

Official Gold Rush Randonnée Application

The 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée

The Davis Bike Club is proud to host the fourth running of the one and only California 1200-kilometer brevet, the Gold Rush Randonnée (GRR). Patterned after the most prestigious event in randonneuring, the Paris-Brest-Paris randonnée, the GRR is a quadrennial event held the second year following Paris-Brest-Paris. Dedicated members of the DBC have spent many hours devising what is considered one of the best randonneuring routes through the Northern Sierra gold rush country. While cycling through the Sierras is usually identified with long strenuous climbs, the GRR route will be a pleasant surprise. At roughly 26,000 ft. of total elevation gain, there will be less climbing on the GRR than on PBP. Most of the climbs are gentle to moderate (under 6%) but there will be a few very challenging ascents.

Requirements to Register

To register for the GRR, please enclose:

- The attached registration form filled out as completely as possible
- The attached release form, which you have read, signed, and dated
- A check or money order as described in GRR payment policy

Once we receive and approve your registration we will send more details on GRR rules and services in early May. Until then, changes in event configuration may occur due to last minute events, so please refer to our website for updates and more route information. <http://dbcgoldrush.org>

GRR Finishers Souvenirs

All official finishers will receive a 1200k Randonneurs Mondiaux medal AND a GRR 2017 finisher's jersey free of charge. In the tradition of other great ultra-cycling events, the jersey will only be sent to official finishers. The cost of the jersey is not included in your registration fee. It will be paid for by Davis Bike Club sponsors. As with the 2013 event, we will have the "Finishers" jersey available at the end-of-ride celebration in order to eliminate mailing expenses later.

Private Support Vehicles

In the past, we have allowed riders to provide their own support vehicles, but the number of riders who used their own support was very small. Given the additional cost of registration, special route maps and signs for said vehicles we have determined to eliminate private support vehicles for 2017. Therefore we will **NOT** allow private SAGs. Riders with private SAGS will be disqualified immediately.

GRR Requirements

- Entrant must check-in between 2 PM and 4 PM the starting day of the GRR.
- Entrant must be in excellent physical condition and show verification of medical insurance.
- Entrant **MUST** wear a helmet at all times while cycling the route.
- Entrant's bike must be in top mechanical condition and pass the bike inspection at check-in.
- Entrant must use adequate lighting and reflective clothing.

Lighting

A large, non-blinking white headlight visible to 1000 ft. is mandatory. A Cateye HL-EL520N headlight using 4 AA batteries and a Portland Design Works Danger Zone Tail Light are considered minimally adequate lighting. Systems that utilize hub generators are also acceptable. Rechargeable systems, while allowed, are not recommended, as outlets for recharging batteries at controls are limited. Solid, **not flashing**, red rear light visible to 300 ft. is mandatory. Flashing taillights may **ONLY** be used in case you need a course monitor to stop for assistance. A Petzel-type helmet light for reading the cue sheet and computer is recommended. Spare lights for both front and rear must be shown at bicycle inspection. Spare lights may be attached. Reflective ankle bands for **BOTH** legs, and a reflective vest is mandatory. A reflective rear triangle, reflective helmet tape and reflective tape on wheels, crank arms and chain stays are also recommended.

GRR Route Description

The GRR begins in the university town of Davis, only 14 miles west of Sacramento, the capitol of California. Rural farming roads lead north through the Great Central Valley. Once in the gold rush city of Oroville, the mostly pancake-flat roads yield to a steady climb into the Northern Sierras through the scenic Feather River Canyon. The Feather River was the site of heavy gold mining activity during the gold rush, and gold mining continues to this day in the canyon. After leaving the town of Greenville, the route climbs through beautiful mountain valleys past Antelope Lake to the crest of the Sierras at Janesville Pass. At an elevation of 6,340 feet, this is the top of the GRR! Following a steep descent down Janesville grade, the randonneur will enter the town of Susanville. Proceeding through a landscape of mountains and high desert, the GRR travels through the towns of Adin and Alturas on the way to the turn-around near Goose Lake that straddles the Oregon border. Except for minor deviations, the return to Davis follows the same roads as the journey outbound, and will thus bring the intrepid randonneur back to Janesville Grade. At an average grade of 8% for 4 miles, this is by far the most challenging climb of the ride. Your granny gears will be put to good use! But once over the summit, the randonneur will be rewarded with many miles of exhilarating descents. Also, with the exception of the moderate climb over Jarbo Gap, there is no significant climbing left! The last 100 miles through the flat Central Valley, often with the assistance of rejuvenating tailwinds, will bring the randonneur back to Davis for much-deserved accolades and awards from the Davis Bike Club GRR crew.

GRR Qualification

We would like all cyclists to have the opportunity to ride in this event if they choose to do so. However, the demanding nature of a 1200 km brevet requires qualifying rules. All participants must complete an entire 2017 brevet series prior to the event. Realizing some regional brevet series in northern latitudes will not have been completed within the time limit to register for the GRR, we will accept applications with an incomplete brevet series **provided** the cyclist can demonstrate to the GRR committee that they possess the ability to complete this event within the time limit. Completion of a 2017 ultra-cycling event lasting 24 hours or more will be accepted in lieu of completing a 600 km brevet. All other qualifications will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Completion of past cycling events of 600 km or longer, however, will be a key for qualifying. Our goal is a 100% finish and adequate preparation cannot be over emphasized. For qualification exceptions on a case-by-case basis, contact Dan Shadoan via e-mail at ultra-cycling@davisbikeclub.org or call 530-219-0177. You must be at least 18 years of age as of July 5th, 2017, to participate in the Davis Bike Club's 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée. The rider limit for the Gold Rush Randonnée is set at 200 riders.

GRR Payment Policy

In our attempt to control costs for participants, the entry fee has not been raised. Payment of \$400.00 must be in U.S. Dollars (\$) drawn on a U.S. bank or an international Postal Money Order. Make check or money order payable to "Davis Bike Club". Entry forms postmarked after June 16th, must pay the GRR late entry fee of \$500.00. Absolutely no GRR registrations will be accepted after June 17th. There is no possibility of on-line payment.

Cancellation Policy

Entrants are entitled to full refund, minus \$25.00 processing fee, if cancellation notice is received before June 6th. A 50% refund policy will apply if cancellation notice is received from June 6th through June 20th. Absolutely no refunds will be given after June 20th or for "No Shows".

**Davis Bike Club 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée
Rider Release Form and Refund Policy**

I, _____, voluntarily apply to participate in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée. I have read the ride description and the rules for participation in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée brochure. I agree to abide by all of the rules and policies set forth in the official brochure. I also warrant that, to the best of my knowledge, I am competent to ride safely, that my bicycle and equipment are in safe condition, and that I have no disability that would impair my ability to complete the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée safely. I recognize and accept all anticipated and unanticipated risks and hazards of participating in a physically challenging bicycle tour involving a large number of cyclists of varying levels of cycling skill and experience on narrow winding roads that will be open to normal traffic during this event. I understand that the Davis Bike Club makes no claim as to the safety of this route or the competence of other participants or volunteers. I will wear an ANSI-approved helmet while riding in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée, and I assume all responsibility for selecting a helmet that fits me properly and that can protect me against head injury. I agree that the Davis Bike Club may disqualify me from further participation in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée if I fail to adhere to the rules and conditions in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée brochure and this agreement, or fail to follow directions given by 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée officials, or if I fail to obey applicable laws. I will not hold the Davis Bike Club, or any of the persons or entities mentioned below, responsible for any consequences of their failure to detect and warn riders of known hazards or to enforce any rule or condition of participation. In consideration of the acceptance of this application and of my being permitted to participate in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée, I, for myself, my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, waive, release, and discharge all claims that I have, or that may accrue to me directly or indirectly as a result of my participation in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée. This agreement applies to claims for personal injuries, including death or permanent disability, and property damage. This agreement is intended to release, in advance, the Davis Bike Club, their officers, Directors, and sponsors, and any volunteers, employees, or agents involved in organizing or putting on the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée, as well as any private landowners and government entities whose property or jurisdiction is involved in the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée. This agreement is also intended to release, in advance, Randonneurs USA (RUSA), their officers, Directors, and sponsors, and any volunteers, employees, or agents involved in organizing, sanctioning or assisting the production of the 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée. I also agree that this agreement applies to claims arising out of the carelessness or negligence of the persons and entities mentioned above, and specifically includes any unknown and unanticipated claims that, if known or anticipated at the time that I sign this agreement and release, would make me less willing to sign this agreement, and that might otherwise be protected under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code.

Refund Policy

Refunds will be made to registered riders who withdrew subject to the following conditions. A \$25.00 deduction will be made from your prepaid entry fees if cancellation notice is received before June 6th. A 50% refund policy will apply if cancellation notice is received from June 6th through June 20th. Absolutely no refunds will be given after June 20th or for "No Shows". Refund requests are to be sent to:

**Dan Shadoan
812 Eucalyptus St.
Davis, CA 95618**

or

ultra-cycling@davisbikeclub.org

I have read and agree to the **Rider Release and Refund Policy** for the Davis Bike Club's 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: You must be at least 18 years of age as of July 5th 2017, to participate in the Davis Bike Club's 2017 Gold Rush Randonnée.

2017 Gold Rush Randonnée Registration Form

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____

City, St, Zip, Country: _____

Tele No: _____ Emergency No: _____

Mobile No: _____ Will you have mobile on ride? (Y/N) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

RUSA #: _____ or other International #: _____

Home Bike Club: _____

2017 Gold Rush Randonnée	Entry Fee	
<p style="text-align: center;">*Late fee applies after June 16th, 2017.</p> <p>Make checks payable to Davis Bike Club Mail registration, signed release and check to: Dan Shadoan, RBA 812 Eucalyptus St. Davis, CA 95618</p>	Regular Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Late Fee*	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Total enclosed \$ _____	
	\$400.00	
	\$100.00	

Type of bicycle: ___Regular Single ___Regular Tandem ___Other

If other, specify type: _____

If Tandem, give Name of partner: _____
(for tandems, both riders must complete a registration form)

Men's Jersey size: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Women's Jersey size: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

T-shirt size: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Brevet	Date	Location	Elapsed Time	ACP or RUSA Certificate No.
200k	/2017			
300k	/2017			
400k	/2017			
600k	/2017			

List other Brevet events completed in 2017. _____

List additional Randonnées/Ultra-cycling events (**600k or longer**) completed in 2015 and 2016

How many GRR's have you completed? None, this is my first! One Two Three Four

Will you attend the after-ride awards banquet? Yes No Unsure but likely Unsure but unlikely