

ADVENTURE REGULATION SUN TRIP 2021

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Adventure Regulation

1. ORGANIZATION

1.1 Organizing Authority

FBCOM - SUN TRIP COMPANY headquartered in the Savoie Technolac Technology Park at 17 avenue du Lac Léman, P.O. Box 411, 73370 Le Bourget-du-Lac (France), registered at the INSEE with the number 793 480 047, hereinafter referred to as "the Organizer" organizes an adventure for solar bikes around the world, on a flexible course, without assistance, called "SUN TRIP". The rally will start from Lyon, and its final destination will be Canton in China.

1.2 Major Actors

1.2.1 L'Association du Sun Trip

"L'Association du Sun Trip" (The Sun Trip Association) is headquartered at 126 Quai de la Rize, 73000 Chambéry and registered at the INSEE with the number 750 254 351 00 018.

The association acts as a link between all Sun Trip participants and their friends. Its purpose is to help design and conduct the next Sun Trips by providing and supervising volunteers.

1.2.2 Local Commissioners Appointed by the Organizer

The Organizer may appoint local commissioners in several countries in order to carry out unannounced technical inspections.

These commissioners should usually be former Sun Trip participants, or perhaps people with solar bike design or use experience.

1.2.3 Technical Committee

This committee shall be constituted when the Technical Regulation is published. It will be in charge of explaining the Technical Regulation to participants, to ensure their compliance before the adventure and at the time of departure and arrival.

It will perform technical compliance inspections prior to the departure.

In case of an issue, the technical committee will report to the Arbitration Committee, who's in charge of applying any sanctions.

The Technical Committee will also have the opportunity to bring forward proposals to improve the Technical Regulation and to shed light upon how it should be interpreted.

1.2.4 Arbitration Panel

To ensure the proper implementation of the regulations, an Arbitration Panel will be established by the Organizer. This panel shall be composed of at least three trustworthy people originating from more than one country, appointed by the Organizer before departure imperatively. It will be responsible for ensuring all participants equal and fair opportunities to be heard and listened to, in the event of a complaint or dispute.

The General Manager of the Sun Trip Company, the Organizer of the event, will be in charge of the Committee without holding any right to vote.

The Arbitration Panel shall determine how to vote and make decisions when it is created.

The Arbitration Panel shall have the following powers and duties:

- Be aware of all the 2021 regulations applicable to the SUN TRIP participants
- Commit to being available for referrals during all the official time of the SUN TRIP adventure, except in cases of force majeure
- Receive complaints and allegations from the Organizer, the Technical Committee, participants or third parties regarding regulation violations by one or more participants
- Investigate alleged misconduct, including interviewing the stakeholders as well as receiving evidence
- Rule on complaints and decide on the sanction within the limits set by regulation

2. DEFINITIONS & DOCUMENTS

2.1 Regulations

The SUN TRIP adventure will be governed by :

- This Adventure Regulation, the Technical Regulation and amendments thereto
- Notes concerning the organization, security, bikes inspection, presence of participants in briefings and events, issued and signed by the management of the adventure
- Laws and regulations of each country

Participants shall only refer to these texts.

The official language of the rally is French. Upon request, the Organizer will provide participants with an English version of each text regarding the organization of the adventure. In case of a dispute, the French text shall prevail.

2.2 Exceptional Circumstances

In case of exceptional circumstances and in situations that could jeopardize the safety of participants, the Organizer may provide specific guidelines to which participants must adhere.

These new guidelines will be issued to deal appropriately with the circumstances encountered. They may modify one or more sections of this document or the other applicable regulations cited above.

2.3 Definitions

2.3.1 Participant

Person over 20 at the moment of departure who completed all formalities and paid the registration fee after receiving application approval by the Organizer.

2.3.2 Machine

Hardware set formed by an electrically assisted cycle recharged by photovoltaic cells, as described in the Technical Regulations for the SUN TRIP 2021.

2.3.3 Team

Two participants riding together for the entire journey in solidarity, never physically more than fifty kilometers apart from each other, and who must absolutely cross together the finish line. At night, they shall be sleeping at the same locations. Any exception to this definition must be duly justified with the Organizer.

3. ADVENTURE CORE PRINCIPLES

Founded in 2013, the SUN TRIP is an adventure for solar bikes riding around the world. It is not a competition and is not subject to the rules of any sports federation.

International in scope, the SUN TRIP is an independent rally ridden solo or in teams of two, on a flexible course and without assistance.

- a. By “independent”, it should be understood that the participants may not be followed by a third party during the rally. However, in case of an

exceptional event, the Organizer may allow monitoring from a third party for a part or all of the to-go route.

- b. By “flexible course”, it should be understood that participants are free to choose their route until they reach the finish line. Participants will be solely responsible for their given route. Participants will also refrain from entering some geographical areas targeted by the Organizer based on geopolitics, as specified further in this document.
- c. By “without assistance”, it should be understood that in no event participants shall be assisted by someone they know who would follow them on the adventure. Participants may, however, seek assistance from whomever they meet incidentally during their adventure. Participants may also take advice from their circles or their technical team by phone or Internet.
- d. Participants may:
 - Plan for equipment (spare parts or health-related material) to be sent on their course
 - Plan for relatives to visit them punctually during the rally, provided that they do not ride with them nor follow them on their adventure.

The SUN TRIP happens in a spirit of cooperation, fair play, solidarity and sharing. Contact and support among participants is allowed and even encouraged. Participants are free to ride all or part of the adventure together whether they constitute a formal team or not.

A participant may also be asked to rescue another participant, under conditions specified further in this document.

3.1 Course

3.1.1 Lyon - Canton

The official start of the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure will take place in Lyon at the end of May or early June 2021. A precise start date will be disclosed as soon as possible.

Following the official start, a prologue of a few days will lead the participants to the Alps, where the start proper of the adventure will take place.

After the start proper, participants will be totally autonomous and unassisted.

The finish line will be set up in Canton (Guangzhou), in China. Details on the proper and official finish lines will be disclosed at a later date.

3.1.2 Prohibited Areas

The Organizer prohibits passing through some geographical areas.

These areas can be visualized on the map :

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zMxzLqPniFqG-bZyOIX6qb-ks_8&usp=sharing

This map may evolve at any time to reflect major geopolitical changes.

The Xinjiang Province will be the subject of a dedicated annex detailing the particular situation of this region to participants and giving instructions.

3.1.3 Chinese Motorways (update on February 6, 2021)

The Sun Trip 2018 revealed a new issue related to motorway use in China. The status of these roads may vary from one region to another. Bicycles are sometimes tolerated on them, sometimes they are strictly prohibited, and sometimes, the motorway is the only way possible.

The Organizer decide :

- > Highway using is forbidden in China, but we admit some exceptions ONLY for Xinjiang, Gansu and Qinghai provinces.

- > For Xinjiang : highway can be allowed, especially when there is no other choice. The highway around Urumqi is forbidden. Organization will talk with Xinjiang authorities to have some clarifications about which road and highway is ok or mandatory). In any case participant will have to follow the order of the police during the adventure.

- > For Gansu : highway can be allowed until Wuwei. If participant can't avoid it.

- > For Qinghai : highway can be allowed, but the highway "Gongyu Expy" is forbidden <https://goo.gl/maps/BwLGzZXuWcqcUK5XA> . Participants must use the national road (G214).

3.1.4 Gateway Cities

The Sun Trip 2021 will highlight three "Gateway Cities" on the course: Kiev, Baku and Almaty.

These gateway cities are not mandatory checkpoints, but they will present opportunities for media communication, to be welcomed by fans and possibly for machine repatriation in case of abandon (under conditions to be specified).

These gateway cities must be understood by participants as the Organizer's willingness to allow the Sun Trip to shine along its course and to offer more services to its adventurers.

3.1.5 Checkpoint

The Sun Trip 2021 will include a mandatory checkpoint for participants playing the Solar Challenge. Other participants may choose not to ride through it.

This checkpoint will be located at a higher elevation on the Tibetan plateaux of the Sichuan Province and will be unveiled later. This checkpoint does not involve passing through the Tibetan Province, which is prohibited.

An amendment will specify the checkpoint validation procedure, in particular the exact number of hours participants are required to wait before leaving the checkpoint.

3.1.5 Almaty, the Halfway Point Adventure

Another new element on The Sun Trip 2021 is the Halfway Point Adventure, whose finish line will be located in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The halfway point adventure will only be open to 20 adventurers and will not include a "Solar Challenge" or an "Organizer's Award". It will include challenges of its own: a "People's Choice Award" and "Best Itinerary Award".

Hospitality will be provided in Almaty as well as a proposal for a bike repatriation option towards the departure city.

Participants on the Lyon-Canton who cannot continue towards China will also be able to benefit from these services without however getting a finisher status on the halfway point adventure.

The areas prohibited on the Lyon-Canton course are also enforced in the halfway point adventure.

3.2 Departure Dates

The schedule will be confirmed at a later date. It should be end of May or beginning of June.

Participants must be present in Lyon with their machines no later than 48 hours before departure to allow for technical inspection. Absence from the site less than 24 hours before departure without a justification may lead to being denied the privilege of taking the departure.

The Organizer will come up with a catering package, with the costs yet to be defined.

A pre-departure event will be held the day before the departure. Participants are required to attend.

Participants are free to organize a “mock start” for their adventure, from their home city or any other place, under their own responsibility. In that case, participants must imperatively state in their communication that this informal departure precedes “the official start, held in Lyon”.

3.3 Exceptional Circumstances

Under exceptional circumstances, a participant may apply for a deferred start. This request must be submitted in a timely manner to the Organizer and the Arbitration Panel with appropriate justification.

If the Arbitration Panel grants the request, the participant may take a deferred start from the official place of departure, and be seen as participating in the adventure, eligible for challenges in place for the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure. In any case, if a participant is late beyond three days, a deferred start may not take place.

If the Arbitration Panel concludes that the participant is late only due to their own negligence, the participant will automatically be excluded from the adventure. If the participant decides to start its trip nevertheless, they will not be considered a participant and can therefore not benefit from the support of the Organizer (communication, logistics, diplomacy, etc.).

3.4 Finishing Time

3.4.1 Lyon-Canton

To be considered finishing participants of the SUN TRIP 2021, participants must have reached the finish line within 100 days from start proper.

If they fail to meet that deadline, participants will be considered out of the adventure and shall no longer rely on the normal support of the Organizer (communication, welcoming logistics, bike repatriation, diplomacy, etc.).

After crossing the finish line, participants are free to choose how they wish to return home or if they wish to continue to ride their bike, on their own responsibility, outside of the adventure.

Please note that a Chinese border crossing deadline will be enforced. Participants must cross into China within 60 days from the departure date. A specific date will be given later. Beyond that date, adventurers will have to stop in Almaty or they will be automatically excluded.

3.4.1 Lyon-Almaty

To be considered finishing participants of Halfway Point Adventure, participants must have reached the finish line within 80 days from the start proper.

If they fail to meet that deadline, participants will be considered out of the adventure and shall no longer rely on the normal support of the Organizer (communication, welcoming logistics, bike repatriation, diplomacy, etc.).

4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

4.1 Participant

The SUN TRIP 2018 is open to anyone aged 20 years at the time of departure.

The Organizer selects participants according to their motivation and the seriousness of their technical project.

4.2 Participant Commitment

By entering the rally, participants to the SUN TRIP 2021 pledge to follow the rules set out in this document and must approve the previously released Technical Regulations.

4.3 Registration Categories

4.3.1 Individual Registration

Adventurers registering as individual teams take part under their own name. Nevertheless, they are invited to bring visibility to a cause: association, foundation, school, university or non-profit working in the field of energy or mobility.

These participants are allowed to benefit from the support of their own sponsors, but the latter won't be showcased by the Organizer apart from a logo display on the team's official presentation page. Those private sponsors may be showcased by the participants themselves by their own communication efforts (personal blog, stickers on the machine, etc.) .

4.3.2 Business Registration

In order to, among other things, showcase companies invested in the field of solar biking and in cycling, the Organizer allows an individual participant or an official team to promote one or two partners with a "business registration".

This option allows to add the business's name to the Organizer's official communication :

- Adding the logo on the communication material
- Adding a small size logo on the team's jersey

- Possibility for the business to use the Organizer's communication material in its communication
- References (tag, links, etc.) in the Organizer's communications

The partnership details will be outlined in a partnership contract to be signed by the Organizer and the partner.

Companies heavily involved in the design of a machine may be offered suitable visibility, if necessary in agreement with an official team partner.

4.3.3 Official Team Partnership

Partners registering an official team will see one or two participants wear their colors and take part under the business name in addition to their own name.

The partnering business can choose participants among its own collaborators or may decide to choose a pre-validated adventurers from a list provided by the Organizer, therefore paying their registration fees as a business.

An official team may not be formed by more than two businesses.

The partnership details will be outlined below and in a partnership contract to be signed by the Organizer and the partner.

4.4 Services Provided by the Organizer

4.4.1 For All Participants

The Organizer commits to providing participants with the following:

- An invitation to a preparatory weekend in France a few weeks before departure.
- Participation in the world's greatest land-based adventure
- Provision of the base camp accommodation and catering in Lyon
- Food and board on the Lyon-Alps prologue
- Official jersey and goodies
- Design of a photo badge for all official team communication
- Loan of a geolocation system during the adventure
- Food and board in Canton and, to a lesser extent, in Almaty
- Repatriation of the solar cycles towards Lyon from Canton & Almaty
- Flight back home (up to a value of €1,000 per team) for participants bringing an "Official Team" partnership.

4.4.2 Official Team Partnership

As for the Official Team Partnerships, benefits also extended to:

- An official jersey including the partner's logo

- An URL brand.thesuntrip.com and a personalized embeddable GPS map
- Showcasing the brand during the official departure in France and the arrival in China, with an option to get promotional space (stand, visuals, flyers...) on the events
- Showcasing the brand all adventure long in the Organizer's communications, in particular with a mention of the team name and with standardized communication elements including the brand logo
- Production of a video clip and a photo report presenting the team
- Provision of a guide of Good Practices for Communication in the adventure
- Provision and licence of all the images produced by the Organizer for the partner's own use
- Possibility to use the Organizer's communication material in the partner's own communication
- Invitations to all official events

The partnership details will be outlined in a partnership contract to be signed by the Organizer and the partner.

4.4.3 Business Registration

As for the registrations benefitting from the Business registration status, the benefits also extend to:

- Showcasing the brand during the official departure in France and the arrival in China (possibility to bring a stand, visual advertisements, flyers...)
- Showcasing the brand adventure long in the Organizer's communications, in particular with standardized communication elements including the brand logo
- An official jersey including a small size logo
- Provision and licence of a selection of images produced by the Organizer for the brand's use

The partnership details will be outlined in a partnership contract to be signed by the Organizer and the business.

4.5 Team Name

Each participant or team may give a name to their team.

This name cannot contain a reference to the "Sun Trip" brand, or its "the Sun Trip" variation.

The Team name shall also be the one used on social media by the participant.

This name will directly depend on the registration category:

4.5.1 Individual Registration

Participants are invited to promote a cause, association, school or a non-profit. In this case, they may add ONE cause name to their own. Ex.: “Marc Dunand - Red Cross”.

4.5.2 Official Team Partnership

Participants must include the partner’s name with their own first or last name. In this case, a maximum of two partners may be included. Ex.: “Team XX - Marc Dunand”

4.5.3 Business Registration

The business name cannot be added to the full team name, but will be quoted in official communication.

4.6 Registration Confirmation

The registration package (including the documents in Annexes) must be sent in by January 1, 2021, at the latest. Exceptions can be made by the Organizer, at its discretion.

The Organizer will contact participants whose registration has been validated.

This validation secures a spot for a two months’ duration. Within this period, participants must return their registration file and pay a 25% down payment (€600 taxes included) to confirm their participation. A default to complete their registration package within two months will mean their place will be offered to another pre-registrant.

It is expressly specified that this deposit of 600 euros can not be refunded.

All components of the registration package are to be returned to the Organizer:

- By email to organisation@thesuntrip.com
- Delivered by hand to the address given below
- Or by mail at the following address:

SUN TRIP COMPANY

17 avenue du Lac Léman, BP 411 73370 Le Bourget du Lac - France

4.7 Registration Fees

Registration fees are detailed here for each registration category.

4.7.1 Individual Registration

- €2,400 for a single participant, taxes included
- €2,900 for a team of two, taxes included

For participants under 30 :

- €1,400 for a single participant, taxes included
- €1,800 for a team of two, taxes included

For the Halfway Point adventure, a 10% discount is applied on all listed prices.

In the case of an upgrade into an Official Team or with a Business registration, participants are relieved from their individual registration fees.

Please note that the significant fee increase is related to the actual cost of services implemented for participants (geolocation equipment, departure/arrival catering and hospitality, arrival logistics, solar bike repatriation, customs fees, storage) and the human resources required to implement them, as per 2018 expenses. For information, sending a solar bike back from Canton costs roughly €1,000.

4.7.2 Business Registration

Special offer with €3,000 (taxes not included) for one or two participants. Up to two businesses may register together and thus split the registration fees.

For the Halfway Point adventure, the fee remains the same.

Participants themselves do not need to pay additional fees.

4.7.3 “Official Team” Partner Registration

Official Team Partner status may be acquired for €10,000 euros (taxes not included), for one or two participants. Up to two businesses may register together and thus split the registration fees.

For the Halfway Point adventure, the fee remains the same.

Participants themselves do not need to pay additional fees.

4.8 Business Finder Status

Participants directly registering with their "Official Team" partner or finding their partner themselves will benefit from a flight back home (up to €1,000 per team) for bringing an “Official Team” partnership.

This offer may be used for a return from Canton, Almaty or everywhere else on the course.

4.9 Payment of Fees

The payment of fees will be made as such :

- By check or bank transfer to Sun Trip Company account. See all the bank details in Annex.

- By Paypal : organisation@thesuntrip.com

4.10 Conditions for Refund

Participation to the event is validated from the moment that the fees have been paid

Should the Sun Trip 2021 be cancelled after the fee collection period, the committed amounts would be integrally refunded without any further compensation.

In case of withdrawal, the first deposit of 600 euros requested to open your file will not be reimbursed.

In case of withdrawal before January 1, 2021 (roughly four months prior to departure), the Organizer will refund 60% of the registration fees.

In case of withdrawal after January 1, 2021, the Organizer will not refund the registration fees.

When a withdrawal occurs for medical reasons prior to departure and upon the presentation of a medical certificate established in French or English by a medical doctor, the Organizer will refund 40% of the amount committed by the participant.

The Organizer will not refund any registration fees after the departure.

4.11 Passports

Before January 1, 2021, each participant must be holding a passport whose validity shall extend at least until February 1, 2022.

Participants must provide a copy or a scan of the identification pages of their passport and visas obtained specifically for the SUN TRIP adventure. They must also keep copies with them during the adventure.

4.12 Health

Each participant must:

- a) Obtain an up-to-date medical certificate written by their physician in French or English confirming their aptitude for the practice of endurance sports.
- b) Have their physician complete and sign the medical record form in Annex. This form must be countersigned by the participants themselves.
- c) Make sure they get the recommended vaccinations for travel in the countries they intend to cross.

These documents must be submitted before Mars 15, 2021 by mail or email.

For their own safety, participants are advised to pass a stress test and an cardiac ultrasound. These test results may also be sent to the Organizer.

Participants may not take part in the adventure if their physician delivers an unfavorable opinion.

The Organizer reserves the right to make direct contact with the participant's physician.

4.13 Technical Log Book

Participants must fill a mandatory Technical Logbook detailing all of their technical choices as per the Technical Regulations. A model logbook will be provided to participants by the Organizer early in 2021. It should be filled and returned to the Organizer by email between February 15 and April 15, 2021, supported by photographic evidence and detailed bills as necessary.

Participants may be required to provide further details in order to confirm compliance with the technical standards of the event. Note that a delay in sending the Technical Logbook may result in exclusion from taking part in the SUN TRIP.

4.14 Invitations

The "Association du Sun Trip" (which gathers the Sun Trip alumni) will select a participant or team based on their registration files. Guest participants will see their registration fees waived. These invitations aim at making the Sun Trip 2021 accessible to participants bearing a strong message. The following criteria will be considered : social and generational diversity, openness to the world, disability, strong communication skills.

5. SUPPORT

This section defines the conditions for mutual support among participants as well as the limits within which participants may receive support from their families, the Organizer or an outside agency.

5.1 Solidarity between participants

By virtue of the values conveyed by the adventure, the Organizer could ask a team in the vicinity of another struggling team to provide them with help. Refusal to provide assistance should then be justified by force majeure.

Lending technical equipment between participants is allowed and does not result in disqualification from the challenges, as long as machines are modified in a way that they still comply with the Technical Regulations. Lending technical equipment must also be reported to the Organizer by email.

5.2 Shipping of Material

For the sake of autonomy and safety, participants may plan to retrieve parcels prepared for them containing medical equipment and/or spare parts sent along their way. Such shipments shall in no case allow teams to modify their machines in a way that allows them to cease to comply with the Technical Regulations.

Participants must report these packages and their detailed contents by email to the Organizer.

5.3 Medical Assistance

The intervention of a physician who would follow a participant on the road is prohibited. However, distance medical advice by phone, email, fax or radio is permitted. By medical advice, it should be understood any support given by a remote doctor enabling participants to provide themselves with the necessary care following an accident, because of a reported medical condition or as a result of the aggravation of an existing condition.

Similarly, participants are free to consult a doctor met on the road of the adventure.

Additionally, each participant will be sent contact information (email and phone) of at least one French physician, appointed by the Organizer to offer free remote medical consultations when needed. In the absence of direct contact, such consultations should be considered a mere opinion and not worth medical prescription. They may not engage the physician's liability, nor that of the Organizer.

In all cases of medical assistance, participants (or their advisor) must keep the Organizer informed by email or phone as soon as possible. The content of the prescribed treatment or medical recommendations must be reported in greater accuracy.

5.4 Assistance in Case of Emergency

Before departure, each participant will be sent a list of emergency contacts for each country potentially crossed (embassies, consulates, emergency contact, police, etc.) and a short text explaining the concept of the SUN TRIP adventure in English, French, Turkish, Russian and Chinese in order to be understood in most of the countries they cross.

In the case of an emergency, participants will be asked to report to the Organizer as swiftly as possible, as to allow leverage of its contacts in each country or ask another participant or an organization vehicle to provide help.

The Organizer should also be informed of the contacts made with insurance companies by the adventurers, especially in cases of repatriation.

6. LIABILITY

6.1 Participant Liability

Participants join the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure at their own risk and under their own responsibility. Each participant shall judge whether or not to join or to remain on the adventure, depending on their personal circumstances, skills, equipment available, and what is happening on the field.

In case of a bodily or a material accident they could suffer as well as their machines, and in case of any damage caused to a third party or to goods belonging to a third person, the rules of common law of criminal responsibility in the local country will be applicable.

The concept of third party also applies between participants.

6.2 Organizer's Liability

Any information provided by the Organizer before or during the event that could influence a participant's decision to take part in the adventure or not or to carry on riding or not is given as an indication only. The Organizer and its partners cannot be held responsible for any decision made by the competitor as a result of that information being given by them.

Except for gross negligence and fraud, the Organizer's liability is limited to the logistics of the whole adventure as well as enforcing the regulations and the rules set in place for the SUN TRIP 2018 challenges.

In particular, the technical inspections that the Organizer or its representants could carry will solely aim to ensure that these rules are respected.

The Organizer shall bear liability for nothing other than what is expressly and contractually agreed.

6.3 Waiver

Participants must provide to the Organizer with a form stating that they waive their right to take legal action against the Organizer. It must be signed and dated. The

form can be found in the annexes.

6.4 Image Rights

Under the provision of French law N°84-610 dated July 16, 1984 regarding the organisation and the promotion of sports activities, amended by French law N°2003-708 dated August 1, 2003, participants to the SUN TRIP 2021 are reminded that their entry into the adventure means that their image and their name, photos of their machine, of their sponsors and partners as well as of their team and of family members present at the departure or pre-departure events, at the stopovers or the arrival and more globally on the course of the adventure can be used by the Organizer and its appointed agents in order to communicate about and/or promote the SUN TRIP 2021 on any territory, any medium, without limitation in time for their exploitation.

In addition, participants are encouraged to produce documents in written, audio, photographic or video form related to their participation in the SUN TRIP 2021. These documents shall be distributed by the Organizer or its agents for a general communication purpose or as part of the production of a film of the adventure.

It is agreed that these images can be used in normal anticipated conditions and without malicious intent, while respecting the privacy of participants.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1 Website

Participants are free to communicate on their personal space on www.thesuntrip.com or on their personal website, as long as their space on www.thesuntrip.com can be automatically and fully syndicated (by RSS or other). Detailed modalities of access for this platform will be disclosed later.

Participants will be responsible for the statements made in their communication. Note that no messages of political, religious or offensive nature will be allowed. The Organizer reserves the right to remove any comments that might jeopardize the progress of the adventure the SUN TRIP 2021 or other participants.

7.1.1 Intellectual Property

Participants should only post on their web space elements of their own intellectual property or for which they have usage rights (photos, music, videos ...). Only the author shall be liable when another person's rights are infringed. The Organizer can in no way be held liable.

7.1.2 Content Liability

Participants are solely responsible for the content (text and images) posted on their blog space.

Participants are reminded that the SUN TRIP is not a political operation. The laws of the countries have primacy over all regulations issued by the SUN TRIP organization. Participants should be aware that the contents published on their blog space may render them liable, according to the political and legal regime of the States.

The Organizer also reserves the right to review all publications, and will dismiss all contents deemed defamatory, offensive or likely to question the safety of participants.

7.2 Positioning Beacons

The Organizer will provide each participant or team with a real-time positioning GPS beacon.

This GPS beacon will feed a live map on www.thesuntrip.com, which is central to the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure communication.

The beacon can be tied to the bike or to the luggage, but not on participants themselves, so that only the machines' movement are recorded during the day and not any nocturnal movements of the participants themselves (in a stopover, for example), for the sake of security and to respect their privacy.

Participants will be required to maintain this GPS beacon in continuous operation during the day. If they are unable to make them work properly, participants should inform the Organizer as soon as possible, with explanations.

Failing to do so may result in permanent exclusion of the adventure.

8. OPTIONAL CHALLENGES

Participation to a few challenges is offered to participants on the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure. The SUN TRIP is not a competition and those challenges are not mandatory.

8.1 The Solar Challenge

The "Solar Challenge" will reward participants who first arrive at the designed area in Canton while respecting the Adventure Regulations, including fulfilling the requirement of bi-weekly communication.

The Almaty Halfway Point Adventure is not included in this challenge.

To qualify for the Solar Challenge roster, participants must not use any other means of charging than their photovoltaic modules.

For safety reasons, said participants may carry a charger in their equipment, but this charger shall be sealed on the morning of departure to ensure that it is not used. Participants using their charger cease to be included in the Solar Challenge roster.

The Organizer will perform regular checks during the adventure to ensure compliance with the regulations, reserving the ability to search participants' luggage in order to find an undeclared charger or whose seal has been tampered with. New this year: this role may be delegated to local Sun Trip commissioners. These commissioners shall film their inspections and share them with the Arbitration Panel.

8.2 Jury Award

Awarded by the Organizer, the Jury Award pays a tribute to the adventurers whose overall adventure is considered the most complete and most consistent with the values of SUN TRIP, including solar charging, communication, perseverance, state of mind and compliance with the rules.

The Almaty Halfway Point Adventure is not included in this challenge.

Participants may not appeal the Organizer's decision.

8.3 People's Choice Award

the SUN TRIP draws much of its success from the fun the audience has to follow the participants on their adventures. In a spirit of sharing, the Organizer sets up a challenge designed to reward participants that demonstrate the best communication on their official blog space and on social networks.

A public vote on the official site will assess the scope and success of the participants' communication effort. Participants are free to get remote assistance from a friend playing the role of a webmaster with their account (helping with the layout, editing, proofreading...), but in all cases, the content must be produced by the participants themselves.

An online voting tool will record the votes between the beginning of the adventure and Sept 1st 2021.

This award does not take into account 100% solar charging as a criterion, but participants must finish the course before the deadlines outlined in this Regulation.

This award will exist for both the full Lyon-Canton course and the Almaty Halfway Point Adventure, with two different rosters.

8.4 Best Itinerary Award

New in 2021, this award will reward the most daring in their itinerary decisions.

This challenge will be open to participants who are not solely using solar energy to charge. It will be based on route analysis, total number of kilometers, visited sites, share of solar charge used, etc.

Winners will be determined by an internal vote open to all participants and former Sun Trip participants at the end of the adventure. The voting procedure will be disclosed to voters before departure.

This award will exist for both the full Lyon-Canton course and the Almaty Halfway Point Adventure, with two different rosters.

8.5 Special Mention Award

The Organizer reserves the possibility of gratifying this or that participant who has left a strong mark on The Sun Trip adventure.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

9.1 Official Marking of the Adventure

Participants agree to provide adequate space on their machine for the logo and official partners of the SUN TRIP Organizer, as defined in the Technical Regulation.

Participants with Official Team Partners will have to offer them visibility on the bike and/or trailer. This space must allow the display of a logo with a 25 cm side.

9.2 Advertising

Advertising by individual participants must comply with French legislation prohibiting advertising for certain products or services (tobacco and tobacco products, firearms, drugs, legal assistance...) for ethical or public health concerns.

9.3 Communications

Participants are required to report regularly on their adventure in order to allow the audience and media representatives to follow the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure. Participants are expected to update their blog space and/or social media accounts at least twice a week. This requirement will be checked on a weekly basis.

Participants or teams must carry a mobile phone operating in all countries visited, either with a monthly or prepaid subscription. Failure to do so may result in being denied the privilege of taking part in the adventure. They must disclose their phone number to the Organizer prior to departure and whenever it changes, should this happen during the course of the adventure.

Participants will be required to answer to any update requests from the Organizer on their personal circumstances (position or health situation), by phone, email or text message.

9.4 Communication with the Organizer

In the interest of transparency and efficiency, participants are asked to refrain from communicating with a single Organizer representative, and to use the group channels created between them and the organizing team, via Wechat or the mailing lists. This rule also applies to members of the Organizing Team and committees.

9.5 Electricity Production and Consumption Measurement

Participants are required to measure their daily electricity production and consumption using the measurement tools specified in the Technical Regulation. The Organizer will provide a spreadsheet to facilitate data entry. Participants must make reasonable efforts to provide these records regularly during the adventure.

Participants may also be equipped with an automatic collection tool called Databox. Data analysis may be used as evidence by the Organizer. An amendment will specify how to use this tool.

9.6 Declaring the Use of a Mains Charger

If a participant or team chooses not to continue their adventure using only solar power and to use their onboard emergency mains charger in order to charge their batteries, they are not disqualified from the entire SUN TRIP adventure, but they must notify the Organizer as soon as possible.

Using the charger disqualifies from the Solar Challenge and will be a strong handicap in the Jury's Award. Using the charger does not disqualify the People's Choice Award and Best Itinerary Award.

Using the charger is not detrimental to participants in terms of the services provided by the Organizer.

9.7 Insurances

Participants acknowledge that they have read and understood the clauses of this Adventure Regulation and of any official document, including the risks and dangers linked to the event and the necessity to subscribe insurances that guarantee a compensation up to the level of potential damage suffered.

In particular, they must obtain additional personal injury insurance that covers them in the event of injury or death, including the cost of all medical expenses as a result of any accident as well as repatriation. Participants must provide the Organizer with a proof of these insurance policies when entering the adventure. Failure to do so may result in exclusion.

Participants acknowledge that they have obtained an insurance policy to cover all third-party risks and liabilities. The lack of third party liability and the resulting loss is not under the responsibility of the Organizer. In more general terms, the Organizer will not be liable for participants who have not met their obligations.

9.8 Onboard First-Aid Kit

Participants commit to carry a First-Aid Kit adapted to a long distance cycling trip, on the advice of their personal physician.

10. PROHIBITIONS

10.1 Prohibition to Ride at Night *(update on february 6,2021)*

During the SUN TRIP adventure **from France to Chinese border**, participants are not allowed to ride between 8.30 pm and 6 am, local time.

During the SUN TRIP adventure **in Xinjiang Province (China)**, participants are not allowed to ride between 8.30 pm and 7 am, local time.

During the SUN TRIP adventure in all **other parts of China**, participants are not allowed to ride between 7pm and 7 am, local time.

However, an exception to this rule is allowed in case of emergency (weather, safety). Adventurers may decide to move their camping spot as long as they justify their decision as soon as possible to the Organizer. They may not ride for the whole night.

Controls will be operated through the GPS positioning beacon every hour.

Please note that this schedule will be adapted on the final part of the course, taking into account Chinese time zones. These adaptations will be specified in an amendment published before departure.

10.2 Route Choices

Given geopolitics, participants will be prohibited from entering all the areas indicated on the following map:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zMxzLqPniFqG-bZyOIX6qb-ks_8&usp=sharing

Passing through Istanbul is not prohibited but is strongly discouraged knowing the important road hazard. Ferries between the European and Asian parts of Turkey are allowed.

The Organizer also reserves the right to deny access to other areas, countries or regions until the departure day or even during the adventure, in the event of a natural disaster or of unstable geopolitics.

The laws of States crossed by participants always take precedence over the Adventure Regulation.

Participants must read carefully and take into account the travel recommendations given by their embassies regarding the countries they visit.

Participants are encouraged to make prior contact with their embassies (or consulates) in each of the countries they visit. In complement with the representations carried by the Organizer with the French consular offices, registration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Register of Citizens Abroad (Ariane in France or its equivalent elsewhere) is strongly recommended.

10.3 Means of Travel

Participants are forbidden to use other means transportation than their machine, with the exception of the following ferry connections:

- On the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles Strait
- Between Trabzon, Turkey and Sochi, Russia (service not guaranteed)
- Between Baku, Azerbaijan and Aktau, Kazakhstan
- And more generally on river ferries

Another exception: to cross the border between Kyrgyzstan and China it's allowed to use a taxi for a few kilometers.

It is strictly forbidden to use riding techniques deemed hazardous for basic road safety in order to achieve higher speeds. It is forbidden to hitch on another vehicle or to try to benefit from the air draft behind a truck or another heavy vehicle. Images demonstrating such practices may justify a penalty.

Regular verification will be made using the positioning GPS beacons.

10.4 Emergency Means of Travel

In case of an emergency (accident, illness, mechanical failure, etc.) that leads to the use of a means of transportation other than their machine, participants must notify the Organizer as soon as possible.

In case of breakdown, damage or health problems, the participant or team using a motorized means of travel in order to reach a place to repair or to get care must resume its course from the location where the problem occurred, if they want to remain eligible to the challenges.

In the case where a participant or team is forced by the local authorities to move, with or without their bikes, they must also try to return to the starting point. If they are allowed and thus sent further along their course, the Arbitration Committee will determine a time penalty to apply depending on the circumstances, which will have to be executed as soon as it is published.

For obvious safety reasons, it is strictly forbidden to board a plane with the bike batteries on board.

10.5 Doping

Doping is prohibited. Doping should be understood as medication or a medical process established in order to enhance sports performance artificially.

We take this opportunity to draw attention to the dangers associated with the possession of doping or illicit substances abroad, as well as border crossings. The Organizer will not be held responsible or give assistance to a participant found in possession of drugs or performance-enhancing drugs.

11. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

11.1 Inspections

Participants should note that the Organizer will have the ability to perform inspections before the departure (for the machines, for example), during the adventure (by geolocation, with a following car or by local commissioners appointed by the Organizer), at checkpoints and at the arrival.

11.2 Complaints

Participants who believe their rights have been infringed can address their grievances the Arbitration Panel.

Any complaint or allegation regarding another participant must absolutely be addressed to the Arbitration Panel, which will investigate in confidentiality, that is to say, without disclosing the identity of the complainant. The Arbitration Panel will determine the admissibility of the complaint, decide and announce its decision.

The decisions of the Arbitration Panel are final and without appeal.

The Organizer may publicly disclose the penalty or choose to manage the dispute privately if it is deemed appropriate.

Incidents or accidents between participants, as long as they happen without an intention of fraudulently impacting the performance of a participant and/or its bike, will be subject to the law and civil liability of each party. Neither the Organizer nor the Arbitration Panel shall have police power or intervene in the settlement of these disputes.

11.3 Penalties

Failure to follow the rules set in this Regulation and all its appendices and amendments will result in sanctions of varying severity. It goes without saying that if offences are committed repeatedly, they can lead to more serious consequences. The penalty will be determined by the Arbitration Panel upon notification from either the Organizer or a participant, after hearing all concerned parties.

Penalties will not be subject to appeal and may be published in the internal and/or the official communication of the event.

11.3.1 Exclusion From Adventure Before Departure Day

Participants may be denied the privilege of taking part in the adventure if their equipment do not comply with the Regulation, if they fail to produce the required documents (copy of their passport, Technical Logbook, proof of insurance) or if they do not carry appropriate means of communication (mobile phone).

11.3.2 Written Warning

When a regulation violation is deemed accidental or minor by the Organizer, a written warning shall be issued to the participant.

For example, a minor non-compliance with the Technical or Adventure Regulation in exceptional circumstances, a technical foul that does not result in an advantage or a major safety issue, failure to provide electricity production and consumption data, lack of solidarity or of fair play towards other participants or inappropriate publications on the blog and social media accounts could lead to a written warning.

11.3.3 Time Penalties

When a regulation violation can be legitimized by the participant or is deemed minor by the Organizer, the participant may be asked the participant to stop riding for a given time.

This level of penalty will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Arbitration Panel according to the information provided by participants, their visa status, whether they participate in the Solar Challenge and the geolocation beacon data.

Most of these penalties will be served on the spot, but the Organizer may exceptionally decide to apply them to the final time when the situation warrants, especially to ensure that participants meet their visa dates.

These penalties may be published on the website, but shall not be shown on the adventure map.

Failure to serve time penalties shall lead to exclusion from the SUN TRIP.

11.3.4 Disqualification from Challenges

In the case of a violation of the general spirit of the optional Challenges that is deemed minor by the Organizer, the latter may decide to simply disqualify a participant from said challenge while keeping them officially in the SUN TRIP adventure.

Using the emergency charger automatically disqualifies a participant from the Solar Challenge.

11.3.5 Disqualification from the Adventure

Any violation of the ground rules of the SUN TRIP 2021 adventure may lead to permanent exclusion of a participant.

The most severe level of penalty calls for several consequences:

- The penalty will be published on the website: the Organizer will communicate publicly about the incriminating facts and the excluded participant.
- Termination of the GPS tracking: the excluded participant's GPS beacon will be stopped at the moment of the penalty. The marker representing its position on the website map will transition into idle mode in order to signal to all that they were excluded.

- Suspension of the Web space: from the moment of the exclusion, the participant's personal space on the website will be suspended, its contents erased and replaced by a statement from the Organizer stating the reasons justifying the penalty.
- Disqualification from all challenges.
- Jersey restitution: adventurers shall not wear their Sun Trip jerseys publicly.

An excluded participant will be free to keep on riding despite being now outside the official adventure. This means that they will not be considered "Finisher" of the SUN TRIP, but will still enjoy some support from the Organizer, including in the case of a problem.

12. RULES FOR USING the SUN TRIP BRAND

Participants, their sponsors and their partners will be allowed to use the SUN TRIP brand and/or logo for the sole purpose of internal communication. Any use of the SUN TRIP brand and/or logo for promotional purposes will be subject to prior approval from the Organizer.

In any case, the Organizer reserves the right to limit the use of the SUN TRIP brand if it appears contrary to the interests of the official partners of the adventure.

13. ADVERTISEMENT

Participants are free to associate their equipped team to a sponsor, a non-profit organization or a charity. However, associating with political or activist organization is prohibited.

The Organizer reserves the right to veto a partnership formed by a participant if it considers in good faith that it could cause prejudice to the SUN TRIP brand or its partners or it could pose a threat to the safety of participants or issues in relation with the authorities in the various crossed countries.

Participants may display their partners' logos on their machine, their clothes, their web space and their communication media. This display must respect the display of official partners of the SUN TRIP 2021 as specified in this document.

**Validated by Florian Bailly,
Chief Executive of the SUN TRIP 2021,
Manager of FBCOM - Sun Trip Company
sole responsible for the Organizer**

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - WAIVER AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF THE ORGANIZER

Each participant to the SUN TRIP 2018 is requested to return this form to the Organizer. The text below must be copied by hand and the document shall be dated and signed.

"I, (FULL NAME), declare having decided to take part in the SUN TRIP 2021, a solar adventure bike without assistance, of my own will and under my own responsibility.

By taking part in the SUN TRIP 2021, I am aware of the risks inherent to cycling and solo travel.

I am fully aware that the SUN TRIP is not a competition, but an adventure without assistance, based on individual responsibility of each participant.

I pledge to respect the Adventure and the Technical Regulations.

I commit to not file an action against the SUN TRIP Organizer nor its insurer for damages in case of accident, theft, or any other forms of aggression experienced during the adventure. "

Made in

To be copied by hand:

Date:

City, country:

Signature :

ANNEX 2 - MEDICAL FORM

Contact Information

Full name

n° Tel

D.O.B.

email

Insurance

name, reference # and
contact info

Next of kin

Tel #

email

Another next of kin

Tel #

email

Attending Doctor

Tel #

email

Medical Check-Ups

State below the check-ups and medical assessments made in recent years.

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Medical History

State below your major medical and surgical history (allergies, accidents ...)

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Treatments

State below current or potential treatments depending on pathological conditions

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Attending Physician Statement (to copy, date and sign)

"I certify that there is no medical contraindications to the practice of physical activities and endurance sports"

"I certify that there is no medical contraindication to participate in a solo cycling adventure"

Adventurer Statement (to copy, date and sign)

"I have read the above questions and have answered them accurately, without omitting anything."

ANNEX 3 - ORGANIZATION CONTACT INFO

FBCOM - SUN TRIP COMPANY

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