



BULGARIAN TOURIST FEDERATION

& Sports Club "Sinite kamani" - Sliven

Organize



XVIII International Super Cycling Marathon SVS SLIVEN-VARNA- (SOFIA) -SLIVEN

July 09–12, 2022 - 1222 km non-stop in 91:30 hours

Sanctioned by the Randonneurs Mondiaux (RM) and AUDAX Club Parisien



OBJECTIVES:

In 2001 for the first time in Central and Eastern Europe Grand Randonnee (international super cycling marathon in the classical distance of 1200 km) was held in Bulgaria. The initial purpose of the event in this first edition was to give a start to the development of cycling marathons in Bulgaria and the region. In this first year, Bulgaria, Austria, Russia, and shortly thereafter Greece were the only countries in the region that were members of the Audax Club Parisien - Randonneur. Nowadays, almost all countries of Central and Eastern Europe are members of the global randonneuring movement.

In addition to promoting the randonneuring movement in the region, the events have several additional goals. One of them is to allow Bulgarians to get in touch with the atmosphere of the ultra long distances, to connect with foreign friends and to obtain the status of a finisher with the respective medal without having to make an expensive trip abroad. On the other hand, foreigners are given the opportunity to visit our country and to get acquainted with its beauties and realities, as well as to communicate with colleagues and friends.

I. REGULATIONS: START-FINAL AND GROUPS

1. Start-Final: Omega Bistro, Sliven Mineral Baths. It is situated 12 km from the center of Sliven. The cost of the rooms is 30-40 lev (15-20 EUR) and is not included in the entry fee. On Friday evening before the start all participants will go through registration to include bicycle and equipment check. There is going to be **Technical Seminar** that will make you familiar with the specifics of the route and all checkpoints. Information from the last hour about the roads condition will be given as well. The start is on Saturday, 5 am. The control time for the Green Group is 91:30 hours, with closing time 0:30 on Wednesday. The control time for the Red Group is 81:30 hours, with final closing time at 2:30 pm on Tuesday.

2. Green group: Participants agree to bike on a schedule with three overnight stays at designated places and finishing within 85-91 hours. Bed and vouchers for dinner and breakfast are provided on three specified sleeping control points (CPs). This group also is provided with food vouchers for 4 daytime CPs. The "Manned" column of the Control Points Sheet shows the times of opening the CPs with the presence of "staff". The time of this opening is in compliance with the Green group movement schedule. Quitting (speeding up) this schedule means leaving the Green Group and waiving the organizers of the obligation in terms of provision of services for this group (bag drop, usage of vouchers and other logistics).

3. Red group: Participants from the so-called "Red" group declare in advance a faster pace of movement and a finish within **81:30** hours. They take care of food and shelter themselves, except for the controls of the first day. Red group can use addresses of restaurants&hotels provided by the organizer. Overnight stay at a respective "green" CP is only allowed in case of vacancies. Depending on their speed, this group may have 2 or even only 1 overnight stop and 65 to 81 hours completion time. In case of late arrival at a "red control", or in case of exceeded the 81:30 control time at the finish, the brevet can not be homologated, even if the 91:30 control time is observed.

II. REGULATIONS: INSCRIPTION, ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION

1. Inscription. The preliminary online inscription is done by filling out the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16M4BI00fISmhgJwklIptTqz0zBlzN3DF8bt5jJbGhvw/viewform?usp=send_form

Within 48 hours after the online inscription, the status of the inscribed person can be checked here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ra2PuchJISJRf80oX5gXFrnqUicOqK-GAbS74nX1kw/edit#gid=1428216450>

A successful full series of brevets completed in the current year (200,300,400, 600/1000 km) is required. Each of these distances can be replaced by 1000 and 1200+ km brevet, completed within the past two (2) seasons. The pre-registration is considered completed upon payment of the full amount of the Fee (A).

2a. Basic entry fee (A) for both groups is 70 Euro (139 BGN) This fee includes: (1) control car on the route; (2) stationary controllers on the 3 sleeping CPs; (3) start package; (4) paper route description; (5) GPS tracks; (6) SVS Cup or Plate after finish; (7) LRM homologation and medal; (8) hotel booking at the start/final; (9) video and/or photos. The Basic Fee (A) does not include overnight stays on the route, vouchers for food of the daily controls and bag-drop, included in Fee (B). The basic entry fee does not include SVS garment as well, which is ordered additionally.

Discounts: **20%** for clubs - regular members of Bulgarian Tourist Federation (BFT) having sports license
or 10% for clubs - regular members of Bulgarian Tourist Federation (BFT) w/o sports license
 + **10%** for successful finishers of **all distances of current year's Brevet Week (BWN)**.
 Discounts accumulate, ie. the maximum is 30% (BFT club with license + Brevet week)
 Discounts apply only when paying the Fee (A) until 12.06. (Shipka 300 + 200).

Increment: 20% (or 14 EUR / 28 BGN) for every 10 newly inscribed riders in the green group after the 10th one (i.e. 84 EUR / 167 BGN for riders 11-20, 98 EUR / 195 BGN for riders 21-30, and so on).
 So there is no limit on the number of participants, but only increment of the basic Fee (A).
 Any fee differences due to a withdrawn entry fee will be regulated at registration before the start, and already paid amounts will be adjusted.

2b. Additional fee (B) for the "green" group: 63 EUR / 124 BGN. This is the amount that will be received back in the form of accommodation and food during the event. The amount does not depend on the number of participants and the time of payment. Includes the full price of the 3 night stays, as well as vouchers for dinner and breakfast for BGN 8 (5+3) at the 3 "sleeping" controls, plus BGN 5 vouchers for lunch at 4 day CPs, as well as transportation of one and the same baggage to each "sleeping" CP. Bag drop occurs only at the predetermined 3 overnight CPs. The food voucher shall be given to the waiter at the respective CP facility, and riders pay for the consumption over its value only. The voucher can be used only after the "manned" opening of the CP (the green column of the Sheet).

In the general case, full payment for the green group is **133 (70+63) EUR / 263 BGN (139+124)**.

Deadlines for payment:

- June 5, 2022 - payment of ordered SVS garment + 50% of the basic fee (A)
- June 12, 2022 - payment of 100% of the basic fee (A) in order to apply for 10/20/30% discounts
- July 8, 2022 - payment of the rest of the basic fee (A) + the additional fee (B)

Method of payment:

Bank transfer: IBAN BG32RZBB91554491561507, Holder: Lazar Vladislavov - Raiffeisenbank Sliven

PayPal: lazar.v@mbox.contact.bg. Reason for translation: SVS + name of the participant.

When paying by courier, by bank transfer or via PayPal, the sender bears all the costs of the transfer. The final fee is calculated and paid in cash at the registration.

D. Refund of the entry fee in case of non-participation:

- Initiated by the organizer (e.g. cancellation): 100% of the fee will be refunded.
 - Initiated by a participant and requested before June 12: 75% of Fee (A), 100% of Fee (B),
 - Initiated by a participant and requested after June 12: 50% of Fee (A), 80% of Fee (B),
 - Initiated by a participant after the start: 0% of the fee, 80% of the non used vouchers,
 - Force majeure: will be deducted € 10 from the refunded fees.
- Refund will occur after approval of the SVS financial statement by BFT BD, but not later than Oct. 31st.

II. REGISTRATION AND THE RIDE

1. Registration of participants. Includes payment of entry fees, signing entry forms, bike check, Technical Seminar and collecting bags for the bag drop. Registration is held on the evening before the start - Friday, at the place of start-finish. Bicycles must be functional and equipped with high-quality headlight and tail lights. A double headlamp system is required, as well as two solidly mounted red tail lights. Preliminary information on the planned lighting systems is required in the entry form. Wearing helmets is mandatory for events from the calendar of the Bulgarian Federation of Tourism. Reflective vests and use of lights are absolutely required at night: from 1 hour before sunset to 1 hour after sunrise, and under low visibility conditions - fog, rain, dense clouds, tunnels, etc.

2. The Ride.

1- The rules according to Audax Club Parisien (ACP) and the Regulations on organization of brevets developed by BFT apply. ACP Rules, Article 12: "... These brevets are not races, and no classification is made." Article 5: "Each participant is considered to be on an individual journey ...

Each rider participates at their own risk and assumes responsibility by filling out a waiver!



- 2- Every Green Group rider must register on entry and exit of each overnight and day control point and validate their SVS Control Card with signature and seal. The Red Group is allowed instead of a seal to obtain a receipt or a photo (with the name of the settlement, date and time).
- 3- Support vehicles are allowed only if moving on alternate route and providing support at control points only. Support vehicles on the rider's route will result in rider penalties. Multiple infractions of this rule result in rider disqualification.
- 4- Riders may only accept mechanical assistance from the SVS Staff on the SVS route. Riders can accept other support at control points only.
- 5- Each rider must comply with lighting requirements and reflective material rules for riding at night and in low light conditions, and to comply with all provisions of the Road Traffic Act.
- 6- If a rider abandons, he/she is responsible to notify SVS staff by calling the 24-Hour Emergency Telephone number printed on the SVS Control Card
- 7- Riders who abandon are responsible to find their own transportation back to the start
- 8- Successful finishers will receive medals, and according to long-established tradition, all participants will take special remembrance awards during the post-ride party in the evening of the last SVS day

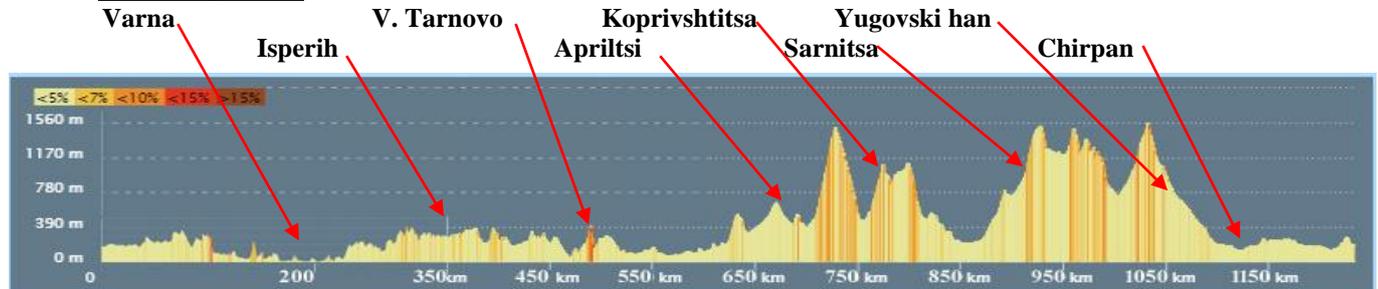
IV. REGULATIONS: CONTROL POINTS AND ROUTE

1. Control Points. The location of the control points, the opening and closing time, as well as the distances and the elevation gain between control points and cumulatively.

| Control point | Opens | Manned | Closes | Closes | km | Total | Total | Total | Food / Храна | Sleeping | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Контролен пункт | Отваря | Персонал | Red | Green | km | km | m | m | / SVS+ | Green | | |
| 0 Start: Slivenski bani, Omega | Sa 05:00 | Sa 05:00 | Sa 06:00 | Sa 06:00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | | | |
| 1 Varna – Bistro Nelson | Sa 11:08 | Sa 11:08 | Sa 17:00 | Sa 18:52 | 208 | 208 | 1894 | 1894 | Bistro | | Partly hilly | |
| 2 Ispernih, Hostel Dimitrovets | Sa 15:19 | Sa 15:19 | Su 01:15 | Su 03:48 | 134 | 342 | 1595 | 3489 | Tourist house /8/ | 342 | 3489 | Hilly 4:00 |
| 3 V. Tarnovo - Tsarevets-Photo! | Sa 19:52 | Sa 19:52 | Su 09:00 | Su 13:08 | 140 | 482 | 1746 | 5235 | Food shops | | | Hilly |
| i Hotnitsa waterfall - Photo! | - | - | - | - | 27 | 509 | 150 | 5385 | - | | | Flat |
| 4 Krushuna waterfall | Sa 22:58 | Su 09:00 | Su 15:00 | Su 19:20 | 66 | 575 | 303 | 5688 | Restaurant | | | Flat |
| 5 Apriltsi, Pandukov | Su 2:01 | Su 7:00 | Su 20:00 | Mo 02:26 | 87 | 662 | 964 | 6652 | Guest house /8/ | 320 | 3163 | Hilly 4:00 |
| 6 Koprivshhtitsa, Restaurant | Su 6:14 | Su 9:00 | Mo 6:00 | Mo 12:45 | 118 | 780 | 2211 | 8863 | Restaurant | | | Steep |
| 7 Velingrad - Kleptuza, Victoria | Su 10:09 | Su 9:00 | Mo 14:00 | Mo 22:23 | 110 | 890 | 904 | 9767 | Restaurant | | | Partly hilly |
| 8 Sarnitsa, Motel | Su 11:48 | Su 9:00 | Mo 19:30* | Tu 03:54* | 46 | 936 | 863 | 10630 | Motel /8/ | 274 | 3978 | Steep 5:00 |
| i Yugovski han, restaurant | - | - | - | - | 130 | 1066 | 1638 | 12268 | Restaurant | | | Hilly |
| 9 Chirpan, Konska Melnitsa | Sa 19:00 | Mo 11:00 | Mo 10:40* | Tu 19:06* | 62 | 1128 | 208 | 12476 | Restaurant | | | Pretty flat |
| 10 Final: Slivenski bani, Omega | Sa 22:26 | Mo 11:00 | Mo 14:30* | We 00:30* | 94 | 1222 | 532 | 13008 | - | 286 | 2378 | Pretty flat |
| | | | * +1:30 | * +1:30 | | | | | | | | |

The "Manned" column refers to the Green Group and shows the opening time with the availability of "staff". The open time of the overnight CPs is the time of arrival of the control car and the delivery of bag-drop. An arrival after 6 pm is normal for the Green Group, when the normal time for dinner begins. The major part of the Green Group usually arrives at overnight CPs between 7 and 12 pm. Overnight CPs are invented to have some sleep there... The recommended times for morning starts (4, 4, 5 am) allow optimal rest and passing through daily CPs within the working time of the respective facilities. Getting out of the normal and recommended Green Group schedule means quitting the Group itself with all the consequences in terms of logistics.

2. Route profile:



The Organizer reserves the right to amend these rules and the previously announced route and checkpoints, and shall promptly notify about this all registered participants.

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