

Official Rules

L'Aérotrefle 2026

Article 1. Definition – Organization

The Véloclub de France (hereinafter the "Organiser"), an association under the law of 1901 declared on 4 February 2015 to the sub-prefecture of Finistère under the number W291006523, is organising in 2026, except in cases of force majeure, or administrative prohibition, an untimed and non-classifying ultracycling challenge called "L'Aérotrefle". This challenge consists of riding one, two, three or four loops of 200 kilometres in total autonomy. That is 200, 400, 600 or 800 kilometres. The start and finish points of each loop will be located at La Bohalle 49800 Loire-Authion. The routes are set by the Organizer.

L'Aérotrefle is an independent event, not subject to a federal organization, and outside the championship or federal calendar for the year 2026.

Article 2. Conditions of participation

L'Aérotrefle is open to all beginners or experienced cyclists and ultra-cyclists who are 18 years old or older on the day of the start of the event (Thursday 8 May 2026).

Participants with a licence issued by a federation authorising the practice of competitive cycling (FFC; FSGT, UFOLEP, FFT, FFCT), must imperatively provide a photocopy of their valid license on the day of the event.

The other participants (non-licensed, licensed from a federation other than those mentioned and licensed from federations from foreign countries) must imperatively provide an original medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of ultracycling dated less than 1 year on the day of departure.

Participants will be required to provide the said medical certificate at the time of registration. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website of the France <https://www.velomobileclubdefrance.com> velomobile club and sent by email velomobileclubdefrance@laposte.net. Failure to present this medical certificate will result in the Organizer considering the registration of the defaulting participant(s) to be invalid and may refuse to start the event, without refund of the registration fee.

The Organizer reminds that ultracycling requires a minimum endurance to effort which must be assessed medically. The presentation of a medical certificate dated less than one year on the day of departure, and mentioning that the participant does not find any contraindication to the practice of ultracycling in competition is an imperative condition of validity at the time of registration. Licensees, regardless of the sports federations, will have to justify this said medical certificate.

In order to facilitate the process, the Organizer provides all participants (French and foreign) with a pre-filled standard certificate, which can be downloaded from its website.

Self-certifications or health questionnaires are not accepted. The same applies to the PPS

(Health Prevention Pathway) offered by the FFA or the Health Preventions (FFC health module).

Consequently, the Organizer declines all responsibility in the event of an accident caused by a physical or psychological deficiency, not mentioned in the aforementioned medical certificate drawn up by the participant's doctor. In the event of a physical deficiency revealed, it will be the responsibility of the participant to inform the Organizer in writing before the event and to assume any consequences for himself. The Organizer may then refuse the participant's registration, without obligation to refund.

Article 3. Material

Only velomobiles with or without electric assistance are allowed to participate in this challenge.

Electrically assisted velomobiles will be clearly identified by specific frame plates.

Article 4. Career

The routes set by the Organizer have been traced for cyclists in compliance with the highway code, on asphalt roads open to traffic. He was recognized several times in a car, then on a velomobile by the Organizer in the same timing conditions as the event. A refreshment point is set up at the finish of each loop.

The 200km loops will be covered starting from the west loop then the north loop, the east loop and finally the south loop.

As the airlift takes place outdoors and on roads open to traffic, the Organizer may have to postpone the date, or cancel the event depending on the weather conditions, for the safety of participants and supervisors. The equipment of the cyclist is free (in compliance with the rules). However, a list of mandatory equipment will be sent to each participant in the event manual a few weeks before the start, and must be respectfully respected throughout the duration of the event. The Organizer reminds that participants must wear a front and rear light signaling device that complies with the rules in force of the Highway Code. The numbered frame plate given the day before the start must be fixed and visible on each side of the velomobile.

Article 5. General rules of the event

The Organizer reminds you that L'Aérotrefle is a personal sporting challenge and is in no way a race or a specific search for performance.

Article 6. Inscriptions

Unless otherwise specified, registrations for the L'Aérotrefle event are made exclusively by the registration form to be downloaded from the website of the velomobile club of France

<https://www.velomobileclubdefrance.com> and sent by email to velomobileclubdefrance@laposte.net within the limit of available places.

The number of places available is set at 99 in all categories.

The registration fees are as follows:

- Participants with a license as specified in article 2 and/or members of the Véloclub de France: 40€.

-Participants without a license: 45€.

When registering, the participant will specify on his form the number of 200 km loops he plans to run.

Payment will be made directly when the registration form is sent.

Once the registration and payment procedure has been validated, the participant will receive a confirmation of registration and payment. All registrations are personal, firm and definitive, and cannot be reimbursed by the Organizer for any reason whatsoever. However, in the event of force majeure, the organizer may take into consideration any duly justified requests for reimbursement.

No transfer of entries between entrants is permitted for any reason.

Any person who transfers his/her registration to a third party without the written consent of the Organizer will be held responsible in the event of an accident occurring or caused by the latter during the event.

By registering, each participant authorises the Organizer to mention his name in any medium inherent to the communication before or after the event.

Article 7. Removal of frame plates.

Participants will be able to pick up their frame plate at the start site of the event, le Wednesday 07 Mai 2026 from 10h00 to 20h00.

The frame plates will be given on presentation of a valid identity document.

The removal of a participant's frame plate by a third party will be possible upon presentation of the identity document with the written consent of the Organizer.

No frame plates will be sent by post. Any assignment of a number to the participant is firm and final.

In the event of a duly justified impediment (geographical distance, professional commitments, no trusted third party, etc.), the frame plate may, by exception, be handed over on the day of the event to participants who have made a written request to the Organizer.

In any case, each participant must present himself on the day of the start with his frame plates fixed and visible on the sides of his velomobiles. Otherwise, the Organizer may refuse him access to the start area.

Article 8. Security

As the distance and topography do not allow for signposting of the course, the participant will have to guide himself using his own GPS for the duration of the event.

Participants must comply with the rules of the event, failing which they are exposed to a definitive exclusion by the Organizer. In the event of refusal or non-compliance with the rules, the Organizer declines all responsibility towards the offending participant.

As the event is not timed, the security system will remain in place until the arrival of the last participant within the maximum time allowed.

L'Aérotrefle is a personal challenge in Bike Packing mode, any help or assistance outside the organization is strictly forbidden during the event.

A participant who benefits from voluntary external assistance proven by the Organizer will be permanently excluded without notice.

Article 9. Medical

In the event of a fall, accident or medical need, the Organizer will contact the nearest competent authorities to assist the participant.

The Organizer, on medical advice, may decide, during the event, to exclude a participant.

Article 10. Departure

The start will be given at 6 a.m. on May 08, 2026 for velomobiles without electric assistance.

For electrically assisted velomobiles, the start will be given at 6:30 a.m. on May 8, 2026.

Each participant is required to respect the time of his departure. Otherwise, the participant will be offered a possible alternative by the Organizer.

Article 11. Duration of the event / Time barrier

Participants in *L'Aérotrefle* are informed that the event is not timed and non-classifying. However, participants are informed and accept that, for security reasons, the maximum times set by the Organization are:
-200 km: arrival before 7:30 pm on May 08, 2026.
-400 km: arrival before 9:00 am on May 09, 2026.
-600 km: arrival before 22:00 on May 09, 2026.
-800 km: arrival before 12:00 p.m. on May 10, 2026.

The participants accept by their registration, the respect of this time barrier, therefore, in the event that the participant has not completed the course within the time allotted by the Organization, he expressly consents to the end of his challenge. The participant(s) outside the time frame will then be informed by the Organizer and must ensure their return by their own means. As soon as a participant is put out of the test, he will then be under his own responsibility.

Article 12. Ranking

For security reasons, the Organizer will not establish any ranking (neither general, scratch or category).

The Organizer may, however, distribute a list of the names of the participants (Finishers) who have completed each course in its entirety and within the maximum time imposed.

Article 13. Awards

As *L'Aérotrefle* is an event essentially focused on conviviality, the Organizer will award prizes at the finish, in the same way as all the Finishers.
No unclaimed rewards will be sent by the Organizer at the end of the event.

Article 14. Respect for the environment

L'Aérotrefle is an event designed to respect nature and the places it crosses. Consequently, the Organizer intends to ensure strict respect for the environment; Each participant is also committed to respecting the environment and the spaces crossed, whether urban or natural.
It is strictly forbidden to throw or abandon waste (energy doses, paper, packaging,

plastics, etc.) on the public highway and along the entire route.

Participants must ensure that they keep waste and packaging and use the bins and places indicated by the organization to dispose of them.

Article 15. Penalties

In accordance with these rules, participants may be sanctioned by the Organizer, in particular in the following cases:

-Failure to respect the sportsmanship and "Fair Play" of *L'Aérotrefle*,

-Failure to comply with the Organizer's safety instructions,

-Fraud situation (external help, itinerary not respected, etc.),

-Irresponsible behaviour or practice endangering property or people.

- Lack of respect for the environment,

It is reminded that in the event of non-compliance with one of these points of the rules, the Hors Épreuve bet will be applied by the Organizer.

Article 16. Anti-doping

The participants of *L'Aérotrefle* undertake to strictly comply with the doping ban as well as the provisions relating to anti-doping controls, as they result from the laws and regulations in force, in particular articles L.230-1 et seq. of the Sports Code.

Article 17. Insurance

All participants will be insured for the event as soon as they have signed a registration form, provided a medical certificate less than one year old on the day of departure, and received a frame plate bearing their participant number.

Civil liability:

In accordance with the legislation in force, the Organizer has taken out insurance covering the financial consequences of its civil liability, that of the entire *L'Aérotrefle* organization team and all participants in the event. As far as the civil liability of the participants is concerned, the corresponding cover is limited to accidents that they may cause to third parties during the unwinding of *L'Aérotrefle*. It only takes effect on the official route, for the duration of the event, for registered participants who respect the rules. In addition, this guarantee will be provided in addition or failing that, to other insurance from which the participants may otherwise benefit. Proof of this insurance can be provided to any participant on request.

Individual accident + repatriation:

All participants in *L'Aérotrefle* are covered by the Organizer for the duration of the event, by a "Personal Assistance" insurance contract. This contract provides for the repatriation of the participant for medical reasons. The Organizer undertakes to provide all participants who request it, the insurance document, mentioning the coverage and exclusions, as well as the general conditions serving as an information notice. It is recalled that in addition, "licensees" benefit from the guarantees granted by the insurance linked to their licence. In accordance with the provisions of Article L321-4 of the Sports Code.

Property damage insurance:

The Organizer declines all responsibility in the event of theft, damage or loss of the personal belongings of the participants during *the Aérotrèfle*. It is up to each person to insure themselves against this type of risk with their insurer. Participants acknowledge the Organizer's non-responsibility for monitoring personal property or items in the event of theft or loss. Objects or accessories given to third parties during the event (whether or not they are members of the organization) will be given under the full responsibility of the participant.

Any accident or incident that occurs outside *L'Aérotrefle* can only be covered by the insurance of the claimant.

No recourse can be taken in the event of theft of personal belongings, break-ins, damage or theft of a vehicle during the course of the event.

Article 18. Image rights

By participating in *L'Aérotrefle*, each participant expressly authorises the Organizer (and/or its beneficiaries) to use or have used, or to reproduce or have reproduced his/her name, image, voice and sporting performance in the context of the event, with a view to any direct or derivative exploitation of the event and this, on any medium, worldwide, by all means known or unknown to date, and for the entire term of copyright protection currently granted by applicable laws or regulations, judicial and/or arbitral decisions of any country as well as by current or future international conventions, including any extensions that may be made to this term.

Each participant assigns to the Organizer his or her moral and economic rights under his or her image rights, for any photographic capture made during the event, from the start to the finish. This waiver of image rights is granted as part of the communication of the event and may be used exclusively in this context, by the Organizer, with a view to future editions of the event.

Article 19. CNIL

In accordance with the Data Protection Act of 6 January 1978, any person has the right to access and rectify personal data concerning him/her. Through the organization, each participant, if he or she accepts it, may receive proposals from other partner companies or associations of *L'Aérotrefle*

Article 20. Disclaimer

By registering and taking part in *L'Aérotrefle*, each participant agrees that the Organizer shall not be held responsible for any material loss, accident, injury or illness.

By accepting the conditions of registration and these rules, each participant acknowledges and assumes full responsibility in the event of an accident that may occur during the entire duration of *the flight*.

Article 21. Force majeure

If *L'Aérotrefle* should be cancelled in the event of force majeure or for a reason beyond the control of the Organizer, the competitors will not be able to claim any refund (including registration fees or any compensation received).

In the event of a cancellation of the departure for weather reasons, a postponement would be effective depending on any improvements.

In the event that it is impossible to postpone within hours of the cancellation of the departure, a rescheduling to a later date will be offered to participants.

Article 22. Acceptance of the Rules

Participation in *L'Aérotrefle* implies the express and unreserved acceptance by each participant of these rules.

The Organiser of *L'Aérotrefle* reserves the right to modify it, in particular, for reasons imposed on it by the competent authorities.

Each participant acknowledges that he or she has read these rules and accepts the clauses in their entirety, by signing them below.

Date:

Name and Signature :

"Voucher for the approval of these rules"

1 Signature preceded by a handwritten note
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