

## AZ Randonneurs Safe Events Procedures and Guidelines

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**Introduction:** This is a living document meant to help everyone stay safe while still upholding the procedures necessary for RUSA accreditation of the events. [RUSA membership](#) is required in order to participate in any of the AZ Randonneurs' events. We will be updating these procedures as we learn, and situations change.

Please respect others' wishes for distancing and pace lining since they may be different than yours. We want everyone to enjoy the rides and remain healthy so that they can come out and ride again!

**Objectives:** All policies and procedures are crafted to:

- Follow RUSA guidelines and restrictions.
- Comply with all Arizona state-level and relevant county-level restrictions and orders.
- Minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 to riders, ride organizers and volunteers.
- Minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 in the communities we ride through.

There are 2 key components to the plan – limit exposure to other people and prevent spread through touchless procedures.

**Touchless Procedures:** To prevent exposure through touch, all brevets will be paperless. That means:

1. No brevet cards or que sheets will be passed out at the start.
  - a. Riders will be provided a link so that they may print these materials themselves, if they choose.
2. Riders **MUST** sign up and pay on line.
  - a. The standard registration closure date of 3 days prior to the event will apply.
3. Riders **MUST Electronically Sign** the standard RUSA waiver.
  - a. When you sign up and pay for one of our events, you will be automatically linked to an Online Waiver which you must fill out and sign. No exceptions.
  - b. When you submit the Electronic Waiver, you may be sent an email which is to verify the email address which you entered. If applicable, you **MUST** verify your email address before the Waiver will be accepted. This is a legal issue and must be done.
4. Proof of Passage may be supplied in the following ways:
  - a. Electronic proof of passage – RWGPS or Strava uploads of your GPS track. No types of files (gpx, tcx, fit, etc.) will be accepted. It is the RIDER's responsibility to make these tracks publically available for me to validate. Don't make me hunt you down if you want credit for the ride. Links to the RWGPS or Strava uploads must be sent to me within 72 hours of the event completion. After that, no ride credit will be given.
  - b. Scan the receipts from the Controls, then Email that scan to me if using this method (again, no paper will be accepted).
  - c. Email pictures of the actual controls showing clearly identifiable features that you were there, e.g. you and/or your bike in front of the control.
5. No brevet cards will be accepted at the finish. They are for you to keep and pass down to your grand kids.
6. We strongly recommend against the use of cash at controls as it puts store clerks at risk.
7. Do not physically mail anything to AZ Randonneurs. It will not be accepted.

**People Exposure:** To prevent people exposure the following rules will be in place:

1. Face coverings should be worn prior to the brevet start and at the finish when around any other persons and social distancing is not possible.

2. All brevets will have an official start time and riders can opt to start any time after the official start (up to 1 hour) to limit exposure to other riders.
  - a. For rides in which the Trail Boss will also be riding, you must arrive early enough to hear the last minute updates. Trail Boss will be starting at the prescribed event start time.
  - b. Riders will need to submit proof of start time so their time can be adjusted, if it's other than scheduled start.
3. The usual information about route construction or things to be careful of will be emailed out prior to the ride.
4. **If you do not receive an email from me by Friday Morning before the event, please check your Spam folder. I WILL send out last minute notes for every event.**
5. We strongly recommend using face coverings/masks at Controls.
  - a. Local and/or Federal guidelines and mandates must be followed at all times.
6. Sharing ice, water or food at controls is not recommended.
7. The brevet coordinator will be at the start for the official start time. If a rider chooses to start at one of the later time slots, be aware that the brevet coordinator may not be there.