

HOODOO 500 VOYAGER & VOYAGER 72 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Updated August 3, 2024)

You are responsible for reading and knowing the Rules. The sole purpose of Rules is to strive for safety (although road cycling is inherently dangerous), ensure competitive fairness and to comply with various permit requirements. Rule violations may result in time penalties or disqualification. Automatic DQ offenses are noted below.

GENERAL RULES

- A. We trust that every Hoodoo entrant understands that the consequences for breaking or even bending a rule is less a measure of time (even if you get a penalty) than a measure of personal integrity. So, the #1 rule is: Don't be a jerk. That covers a lot. Everything below is important enough to put in writing. For anything else that comes up, we will attempt our best to do what is right and what is fair.
- B. This paragraph is required by UDOT: Hoodoo 500 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/bicyclerules>. Any violation of State law will result in a 1-hour penalty and a warning that the next time will be a DQ.
- C. All riders must download from the Hoodoo website and bring with them to check-in **all** applicable required documentation, filled out and signed.
- D. Attendance at check-in and bicycle inspection (3-5pm 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
- E. To be an Official Finisher, entrants must complete the course by 7am MDT on Monday.
- F. The clock will not stop for any reason.
- G. The rider in each division with the fastest total time (including penalties) is the winner. **Note:** Finish times are rounded down *to the minute*. Sprint finishes are discouraged. In the event of a tie, the most senior rider is declared the winner.
- H. Awards are presented to the winner in each division with 3 or more competitors/teams. Awards are presented to top 3 in each division with 5 or more competitors.

- I. If the overall winner is also the 50+ or 60+ winner, that winner is the overall winner and there is 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. If the overall winner is female, there is no male winner.

BICYCLE REGULATIONS

- A. Bicycles must be propelled solely by human force.
- B. 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
- C. All bicycles must have a taillight which is ON at all times.

RIDER RULES

- A. Riders must be completely self-sufficient. Absent an emergency, riders may not ask for or accept assistance from anyone other than a Hoodoo 500 Official. Penalties for violation are cumulative, as follows: 1st offense - ½ hour; 2nd offense - 1 hour; 3rd offense - DQ. Riders must report to an Official that assistance was accepted. Failure to do so will result in an automatic DQ.
- B. At all times while on the bike, riders must wear a helmet and carry the GPS tracking device.
- C. Riders must carry with them at all times the following items: Photo identification, jacket, leg coverings, cell phone (although there are places on course without service) and a space blanket or bevy sack. -TP or DQ
- D. A rider must immediately notify Directors if they abandon.
- E. Riders may not in advance leave any items along the course for retrieval during the event, other than Escalante, Bicknell/Loa and Panguitch. (See website for details.) -DQ
- F. In the spirit of this Division, and to ensure an even playing field, riders may not have any person meet them on course other than to pick them up after they've abandoned. -DQ

VOYAGERS CONJOINED DIVISION RULES

- A. Conjoined Voyagers 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. Exception: On steep, sustained descents, riders may descend at their own pace; but must immediately rejoin in the flats.
- 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 5 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, two riders may ride together for a maximum 15 minutes per 24-hour period; but may not draft each other at any time.

RIDING AT NIGHT

A. All bicycles must be equipped with at least two headlamps, at least one of which is attached to the bicycle, and at least two taillights, which must be ON at all times during hours of darkness. All 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. 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 beyond to the junction of UT-63. Riders exit the bike path at the Subway Restaurant to continue on UT-12. – Mandatory 1 hour penalty

B. 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

C. Absent an emergency, riders must not stop beginning at about 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

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 location, and the time the rider passed the Time Station (in military time). 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.

TIME PENALTIES

A. In addition to the penalties for accepting assistance, non-DQ rule violations will result in the following 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- 1hour; 3rd 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 our event charity. 15-min time penalty for failure to turn in an envelope.

C. Riders who observe another rider or support crew violating the law or any event 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 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.