



# **Race Across the West**

## **Pre-Race Instructions and Clearance To Race Forms**

### **2026 Oceanside to Durango**

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to Oceanside, California. The days leading up to the race start are a busy time with check-in, self-inspections, photos, and various meetings for racers and crew. The information in this document will help you navigate all that is required before you will be cleared to race, and includes all the necessary forms you must print, complete, and submit to the RAW office. Please review this information carefully and follow all instructions to ensure your pre-race goes smoothly and is stress free.

### **Scheduling Check-in & Photos Session**

Prior to arriving in Oceanside, you must schedule your time for your check-in at the RAW office and your photo session through the RAW website. It is recommended that you do this as soon as the schedule is made available in January, in order to ensure you are able to select times that work best for you.

**Check-in** will take approximately 15 minutes. The Crew Chief must be present. All pre-race forms and documents will need to be turned in at this time. Please be prepared.

**Photos** will be 10 minutes per Solo/Team. All Racers must be present. The Crew may also be present if you would like photos of Racers and Crew. This is also a good time to go to the RAW Store for Finisher Jersey Sizing. (Finisher Jersey Sizing is required.)

**Inspections** are no longer required to be scheduled. All racers/teams will be expected self-inspect their support vehicles and complete the inspection forms included in this packet. The completed forms will need to be turned in with the **Clearance to Race Checklist**.

Scheduling Check-in and Photos are done online at:

**On the RAW Website in the Racer Login Area**  
**[https://www.raceacrossamerica.org/orsnew/ors\\_Login/](https://www.raceacrossamerica.org/orsnew/ors_Login/)**

When you do your online scheduling, you must include your Racer/Team Name.

We will monitor the schedule to ensure everyone is getting scheduled. Do not double-book as that impedes others getting available times.

DO NOT SCHEDULE before January 1st. All appointments made before January 1st will be removed.

If you need help with this tool, please contact the RAW Office – [info@raceacrossamerica.org](mailto:info@raceacrossamerica.org).



## Schedule Form

This form is provided to help you know when and where your Team is supposed to be during the pre-race preparations. It is recommended that you print this page, and keep with your pre-race documents. The complete schedule for all events at the start line is in the GEAR Book and will be available online. The Schedule will list when, and where, all events take place. It will also list the times the RAW Store and Race Office is open.

We will have several **required** meetings for Crew Chiefs to ask further final questions. These times are documented in the GEAR Book

**Instructions:** Once you schedule your times for Check-in and Photos write your times here so you don't forget.

**Check-in Date & Time (15 minutes) (required)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Who/Where:** Crew Chief, Harbor Lot 1

**Photo Date & Time (10 minutes) (required)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Who/Where:** All Racers, Harbor Lot 1

### Additional Times

**Crew Chief Meeting (120 minutes) (required)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Who/Where:** Crew Chief plus one additional crew member, meet in community room, Oceanside Public Library (subject to change)

**Media Crew Meeting (60 minutes) (required for media crew)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Who/Where:** All media crew members, meet in community room, Oceanside Public Library (subject to change)

### Start Times (circle one for a reminder)

All Solo RAAM/All RAW

Tuesday June 16th, 12:00pm



# Pre-Race Time Penalties

## **Show Up On Time!**

The Race Staff has to accommodate more than 100 race entries - Solos and Teams. This accounts to more than 350 Racers, 1000+ Crew, 200+ vehicles and 500+ bicycles. Our time is valuable, your time is valuable and all other Racers' time is valuable. Respect our time and we will respect yours.

Time Penalties will be assessed for being late or not being ready. These penalties will not count towards disqualification status, but they will be added on to your overall time.

You must comply with the following or incur a **1-hour penalty** for each infraction:

- Be On Time for Check-in
- Be Ready at Check-in, with all forms and documents complete and organized
- Be On Time for the Photo Session, with all Racers present

You must comply with the following or **you will not start the Race**:

- 1. All Crew Chiefs or Designee MUST attend one Crew Chief Meeting**
- 2. Individual Team/Racer Media members MUST attend the Media meetings after the Race Meeting. This is only for Teams/Racers with their own media crews**



# **Guidelines for Vehicle/Bicycle Self Inspections**

All vehicles engaged in racer/team support, both on and off course must display Race Across America issued race signage, including RVs. Two sets of race signage are included with your entry fee. If you will be using more than two vehicles, additional race signage **MUST** be purchased from the RAW store prior to arriving in Oceanside. The deadline to purchase additional signage is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Self-Check**

Officials will be doing on-course inspections. We ask that all racers/teams conduct a self-inspection using the Inspection Forms included in this packet. You will turn these completed forms in with your final Clearance to Race Checklist.

Before you can complete your self-inspection, you **MUST**:

- Be checked-in at the Race Office
- Picked up your racer packet
- Apply all signage to your vehicles and bikes

## **Vehicle Inspection**

Proper lights, sign placement and clear window visibility for the driver of any vehicle used to follow a racer. The second seat rear passenger windows must be clear on the right side for giving handoffs to racers. If you have an extended van, the remaining third and fourth seat rear windows may have signage on the windows.

## **Bike Inspection**

Follow Bicycles Rules (Section 6) from the RAW rules. Make sure reflective tape and proper lights are installed and working on your night bike. Make sure you have spare batteries to last all night. All spare wheels and spare bikes must be outfitted with the proper safety equipment. Bike number tags need to be affixed to the bike and visible. We recommend attaching these tags to the seat post.

## **Race Official Guidance**

A Race Official will be on hand at Harbor Lot 1 to answer any questions regarding vehicle and bicycle set-up during hours that the Race Office is open. Once the race has started, penalties will be assessed for improper vehicle and bicycle set-up. Officials will be inspecting vehicles and bicycles on the road, during the race.



## **Most Common Errors**

Leading causes of improper vehicle/bicycle set-up:

- Support van windows blocked by too many signs. See diagrams in later in this packet for acceptable placement locations on the vehicle.
- Rear amber flashers must only be visible from the rear.
- Reflective tape and lights mounted on all bicycles. Spare wheels must also have reflective tape. Spare batteries and chargers must also be inspected.



## Guidelines for Vehicle and Bicycle Setup

This section represents a start for setting up a vehicle to race in RAW. This doesn't cover everything you might want to consider, especially for interior set-up.

What this section does cover is what is required by RAW rules and what is required to pass vehicle inspections.

### Sign Locations

You will get the allotted sets of vehicle signage (one for each support vehicles). If you have more than the allotted vehicles, you will need to purchase additional signage kits. Vehicle Signage must be the signage provided by RAW. No "outside or homemade" created signage will be accepted. For each vehicle you will receive the following:

- 1 reflective "CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD" sign (to be affixed on rear)
- 4 personalized Racer Number signs (one each to be affixed to front, rear and both sides)
- 1 "RACE ACROSS THE WEST" windshield decal
- 2 "Race Coverage" signs (one for each side)

NOTE: You must bring your own D.O.T.-approved reflective triangles for the rear of your support vehicles or purchase one in the online RAW store on the website.

The personalized Racer Number signs will include the Racer or Team name and Racer Number. Four of these numbers will be displayed on each vehicle – one per side. The numbers are laminated with plastic and affixed with contact paper. Signs should be affixed as follows:

- One on each side of the vehicle at the door
- One on the upper left of the rear window
- One on the center of the front hood of the vehicle

This set of pages will demonstrate and describe where and how to place these signs.

### Tips

- For any adhesive signs placed on vehicle paint, it is recommended that you first apply clear contact paper to your vehicle and then apply the vehicle sign. Contact paper is much easier to remove.
- The windshield decal are die cut so they are a little more difficult to apply.  
To apply these signs:
  - Remove the backing material
  - Line up the sign where it will be placed, usually on a window
  - Apply the sign to the location. For the windshield sign, start from the



- center and move outward.
- **IMPORTANT:** Take a credit card and rub the sign several times to ensure all the letters stick to the surface. This will make removal of the cover material much easier
- Carefully peel back the cover material
- The display of the **CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD** decal on the rear of the vehicle can either be one line:

**CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD**

Or stacked:

**CAUTION  
BICYCLES  
AHEAD**

- We recommend putting clear contact paper directly on the vehicle surface, then placing the sticker on the contact paper. This will make the removal of the stickers much easier. **DO NOT** apply the decal directly on the vehicle.
- During the race, if signs start to peel off, cover the edges with clear contact paper.

### **Rear of the Vehicle**

The rear of the vehicle is the most critical and most visible part of the vehicle. With many Racers using rear mounted bike racks, limitations on space are becoming critical.

The Racer Number sign must be mounted on the upper left of the rear window of the vehicle as illustrated in the photos that follow.

If you do **NOT** have a rear bicycle rack, you can mount the **CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD** decal anywhere.

In general, you want to keep the rear window as clear as possible – both inside the vehicle and outside the vehicle.

### **Rear Bicycle Racks**

If you have a rear bicycle rack, you must mount the **CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD** decal on the right side of the rear window in the stacked formation.

**CAUTION  
BICYCLES  
AHEAD**

Your vehicle taillights and license plate must be visible. If you have disk wheels or deep profile rims and your taillights are not visible, you must remove those wheels or put on normal wheels when mounting your bike on the rear rack.



The Slow Moving Vehicle triangle must be visible – **bikes and wheels cannot block the visibility of that triangle**. The triangle must be mounted on the outside of the bicycles and rack.

## Front Sign Locations



## Signs

- Racer Number sign on hood on vehicle
- “RACE ACROSS THE WEST” sign across top of windshield.



## Side Sign Locations



### Signs

- Racer Number sign on front doors (driver and passenger)
- “Race Coverage” sign on side windows

This application of signs will be the same on both sides of the vehicle.

When you apply the “Race Coverage” signs, make sure to maintain as much visibility as is practical. On the driver’s side, this isn’t much of an issue. On the passenger side, make sure the driver can still see out the side windows. These signs should be small enough not to be an issue, but you should always check for yourself.



## Rear Sign Location (No Bike Rack)

Here are several possibilities:



### Signs

- Racer Number sign on upper left rear window
- “CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD” sign
- Slow Moving Vehicle triangle.

All are very visible and easy to see.



## Rear Sign Location – With Bike Rack (Incorrect)

Here are some examples of what NOT to do:



You can clearly see the problems with both of these:

- The Slow Moving Vehicle triangle is blocked in the photo at the right
- The “CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD” sign is blocked in both photos
- If the front or rear wheels were deep section or disc wheels, the vehicle lights would be blocked.



## Rear Sign Location – With Bike Rack (Correct)

In the picture below:

- The Slow Moving Vehicle triangle is clearly visible and on the outside of the bicycle
- The Racer # sign is in the upper left area of the rear window and clearly visible
- The “CAUTION BICYCLES AHEAD” sign is in the upper right area of the right window, stacked and clearly visible



## Window Visibility

Driver must have 360-degree visibility with windows or mirrors.



Clear rear window. Driver must be able to see approaching vehicles.  
Rear rack must not cover signs.



## Final Reminders on Support Vehicle Rules and Setup

All rules for Support Vehicles are in the RAAM/RAW Official Rules and you must read those completely. The following are reminders and only cover a portion of the rules.

The Vehicle Inspection Forms in the Clearance To Race Forms will also help with vehicle setup and knowing what Race Officials will be looking for when inspecting your vehicles:

- No extensions beyond 36 in of (front) bumper
- Re-settable odometer
- No wider than 80 in not including mirrors
- No taller than 88 in
- No longer than 244 in
- Additional driving lights are not allowed over windshield.
- Bike racks and bikes on rear should not obscure signs or vehicle lighting
- Dashboard Protocol displayed on the dash of every vehicle

\*The small and medium sized Sprinter Vans and Ford Transits with side and rear windows are permissible.



## Bicycle Setup

Every bicycle must have reflective material applied to various parts of the bike for visibility. (See the Rule Book for specific locations and amount) Every bicycle must also have front and rear lights.

We recommend 3M Reflective Tape. We understand that cranks can be narrow. We want the reflective tape to be as wide as possible on those areas.

For wheels, the easiest place to put reflective material is on the spokes. Reflective tape can also be applied to the rims. However, tape should NOT be applied to the braking surfaces.

**HINT:** Consider putting electrical tape or clear contact paper on the bicycle frame or fork and then applying reflective material to these materials. Electrical tape and clear contact paper are easier to remove than reflective tape. Reflective material must remain in place for the entire race.



# Clearance To Race Forms

These forms will help your pre-race organization and the process of getting everything done at the start before the racers depart. The forms are broken down into sections with instructions for each.

**You MUST bring your Pre-Race Forms to the Start. If you lose them or forget them, there will be a fee of \$100 for replacing them.**

## At the Start

When you arrive at Oceanside, check-in at the RAW Start Office in the Harbor Lot 1. You must check-in and pick up your racer packet, which includes signage, route books, etc., before your inspection. Be sure to attach all racer numbers and signage to all your Support Vehicles, bicycles and bike helmets *before* self-inspection. If you are using an RV as a Support Vehicle, it must also have all racer numbers and signage attached and it must be inspected as well.

Check-In and racer package pick-up starts Saturday, June 13th at 2:00 pm. It is highly recommended that the Crew Chief pick-up all materials should RAW Office staff have questions or new information to convey.

**All racer packets must be picked-up by 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 14th.**

## What's Here

All forms are included:

- Pre-Race Forms Cover Page
- Clearance to Race Checklist
- Checklists for all necessary documentation
- Proof of Age
- Vehicle Insurance Agreements Form
- Driver's License Agreement Form
- Vehicle Inspection Form
- Equipment Inspection Form
- RAAM/RAW Waivers Form
- San Diego County/Arizona State Waivers Form
- Dashboard Protocols (for Vehicle Self-Inspection)

All forms are also available on the website under Race Resources. You should make additional copies of any forms as needed.

We will not have extra copies.

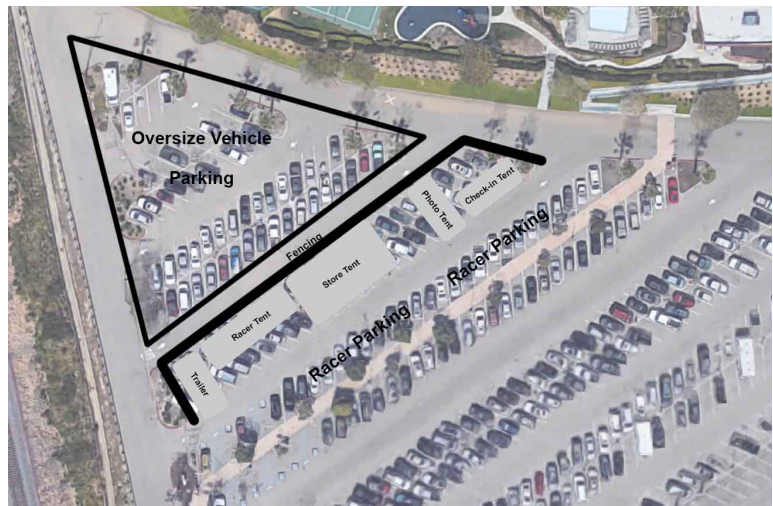
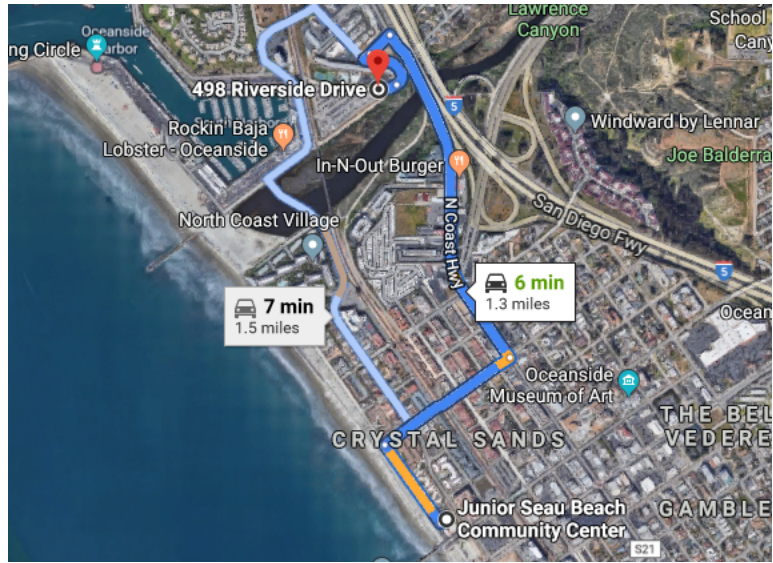
## Valid U.S. Phone Numbers

You must have at least two US phone numbers or US-based satellite phone numbers, with internet and text message capability, during the race at which we can reach you.

## Check-in Location

Check-in is located in Harbor Lot 1. The address is 498-100 Riverside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92054. The directions to the check-in location from the Oceanside Pier are as follows:

1. Head north on the Strand toward Surfrider Way.
2. Turn right on Surfrider Way
3. Turn left on N. Coast Hwy. (County Hwy. S21)
4. Turn left on Monterey Dr. (first left after crossing bridge)
5. Sharp left on San Luis Rey Dr. (becomes Riverside Dr.)
6. Inspection Lot will be on the left.



**You must print the following pages and bring the completed packet and all documents to ready turn-in to the RAW office in Oceanside when you check-in and pick up your racer packet.**



## Clearance To Race Forms

**Team/Racer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team/Racer Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Racers:**

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**Crew Chief:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Clearance to Race Checklist



Team/Racer Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** You must complete each Pre-Race Task below. For each Task, it must be signed off by a RAW Staff person indicating successful completion. **Once all are complete, you must turn this form back in at the Race Office to receive your final clearance to race.**

**All must be complete and turned in no later than 3:00 PM, Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> or you will incur a 1-hour penalty.**

**Sign Off    On-Time Task**

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**Signed-In, Racer Packet picked up**

**Who/Where:** Crew Chief plus one crew member, Harbor Lot 1 (Check-in Tent)

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**All Forms Complete (Due at Check-in)**

Proof of Age, Racer Addresses, Vehicle Agreements\*, Driver's License, RAAM/RAW Waivers, San Diego County Waiver, Arizona State Waiver

**Who/Where:** Crew Chief, Harbor Lot 1 (Check-in Tent)

\*Vehicle Agreements may be turned in at Final Clearance to Race should vehicles be unavailable at time of scheduled Check-in.

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**Photo Session**

**Who/Where:** All Racers, Harbor Lot 1 (Photo Tent)

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**Completely Paid and Jersey Sizing, Racer Merchandise Pickup**

All Racer(s) must be present for Jersey Sizing.

**Who/Where:** Crew Chief and All Racers, Harbor Lot 1 (RAW Store Tent)

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**Crew Chief Meeting**

**Who/Where:** Crew Chief or Crew, Oceanside Public Library (Subject to Change)

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**Vehicle and Equipment Self-Inspection Forms Complete (Due at Final Clearance to Race)**

**Who/Where:** Crew Chief, Harbor Lot 1 (Check-in Tent)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Valid Race Phone Number(s) – US Based Number – Internet and Text Message Capable (SMS)**

Primary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL CLEARANCE TO RACE, Harbor Lot 1 (Check-in Tent)**



## RAW Materials Checklist

### All Entries – Solo and Team

- 8 Vehicle Signs with Racer # and Name (all 4 sides of vehicle)
- 2 Caution Bikes Ahead (rear)
- 4 Race Coverage stickers (sides)
- 2 Race Across America windshield stickers

\*Additional signage is available through the RAW Store

### Per Racer

- | <b>S</b> | <b>2P</b> | <b>4P</b> | (circle one)                     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 2        | 4         | 8         | Bicycle Number Tags (for 2bikes) |
| 2        | 4         | 8         | Reflective Tape (for 2 bikes)    |
| 2        | 4         | 8         | Helmet Tags (for helmet)         |

### Per Entry

- | <b>S</b> | <b>2P</b> | <b>4P</b> | (circle one)             |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 2        | 3         | 3         | Route Books              |
| 2        | 3         | 3         | Race Updates (if needed) |

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if additional supplies ordered.

\_\_\_\_\_ Racer/Crew Chief Initials when all material received.

# Proof of Age

Number of Racers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

- Fill out Racer List below.
- Provide a copy of a valid identification for each Racer showing the Racer's Name, Photo, and Birthdate. Examples are driver's licenses and passports.

### Racers

Name	Birthdate	Racing Age*
#1:	_____	_____
#2:	_____	_____
#3:	_____	_____
#4:	_____	_____
#5:	_____	_____
#6:	_____	_____
#7:	_____	_____
#8:	_____	_____

Team Racing Age\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Is the team's age group category correct on the roster? \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Racing Age** is the age the racer will be in 2026. For example, the racing age of someone born in 1974 would be 52 the racing age of someone born in 1965 would be 61.  
 \*\* **Team Racing Age** is the average of the racer's racing age.

## Racer Shipping Address

Number of Racers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

- Fill out Racer List below with each racer's shipping address.
- Finisher's jerseys will be shipped to the address provided 6-8 weeks after the finish of the race.

Racer #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #1 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #2 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #3 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer #4 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle Insurance Agreements

**Number of Vehicles:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions

- Fill out and sign the Vehicle Insurance Agreement Form
- Insert copy of proof of insurance (or rental agreement) for **every** vehicle, including RVs, to be used as Support Vehicles during the race

Proof of Insurance can be in several forms:

- A rental agreement with verification of acceptance of Insurance Coverage provided by the rental agency
- If using insurance provided by your credit card, you must be able to show the insurance coverage provided by the credit card AND that it's the same credit card to which the rental vehicle is being billed
- A personal insurance policy for a personal (non-rental) vehicle

# Vehicle Insurance Agreement

In consideration of the acceptance of my participation in the Race Across America/Race Across the West, I hereby affirm that each motorized vehicle listed below to be used in the event is covered with at least the minimum insurance requirement per the state of vehicle registration. For each vehicle a copy of the proof of vehicle insurance (or rental agreement) is included.

## Vehicle #1

Vehicle Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_

State and License # \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle #2

Vehicle Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_

State and License # \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle #3

Vehicle Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_

State and License # \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle #4

Vehicle Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_

State and License # \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle #5

Vehicle Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_

State and License # \_\_\_\_\_

# Driver's License

**Number of Drivers:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

- Fill out and sign the Driver's License Agreement Form
- Insert copy of driver's license for every crew person who will be driving during the race. If a racer will be driving, you must include a copy of their driver's license also.

It is recommended that each driver to carry their own vehicle insurance card verifying that they have their own insurance.

# Driver's License Agreement

In consideration of the acceptance of my participation in the Race Across America/Race Across the West, I affirm that any member of my support crew or racer who drives a motor vehicle possesses a valid driver's license for operating this motor vehicle on the roads in the United States of America and is authorized to drive that vehicle. For each driver a copy of their driver's license is included.

Driver #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #6: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #7: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #8: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #9: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #10: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #11: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #12: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle Self-Inspection Forms

Number of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions

- You need one Form for every four (4) vehicles to be used during the race, including personal Film/Media vehicles.
- Make additional copies as needed.

Consult the Instructions section for recommendations for sign placement.

**NOTE:** RAW Vehicle Inspections are not intended to certify the fitness or road-worthiness of the vehicle. The inspection is done only to determine whether the racer and crew possess the appropriate safety equipment for the race and meet all rules.

**NOTE on AMBER LIGHTS:** Be sure to check visibility of your lights at night as part of your self-inspection. During the race, if a Race Official assesses your lights to be too bright OR too dim, a Race Official will request modification to ensure visibility.



## Vehicle Self-Inspection Form

(Four vehicles per form.)

Solo Racer or Team Number.				
Total number of vehicles.				
Verify Discord app,				
<b>Vehicle Category</b> (Follow, Auxiliary, RV, Media)				
<b>License Plate Number and State</b>				
<b>Make/Model/Color of Vehicle</b>				
<b>Black Water Awareness (RV Only)</b>				
<b>Flashing Amber Roof Lights</b>				
<b>Head Lights/High Beams</b>				
<b>Tail Lights</b>				
<b>Brake Lights</b>				
<b>Turn Signals</b>				
<b>Reverse Lights</b>				
<b>Factory Emergency Flashers</b>				
<b>LED Light Bars below head lights</b>				
<b>RAW Issued Racer Number (x4) RAW</b>				
<b>Issued Caution Bicycles Ahead RAW</b>				
<b>Issued Race Across America RAW</b>				
<b>Issued Race Coverage (x2) RAW</b>				
<b>Issued Media Signs (Media) RAW</b>				
<b>Issued Dashboard Protocol Slow-</b>				
<b>Moving Triangle Visible</b>				
<b>360° Visibility w/ Mirrors &amp; Windows</b>				
<b>135° Right Side Visibility through Passenger-Side Windows</b>				

Vehicle night-time head lights, emergency flashers, and flashing amber roof lights **MUST ALL BE VISIBLE DAY AND NIGHT**. Equipment used in any previous race must meet all current RAW Rules and pass all current RAW inspections.

If your equipment is found to be deficient while on-course, a penalty will be assessed, and the deficiency must be corrected before continuing. Judgment of the RAW Official is **FINAL**.



## Equipment Self-Inspection Form

### Bicycle/Lights/Wheels/Helmet

(one form per solo racer or team)

Solo Racer or Team Number. \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of bicycles (all bicycles are reported on this form). \_\_\_\_\_

Brands of bicycles inspected. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of spare wheels. \_\_\_\_\_

**Front headlight**/batteries/charger. \_\_\_\_\_

**Red rear taillight**/batteries/charger. \_\_\_\_\_

**RAW issued bicycle number tag** visible from the seated racer's left side. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflective Tape on Wheels.** At least FOUR PIECES, each piece at least 1 cm wide by 3 cm long, ON EACH SIDE OF EVERY WHEEL, including spare wheels. Eight pieces total per wheel. Reflective writing does not count. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflective Tape on Cranks.** One piece of reflective tape, at least 1 cm wide, wrapped completely around each crank halfway between the bottom bracket axle and the pedal axle so reflective tape is visible from any direction. \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety Standard Approved Helmet** in good condition.  
(ANSI, Snell, ASTM, CSA, CPSC, CEN) \_\_\_\_\_

**RAW issued helmet number tag** visible from the seated racer's left side. \_\_\_\_\_

Front headlight, red rear taillight, reflective tape on wheels and cranks, and helmet **MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL HOURS, DAY AND NIGHT**, while the active racer is on the road.

Equipment used in any previous event must meet all current RAW Rules and pass all current RAW inspection standards.

Judgment of the RAW Official is **FINAL**. If your equipment is found to be deficient while on-course, a penalty will be assessed, and the deficiency must be corrected before continuing.

## **RAAM/RAW Waivers**

**Number of Racers: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Crew: \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Instructions**

- You need one signed copy **for each racer and crew member**
- Make copies as needed

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")**

In consideration of participating in the **Race Across America/Race Across the West** I represent that I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the Activity.

I fully understand that this Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Race Across America, Inc., Team Get Outdoors, LLC and their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, including without limitation all States, counties, cities, towns, villages, municipalities and unincorporated places and the like as well as employees and agents of such places that a race participant passes through during an Event, Law Enforcement Agencies and other Public Entities providing support for the Event;. (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

**MINOR RELEASE**

I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF ULTR-DISTANCE CYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE

THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: (Street)(City)(State)(Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18):

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## San Diego County & Arizona State Waivers

Number of Racers: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions

#### San Diego County Waiver

- You need one signed copy **for each racer**
- Make copies as needed

#### Arizona State Waiver

- **Each racer and crew** must sign the waiver
- Make copies as needed



# Athlete's – Participant's Waiver – Release Form

County of San Diego

DPW / Transportation Division, Special Event Permits  
5510 Overland Ave., Ste 410, Rm 470 (MS0334), San Diego, CA 92123-1239  
Phone (858) 694-3850 Fax (858) 694-3928



**This is a contract with legal consequences. I have been advised to read it carefully before signing.**

**1. I hereby waive, release and discharge** for myself, my heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest (collectively referred to as "Successors") any and **all rights and claims for damages**, injuries, expenses or costs of any kind which I have now or may acquire in the future that are directly or indirectly related to my participation in or association with the Event (collectively referred to as "Claims"), **against the County of San Diego**, law enforcement agencies, the sponsors, organizers and any promoting organizations for this Event, and their respective agents, officials, and employees (collectively referred to as the "Released Parties"). The waived, released and discharged Claims include claims arising from the Released Parties' own active or passive negligence.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

**2. I acknowledge and fully realize the dangers of participating in a athletic event and fully assume the risks associated with participation including**, by way of example and not limitation, the following: the dangers of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, other participants, and fixed objects; the dangers arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, the **Released Parties' Own Negligence**, weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

associated with athletic events.

**3. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the course and any special regulations for the Event.** I understand and agree that situations may arise during the **Event** that are beyond the immediate control of Event supervisors and organizers and I must continually participate so as to neither endanger myself or others. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. For bicycle events I will ride wearing a helmet that satisfies requirements of the U.S. Cycling Federation's Racing Rules capable of protecting against serious head injury. I assume all responsibility for the selection of the helmet. I have no physical or mental condition, which to my knowledge, would endanger others or myself if I participate in this Event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this Event.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

**4. I agree for myself and Successors** that the above **representations are contractually binding** and are not mere recitals, and that should I or my Successors assert a claim in contravention of this agreement, the asserting party shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the other party or parties defending, unless the other party or parties are finally adjudged liable on such claim for willful and wanton negligence. This agreement may not be modified orally. Waiver of any provision of this agreement is intended to be severable. If one or more provision is found to be unenforceable or invalid, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain binding and enforceable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

Type of event (description): **Bicycle Ride Along County Roads**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

Participant's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Who to notify in case of emergency (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

X  \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign & date**

**Signature of Event Participant** (also initial above paragraphs as noted) Date

## Consent and Release of Parent or Guardian

I, as the parent or guardian of the above named minor hereby give permission for my child or ward to participate in the Event and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to all terms stated above.

X  \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign & date**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian** (also initial above paragraphs as noted) Date

**ARIZONA VOLUNTEER AND/OR PARTICIPANT SIGN-IN AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

By signing this form I agree to act as a volunteer and/or participant and to be bound by the terms of the waiver of liability below. In consideration of my desire to serve as a volunteer and/or participant for the 2026 Race Across the West Event sponsored by Race Across America, Inc.; I hereby assume all responsibility for any and all dangers or risk of property damage or bodily injury that I may sustain while volunteering and/or participating. Further, I hereby release, indemnify, hold harmless, waive and discharge Yavapai County, their Boards, Council, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all claims asserted by anyone arising from out of any injury or accident I suffer, actions, losses, liabilities, costs, damages, or expenses, including but not limited to court costs and reasonable attorney's fees arising out of bodily injury or death, or tangible or intangible property damage, which I or my spouse, children, heirs, executors, successors or assigns ever may have in connection with such volunteer efforts, or my participation therein, and hereby waive all such claims, demands and causes of action. Further, I expressly agree that this release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the State of Arizona, and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I have read, reviewed, understand, and agree to this waiver of liability.

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. \_\_\_\_\_

## DASHBOARD PROTOCOL (Start of the Race)

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<https://sites.google.com/view/race-hq-2026/home>



- No support vehicles of any type are allowed on the route west of I-15 (Route Mile 0.0 to 22.4). See Route book for bypass routes for support vehicles.
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- **Display on the dash of all support vehicles.**
- **Turn on headlights at all times while driving.**
- **Drive at highway speeds when not following your Racer.**
- **No slowing to talk to the Racer during leapfrog support.**
- **No vehicle handoff in leapfrog support zones.**
- **When stopping, keep the vehicle completely off the roadway (5 feet to the right of the driving lane).**
- **When following your Racer stay as far to the right of the traffic lane or on the paved shoulder as possible.**
- **On narrow twisting roads, allow following traffic to pass. You must pull off the roadway and stop at a safe pullout area. At night the rider must stop also.**
- **Dim your head lights for approaching or passing traffic.**
- **Your hazard lights and amber roof lights must be turned on and your slow moving triangle and Caution Bicycles Ahead sign must always be visible when following your Racer.**
- **Courtesy is Faster Than Controversy. Wave to passing motorists. Yield to fast wide trucks. A safe race is a fast race.**

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