyager 72; Friday at 5:15pm for Voyager) is **mandatory**. –DQ
- F. To be declared an Official Finisher entrants in all divisions must complete the course by 7am Mountain Daylight Time on Monday.
- G. Divisional riders start simultaneously (Voyager 72 at 7am Friday; Voyager at 5am Saturday).
- H. The clock will not stop for any reason; however, Directors may make time adjustments for extenuating circumstances. Traffic lights, traffic jams, detours, road construction, high winds, storms, or other “acts of God” are not extenuating circumstances.
- I. Riders may not be naked outside for any reason. Please use discretion when urinating outside.
- J. No rider may wear clothing or display signs that are in poor taste with respect to style, brevity or inappropriate/offensive graphics or language, or promoting any political agenda or issue.

- K. Every rider must carry a cell phone, and provide the number to Directors at check-in.
- L. Safety must be the single most important concern of everyone. In an emergency where human life is in jeopardy, all concern should be directed to the injured. If a rule is violated in an emergency situation, Directors may make allowances and issue time credits if appropriate.
- M. Controlled or illegal drugs, prescription stimulants, and alcohol are not permitted. –DQ
- N. The rider in each division with the fastest total time (including penalties) is the winner. **Note:** Finish times are rounded down *to the minute*. *Seconds are disregarded*. Sprint finishes may result in a time penalty if unsportsmanlike conduct occurs at the finish line. In the event of a tie, the most senior rider will be declared the winner.
- O. An engraved plaque is awarded to the fastest male and female in each solo division. For each category other than overall (age group, bicycle type, weight division), plaques will be awarded only in categories with at least 5 riders. If the overall winner in any division is also the 50+ or 60+ winner, that winner is the overall winner and there will be no age group winner. Same holds true for records. If a 50+ or 60+ time is faster than the previous overall time, that time becomes the record.

## BICYCLE REGULATIONS

- A. Bicycles must be propelled solely by human force.
- B. Devices attached to the bicycle or rider designed to reduce wind resistance or increase speed, e.g., airfoils, windscreens, fairings or sails, are prohibited. –DQ
- C. All bicycles must be equipped with a functioning braking system on both wheels. A fixed-gear bicycle drivetrain is not considered a braking system. -DQ

## RIDER RULES

- A. Riders must be completely self-sufficient. Absent an emergency situation, riders may not ask for or accept assistance from anyone other than Hoodoo 500 Officials on route or at Time Stations. Penalties for violation of this rule are cumulative, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> offense - ½ hour; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - 1 hour; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - 2 hours, 4th offense - DQ.
- B. At each time station, or at the Finish Line, riders must report to an Official that assistance was accepted. Failure to do so will result in an automatic DQ.
- C. Riders must carry with them at all times the following items: Photo identification, jacket, cell phone (although there is no service in many areas), space blanket or bivvy sack.
- D. Each rider must ride every inch of the course. -DQ
- E. At all times while on the bike, riders must wear a properly fastened helmet.
- F. Riders must carry on their person the assigned GPS tracking device.
- G. A rider must immediately notify Directors if they abandon. Riders who abandon may join a support crew (if they get picked up by a supported rider) after notifying Directors.

H. Riders are encouraged to send bags to the manned time stations in Escalante and Panguitch. Bags are limited to 10" x 20" and 10 lbs total. All bags must be dropped off in the designated area by 7pm on the evening of the Event Meeting. No bags will be accepted Friday or Saturday morning.

I. Hotel rooms at manned time stations are for Time Station Officials ONLY. Riders may, at their own expense (in advance, or on the spot), make reservations for hotel rooms anywhere along the route.

J. Riders may not in advance leave any items along the course for retrieval during the event. -DQ

K. In the spirit of this Division and to ensure an even playing field, riders may not have any person out on the course for any reason other than to pick them up after they've abandoned. Riders may not have any person meet them at Time Stations for any reason. -DQ

### **VOYAGERS CONJOINED DIVISION RULES**

A. Conjoined Voyagers are literally joined at the hip, and must ride together at all times: In a paceline, side by side (unless traffic conditions dictate single-file), or within a maximum separation of 10 feet. Exceptions: On steep descents on UT-12 and on UT-143 from Brian Head to Parowan, riders may descend at their own pace; but must rejoin in the flats to continue together.

B. Conjoined Voyagers must cross the finish line together. If one rider DNFs, so must the other. If one rider receives a DQ penalty, the other rider is also DQ'd.

### **DRAFTING / SPACING RULES**

A. Drafting is prohibited, unless riding conjoined. Riders must maintain a distance of 10 yards from one another, except when passing, or riding alongside one another as described below.

B. Except in Special Ride Zones (below) and/or where riding side-by-side would impede traffic approaching from behind, two riders may ride together for a maximum 15 minutes per 24-hour period, but may not draft each other at any time. Example: Rider A rides alongside Rider B for 15 minutes. Rider A and Rider B then cannot ride together until 24 hours pass. However, Rider A may ride with Rider C for 15 minutes, and so on. -DQ

### **RIDING AT NIGHT**

A. All bicycles ridden at night, must be equipped with a headlight, *attached to the bicycle*, and at least one taillight (two are better), also *attached to the bicycle*, which must be ON at all times during hours of darkness. Both front and rear lights must be visible from 500 feet. -DQ

B. All bicycles must have reflective material facing all four directions (meaning reflectors, or reflective tape on crank arms, seat stays and fork). -DQ (Hint: When using reflective tape, to avoid damage to paint, put electrical tape on first, and place the reflective tape on top.)

C. When riding at night, riders must wear a reflective vest or sash and reflective ankle bands, and must have reflective tape or dots on all four sides of their helmet.

### **SPECIAL RIDE ZONES**

A. Voyager 72 riders begin under neutral conditions (with 500-Stage riders), escorted by a pace rider or vehicle that may not be passed. The escort will pull off and signal the start after the traffic light at the entrance to SR-7 (about mile 6).

B. Riders must use the bike path that parallels UT-12 beginning at mile 139.4 all the way to Time Station #2 at the Chevron Station, and then beyond the Time Station to the junction of UT-63. Riders exit the bike path at the Subway Restaurant to continue on UT-12. DO NOT turn right toward Bryce. –Mandatory 1 hour penalty

C. Absent an emergency, riders must not stop in any pullout or parking area within the boundaries of Bryce Canyon National Park; beginning 4.5 miles after leaving Time Station #2 (Chevron Station) for the next 4 miles. –DQ

D. Absent an emergency, riders must not stop on the course beginning at mile 399.5 on UT-143 at the pullout with the Cedar Breaks National Monument sign, until mile 402, entering the town of Brian Head. –DQ

## OFFICIALS AND TIME STATIONS

A. Officials will be stationed along the route at select Time Stations, and will also travel the course in marked or covert vehicles. Riders are expected to treat Officials respectfully and must comply with any instructions given by Officials.

B. Any Official may give a time penalty or DQ a rider on the spot; or may report the violation to Directors who may assess the penalty or DQ the rider at a later time.

C. Officials are instructed to keep interaction with riders to a minimum. Officials will only reveal riders' positions and arrival times at Time Stations, if known. Officials are not responsible for the reporting of inaccurate information.

D. Time Stations are located along the course, as noted in the Official Route. Some will be manned and some will not. Each rider must check in at each Time Station. At manned Time Stations, rider must report to the Official. At unmanned Time Stations, rider must contact Headquarters via text, and report the rider's name, the Time Station number, and the time the rider passed the Time Station. Headquarters must be contacted within 15 minutes of a rider passing an unmanned Time Station. Exception: A rider must *immediately call (not text)* Headquarters before descending into Snow Canyon at TS7.

E. Riders will be given any messages, including notification of penalties or DQ, either from Officials at Time Stations, when they call Headquarters and/or via live Facebook or Twitter posts.

## TIME PENALTIES

A. In addition to the penalties for accepting assistance (mentioned above), non-DQ rule violations will result in the following cumulative time penalties, which will be added to the rider's total time at the finish line: 1st offense- 15 minutes (unless the specific violation mandates more); 2nd offense- ½ hour; 3rd offense- 1 hour; 4th offense- DQ

B. Ignorance of the rules is never an excuse. To prove that you've read the rules, please bring with you to check-in an envelope containing a minimum \$5 donation to the official charity of the

event, Life Sports Foundation.– Mandatory 15-min time penalty for failure to turn in an envelope.

C. Upon observing a rider's violation of a traffic law or event rule, an Official may either issue a time penalty or a DQ to the rider, or report the penalty or disqualification to the next Time Station or to Directors, where the penalty will be posted.

D. Riders who observe another rider or support crew violating the law or these rules are encouraged to say something to the rider or crew, and also report the violation to an Official. Officials may, but are not required to, impose penalties based solely on verbal reports of cheating. Photos or videos of violations as proof will more likely result in a penalty or DQ being imposed.

**CONCLUSION:** If you have any questions, please contact us. If you don't ask, we assume that the rules are clear and you will be held accountable in accordance with them.