

COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY 1200

2016 Event Procedures

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These procedures cover:

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Check-In and Inspection

Check-in/inspection will be **4:00 – 5:30pm** on **Sunday, July 10** at the Quality Inn in Louisville. If this will not work for you, you need to let me know. Time will be limited at the event start.

For inspection, you will need to show your:

- **reflective gear** for your bike and yourself (legbands and reflective vest or equivalent) – need to meet RUSA guidelines;
- **lighting system** mounted on bike and backup lighting system (see requirements below): two independent **taillight** systems are required; two independent **headlight** systems are *strongly recommended* – this could be two battery units, or a dynamo and battery light; one (could
- **dropbag (filled)** – to assure that your bag is not too big or too heavy; if it's too big, you can find another across US-36 at Target or Sports Authority; limits are 10" x 10" x 20" or 40" combined linear dimensions, and 25 lb.

I will hand out rider packets including brevet card and cue sheet, plus helmet sticker and frame tag. After inspection, you may wish to join other riders for dinner at a neighboring restaurant. there are several within walking distance.

Lighting Requirements

Two independent bike-mounted taillights are required.

A bike-mounted headlight system is required. Two fully independent headlight systems are *strongly recommended*. A helmet-mounted backup system is ok, if it's sufficiently powerful. The headlights can be both battery powered, or a dynamo setup and a battery light.

Ride Start

Sign in between **3am-3:30am** at the Quality Inn.

Riders depart at **4:00am**.

Drop Bags – Deposit your drop bags at the front of the motel. If we assess that your dropbag is too voluminous or heavy, you will be asked to leave items behind (in the motel storage area) before the bag is accepted.

Luggage Storage – As in years past, the Quality Inn staff is making provisions to store guests' bicycle bags and other luggage during the event.

Parking – You may park in the Quality Inn spaces if you are staying there at start/finish. Otherwise, ask motel staff if you may park there, or find another spot to park.

En Route

Overnight Accommodations & Bagdrops – At the controls at Saratoga, Steamboat Springs, and Walden provide, we provide motel-room accommodations and dropbags during these periods:

- **Saratoga:** July 11/eve. - July 12/a.m.
- **Steamboat Springs:** July 12/eve. - July 13/a.m.
- **Walden:** July 13/eve. - July 14/a.m.

Dropbags and rooms will be available starting late afternoon. Dropbags will be transported to the next location next day. Return your dropbag to the central area when you depart; don't leave it in your room.

Volunteers will assign you a room. They will try to accommodate rooming with certain other riders, but that's not guaranteed.

Food will be available in a common area. There will be evening items and then breakfast items in the morning including items to take with you.

Bike and Other Cleaning – Be especially careful not to soil motel towels or linens with bike oil, grease, etc. We are liable for expenses and our good reputation. Ask the staff for rags or paper towels.

Walden Transit Control - The Walden control may also be staffed part of July 12 for riders transiting Walden heading from Laramie to Steamboat Springs.

Sign-In/Sign-Out – IMPORTANT - When you arrive in Saratoga, Steamboat Springs, and Walden, **sign in** on the sheet provided. Then remember also to **sign out** when you leave, whether your stay is half an hour or overnight. This allows us to keep track of the riders and post rider progress on the website. You must also have your brevet card validated by staff.

Unstaffed Checkpoints – Checkpoints mentioning a store or "Any Store" or "Any Establishment" have no event staff: have any store clerk note your time of passage and initial the card or, if during the night when all establishments in the town are closed, note your own time.

Following the Event and Riders

Rider Progress - People interested in the event and riders can follow rider progress on the [Rider Progress spreadsheet](http://tinyurl.com/z2dryj3) (<http://tinyurl.com/z2dryj3>) We will try to keep this updated several times a day, but volunteers' first priority will be to support the riders, so there may be times when updates lag.

Blog – We should also be posting more general updates on conditions, etc., on the [Colorado High Country blog](http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/): <http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/>

Tracking Devices – If you will be using a SPOT or other tracking device with Web visibility, you can give us the web link and we will add it to the Rider Progress spreadsheet.

Dealing with Emergent Situations

If you have an emergent situation, phone **911**. If you can, alert us via the volunteer phone numbers on your card, or have someone else do so. We cannot stand in for emergency responders, but want to know what's going on with all the riders. If using a SPOT or other tracking device, consult with us.

If you are unable to continue, for mechanical or other reasons, our aim – when a volunteer is free – will be to get you to one of the staffed (overnight) checkpoints, if you weren't able to reach one yourself, and then discuss your options for getting back to Louisville.

If you need to abandon because you are outside the control time windows, you should proceed to a staffed control, where we can discuss your options for getting back to Louisville.

Ride Finish

Finish is at the Louisville Quality Inn. We'll be there mid-afternoon on July 14th until dinnertime (see below).

If you finish when there is no event staff present: e-mail, phone, or text your name and finishing time to me. Then have motel staff validate your finishing time, and retain your card. You may give your card to an event official at the dinner or during the time the finish line is staffed.

Drop bags will be available starting Thursday afternoon at the Quality Inn.

Après-Finish Dinner

We've made our traditional arrangements at Carrabbas Italian Grill, in the next block north of the motel, starting 6:30pm on Thursday. Attendees pay their own way.

Mention the Rocky Mountain Cycling Club as the group you're with. We have reserved their special back room dining area. If we run out of room there, you can ask for a table in the main dining area. In past years, everyone's had a great time!

Jerseys and Vests

Jerseys and Vests are scheduled to be produced and delivered in September. You may [order](#) through July 17.

Medals

We will present Colorado High Country 1200 medals at the finish. Finishers can also purchase RM 1200 medals from the RUSA Store.

Bonne Route!

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