

Race Around Poland - edition 2021

Starting announcement no. 2 (2021-07-20)

1 UPDATE! On the CP the participant can use the following facilities:

- a) 220v socket to charge the monitoring device and other devices (phone, derailleur, counter, lights, etc.)
 - b) a bicycle stand for self-repair of your bicycle
 - c) chain lubricant and cloth available
 - d) stationary pump
 - e) Ampoule/imbush spanner set 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
 - f) ~~Cassette spanner~~
 - g) Spanner 15 for pedals
 - h) Tritons
 - i) Insulating tape
 - j) Red bull 😊
 - k) Possibility to stay overnight (for a fee) after booking directly with the hotel or to take accommodation on the spot, on the spot. Of course within the currently available places. Each CP has its own peculiarities and sometimes offers something more. Descriptions of the CP offer are included in the start message.
 - l) The possibility to eat a meal (for a fee) during the working hours of the hotel restaurant. Sometimes it is possible to eat at night. See - descriptions of the PK offer.
 - m) Possibility to buy a 60mm presta valve inner tube (PLN 23, cashless, online transfer)
 - n) Possibility to buy tyre GP 5000 rolled 25C - quantity limited to 1 tyre per CP (295 PLN, cashless, online transfer)
 - o) On points from PK4 to PK11 - the possibility of buying chain 11rz 116 Links CN-HG601 +Spin (163 PLN, cashless, online transfer)
2. **GPS location.** Devices are best recharged while sleeping. However, if it is not possible, because the rider will not be able to stop for a longer time despite low battery, he/she will be able to borrow a powerbank (1 powerbank per CP) with a micro USB cable and charge the device during the ride and return it on the next CP.

3. **whatsapp group.** A technical car "MAT" will ride ahead of the riders. If it encounters a problem on the route, diversions - it will inform what to do on a special whatsapp group "RAP RACERS". On this group you can also upload other notifications, which are addressed to all racers. Also photos, reports, etc. We will use them and e.g. post them on social media.

4. **communication with the organizer.** If you want to provide information to the organizer only, e.g. some question, a request to visit the CP - write or call +48 501-584-669 or +48 603-054-090

5. **hashtag #raceap21** - if you will be posting something on social media about the race (FB, TT, IG ...) use the hashtag #raceap21 then it will be easier to find information

6. **Technical vehicles.** From Obórki to Gassy take a circular route - not along the dike (there is a narrow road there and cyclists are riding)

7. **Race Cars.** There will be 2 organiser cars on the race course.
 - a) MAT - in front of the first rider, it will carry you to the CP (visible on rap.1008.pl)
 - b) REM - according to the time limit, reaching the riders who did not reach the next CP on time. (visible on rap.1008.pl)
 - c) Unmarked cars, driven by observers who monitor the course of the race and note down any possible behaviour against the regulations, which may result in a time penalty or DSQ as specified in Appendix B of the regulations.

8. **Out of the limit.** You are taking part in a sporting event with a demanding time limit. This is a race, not a marathon. We take a categorical approach to limits.

The mere preparation and standing at the start is a feat in view of the sacrifices made and the time and money invested. Completing even a few CP within the time limit is all the more difficult, and completing 3600km in 12 days solo is a championship!

Thus, in RAP as a sporting challenge we want to emphasize these 3 levels of "initiation" but at the same time we want to clearly separate them. That is why we will stick mathematically to the limits on each CP and the official results will reflect them.

In practice, this means that if a competitor/team is outside the time limit, their official result will stop at the last CP where they were within the limit and they will become "CP nn finisher". He/she will then be moved to the "Withdrawn" group on rap.1008.pl monitoring, where it will be shown what his/her last CP is.

At this point, the official score of the rider/team will already be determined whether he continues or not. He/she can use the help of the technical car "REM" driving at the speed limit (car visible on the monitoring). There he will be able to use the repack (if he sent it on this car, REM sticker), meal/drink, pick-up on the route e.g. to the train. In the "REM" car there is a limited number of seats to 5 for the riders and a limited amount of luggage space (Ford Transit Brigade car), so of course - everything as far as possible.

The rider can also continue to ride, outside of the race. He can keep the tracker and will be visible on the monitoring. In this case, he will have to send the tracker back to its owner, i.e. MapSerwis.com

9. UPDATE! Plan for Friday 23.07 and Saturday 24.07

- a. 23.07 12:00-20:00 - registration, signing the statements, picking up the participation packs, taking over the packing in the Competition Office (Warsaw, al. KEN 61)
- b. 23.07 15:00-16:00 - technical briefing for cars (not for unsupported category) (Warsaw, al. KEN 61)
- c. 23.07 16:00-17:30 - mandatory competitors briefing (Warsaw, al. KEN 61)
- d. ~~23.07 17:30 - 20:30 - professional photo session of competitors and teams (Warsaw, al. KEN 61)~~ - instead competitors will be photographed on stage during the honorary start on Saturday
- e. 24.07 7:00-9:00 a.m. - Pick-up of packs at CP
- f. 24.07 7:00 am - 1:00 pm - pickup of rush packs for the finish line and REM car
- g. 24.07 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm - half an hour before the honorary start it is necessary to report to the technical briefing tent with stickers on the bikes in order to collect the GPS device
- h. Honorary starts are at equal times from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The whole ceremony lasts up to 15 minutes, during which the competitors are called out one by one by the announcer. After the presentation of all the riders from a particular group - the group together proceeds to the start in Obórki.

- i. 24.07 10:00 honorary start for SOLO UNSUPPORTED category competitors starting numbers <15
- j. 24.07 11:00 honorary start for competitors in the category SOLO UNSUPPORTED starting numbers >=15
- k. 24.07 12:00 honorary start for competitors in the category SOLO SEMI-SUPPORTED
- l. 24.07 13:00 honorable start for competitors in category 4-PERSON TEAM

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