

Black and Blue Rules and Penalties

DISQUALIFICATION

1. Grayson Highlands State Park

All laws, rules, and regulations of Grayson Highlands State Park must be obeyed at all times. A violation will result in immediate disqualification from the Black and Blue, and may result in Park fines and arrest.

- a. Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after the following the proper check-in procedure.
- b. Registration for a state park campsite must be completed by a member of the camping party 18 years of age or older. This person accepts responsibility for the remainder of the camping party.
- c. Campsites are designed to be used by a maximum of six people or one family.
- d. Instructions from Park Rangers and Park Staff must be obeyed.

2. Traffic Laws

Roads will not be blocked off, nor will traffic be stopped during The Black and Blue. As such, Black and Blue participants, support staff and vehicles, spectators, event staff, and everyone affiliated with The Black and Blue must obey traffic laws at all times. The roads being used during this event will be open to normal traffic. For the safety of everyone involved, respect all users of the roads. Cyclists are to ride along the right side the roadway at all times unless officially instructed otherwise.

3. Public Nuisance Rule

Please use trash containers and restroom facilities located at each Stage Exchange/Support Zone. Cyclists who are reported to have littered, urinated, or defecated by some means other than in appropriate facilities will be disqualified. Please use your judgment and be considerate of private property, public property, our State and National Parks, and property owners along the course. There will be ample restrooms, garbage containers, and/or portable toilets at Stage Exchange/Support Zones. Problems with protection of the environment and private property along the course could jeopardize the future of this event.

4. Alcohol Consumption

The Black and Blue prohibits the consumption and presence of alcoholic beverages during The Black and Blue by everyone involved with The Black and Blue, including cyclists, support staff, and spectators. A violation will result in immediate team disqualification, prohibition of all team members from future Black and Blue events, and notification of the violation to the proper authorities.

5. iPODs

The presence of an iPOD or other musical device on a rider will result in immediate disqualification.

6. Helmets

Helmet s must be worn by all cyclists.

7. Race Officials

Black and Blue staff and volunteers at Stage Exchange/Support Zones are considered Race Officials. They have authority to disqualify a team for rules violations, abusive behavior, or a team's failure to follow instructions given by volunteers. Parking Officials will be assigned to direct parking at each Stage Exchange/Support Zone. If you see an Official, you are to obey their parking instructions.

3 HOUR TIME PENALTY

1. On Course Vehicles

Each team is limited to four vehicles, preferably vans, minivans, or SUVs (not to exceed 6'9" wide by 20ft in length). NO MOTOR HOMES, LIMOUSINES, BUSES, OR TRAILERS. If you have doubts about the legality of your vehicle, you must have it checked at the start by a Race Director.

Vehicles cannot trail, follow, or shadow cyclists. Team vehicles may not stop along the course to provide support (food/drink). Team support vehicles may provide support at Stage Exchange/Support Zones only, which average every 25 miles). Cyclists are encouraged to carry water/fluids/fuel for the longer stages if necessary (refer to Rule 4, Public Nuisance Rule for disposal of empty containers, wrappers, etc).

Vehicles must follow alternate travel routes when applicable.

2. Rider Dropouts

No cyclist may drop out of the relay solely for the purpose of substituting a faster cyclist in their place. If a cyclist is forced out due to injury, they may not be reinstated into the team lineup. The team must finish with the remaining cyclists rotating in their current order. The order may not be shuffled. Relay officials will be monitoring the team rotation. Race officials may also ask for injury or drop out reports. You may not shuffle the order or rotation after each cyclist has completed his/her first stage. No alternates may be used once your team has started.

3. Navigation

The course will be marked with directional signs. However, all cyclists must navigate the course. If a wrong turn is made, the cyclist must return to the course on bike to the point on the course where the error occurred and resume the relay.

4. Use of Headphones

Use of "two earpiece" headphones is not permitted. A one piece, earphone/microphone may be used to communicate via team radio only. Music is not permitted. Headphones that have two earpieces block and or distort the sound of approaching traffic and constitute an unacceptable risk to the cyclist.

5. Pets

Pets are not allowed on the course or at the Stage Exchange/Support Zones at any time.

6. One vehicle per two cyclists allowed

Each team is limited to one (1) vehicle per two cyclists. One official vehicle sign will be issued to each team vehicle.

7. Race Numbers

Race numbers must be worn at all times throughout the race.

8. No Parking on Roadways

Parking is not permitted along the road or on the shoulder of the road. In the parking areas, please park as directed, watch for cyclists, and stay alert to other traffic. These are high-risk areas.

9. Time Limit

If your team's position on the course is significantly behind such that your team is falling behind our support infrastructure, then we may at our discretion, ask your team to jump ahead to a Stage Exchange/Support Zone of our designation.