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# Adventure Regulations

## 1. Organization

### 1.1 Organizing Authority

FBCOM - SUN TRIP COMPANY, headquartered in 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 and without assistance called "THE SUN TRIP". The rally will start in June 2018 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), headquartered at 126 Quai de la Rize, 73000 Chambéry and registered at the INSEE with the number 750 254 351 00 018.

Its purpose is to help design and conduct the next Sun Trip editions by supervising their volunteers. Overseen by former Suntrippers, it manages the participants community and collects their experiences through different countries in order to share with a wider audience the spirit of the Sun Trip.

#### 1.2.2 Arbitration Panel

To ensure proper implementation of the regulations, an Arbitration Panel will be established by the organizer. The panel will be composed of at least three trustworthy persons appointed by the organizer and will be responsible for ensuring all participants equal and fair opportunities to be heard and listened to in the event of complaint or dispute.

This panel shall have the following powers and duties:

- be aware of all the 2018 regulations applicable to THE SUN TRIP participants;
- commit to being available for referrals during all the official time of THE SUN TRIPadventure, except in cases of force majeure;
- receive complaints and allegations from the organization, 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;
- advise the organization on how to proceed in case of an urgent or exceptional event.

## **2. Official Definitions**

### **2.1 Regulations**

The adventure will be governed by :

- A. This Adventure Regulations, the Technical Regulations and amendments thereto;
- B. Notes concerning the organization, security, bikes verifications, presence of participants in briefings and events, issued and signed by the management of the adventure.
- C. Laws and regulations of each crossed country.

Only those texts will be referred to by participants.

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 exceptional circumstances and in situations that could involve 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 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 SUN TRIP 2018.

#### 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 arrive together to the finish line. At night, they should never be sleeping farther than 10 km apart. Any exception to this definition must be duly justified with the organization.

#### 2.3.4 Equipped Team

Unit consisting of the participant, their machine and their gear or, in the case of teams, all their participants, their machines and their gear.

### **3. Adventure Core Principles**

Founded in 2013, THE SUN TRIP is an adventure for solar bikes going around the world.

THE SUN TRIP is not a competition and is not subject to the rules of any sports federation.

International in scope, THE SUN TRIP is an independant rally (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 exceptional event, the organiser may allow monitoring from a third party for a part or all of the 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 in Canton. The participants will be solely responsible for their given route. Participants will also refrain from entering some areas targeted by the organization based on the geopolitical situation, specified further in this document.
- c) By “without assistance”, it should be understood that in no event participants will be assisted by someone they know who would follow them on the adventure. Participants can 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.

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

### 3.1 Course

The official start of THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure will take place in Lyon mid-June 2018. 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 Chamonix where the start proper of the adventure will take place. After Chamonix, participants will really be on the adventure. From Lyon to Chamonix, the organizer will plan a few stage-cities and communication operations.

After Chamonix the participants are totally autonomous, unassisted.

The finish line will be set up in Canton (Guangzhou), in China. Details on the finish line proper and official will be announced later.

For the moment, the organizer does not plan any mandatory checkpoint between Chamonix and Canton, although some geographical areas will be prohibited.

These areas can be visualised on the map : <https://www.thesuntrip.com/map-suntrip2018/>

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

Mandatory checkpoints in China could still be instituted, depending on the results of the negotiations with the Chinese officials.

### 3.2 Departure Date

The departure date of the adventure will be disclosed at a later date.

Participants must be present in Lyon with their machines no later than 48 hours before departure to allow technical inspection. With permission from the organizer, a delay of one day can be tolerated. Absence from the site less than 24 hours before departure without 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 press conference will be held the day before 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 Committee 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 2018 adventure. In any case, if a participant is late beyond five days, a deferred start may not take place.

If the Committee 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 their 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**

To be considered finishing participants of THE SUN TRIP 2018, participants must have reached the finish line within 100 days from the day when the start proper of the adventure takes place.

If they do not meet that date, participants will be considered out of the adventure. They will complete the adventure without being considered finishers and therefore without being able to claim part in the challenges organized as part of the adventure. Beyond that date, adventurers can no longer rely on the normal support of the organizer (communication, logistics, 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.

## **4. Terms of the Participation**

### **4.1 Participants**

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

## 4.2 Nationality

The nationality of the participant, and not that of sponsors or other entities, shall be the only consideration when nationality is referenced.

## 4.3 Commitment

By entering the rally, participants to THE SUN TRIP 2018 pledge to follow the rules set out in this document and must approve the previously released Technical Regulations.

## 4.4 Registration Categories

### 4.4.1 Individual Registration

Adventurers registering as individual teams will take part under their own name. Nevertheless, they will be 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 on their own communication efforts (personal blog, stickers on the machine, etc.) .

### 4.4.2 Business Registration, Official Team

Businesses 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.

The partnering business can choose participants among its collaborators or may decide to choose a pre-validated adventurers from a database provided by the organiser and therefore pay their registration fees as a business.

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

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

### 4.4.3 Technical Partner

In order to promote the stakeholders in the field of solar cycling and cyclotourism, the organizer offers a registration option that allows an individual or a business participant to showcase a supplier's or a technical partner's brand.

This option allows to add the name of said technical partner in all the team's official

communication: addition of the brand to the team name, addition of the logo on official communication, and a licence to use the organizer's official communication elements in their own communication.

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

#### **4.5 Services provided by the organizer**

The organizer commits to providing participants with the following:

- An invitation to a pre-departure weekend event in France a few weeks before departure.
- Participation to the world's greatest adventure on land
- Provision of the base camp accommodation and catering in Lyon
- Food and board on the Lyon-Chamonix 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
- Repatriation of the solar cycles towards the departure city
- Post-event USB stick containing the official selection of images and videos for the adventure

As for the official teams in the Business registration category, the benefits also extended to:

- An official jersey including the business's colors and/or logo
- An URL [brand.thesuntrip.com](http://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 a business promotional space (stand, visuals, flyers...) on the events
- Showcasing the brand during all the 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
- Provision and licence of all the images produced by the organizer for the business's own use
- Possibility to use the organizer's communication elements in the business's own communication

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

As for the registrations benefitting from the Technical Partner 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 all the 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
- Provision and licence of a selection of images produced by the organizer for the brand's use

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

## 4.6 Team Names

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

This name will directly depend on the registration category:

- **Individual Registration:** participants are invited to promote a cause, association, school or a nonprofit. In this case, they may add ONE cause name to their own. Ex.: "Marc Dunand - Red Cross".
- **Business Registration/Official Team:** participants must include the business name with their own first or last name. In this case, a maximum of two partners may be included. Ex.: "Marc Dunand - Team Apple"
- **Promotion of a Technical Partner:** the name of the technical partner can be added to the full team name. Ex.: "Marc Dunand - Team Apple (with XX) "

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

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

## 4.7 Registration Confirmation

The registration package (including the documents in Annex) must be sent in by January 31, 2018 at the latest. Exceptions can be made by the organizer, at their discretion.

From September 2017 on, the organizer will contact participants whose registration has been validated. This validation secures a spot for a two months' duration. Their place in the adventure will definitely be confirmed when participants send in the registration package and pay the associated fees. A default to complete their registration package within two months will mean their place will be offered to another pre-registrant.

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

- by email to [coordination@thesuntrip.com](mailto:coordination@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**

#### **4.8 Registration Fees**

Registration fees include a €50 subscription to the Sun Trip Association. This membership will enable participation to the Sun Trip family activities before and after the 2018 event.

Registration fees are detailed here for each registration category:

##### 4.8.1 Individual Registration

€1100 (solo), €1500 (duo), €800 (solo under 30 years old), €1100 (duo under 30 years old), taxes included. Former SunTrippers members of the Sun Trip Association will get a 10% discount.

##### 4.8.2 Business Registration, Official Team

€5000 (one or two participants in the team), taxes not included. Two partners of a same team may split the fees between them.

Solar Moov Systems is partnering with the Sun Trip Company to provide a turnkey solution for businesses looking to buy a solar cycle. Two models are available, both equipped with a Sun Travel trailer: an upright bicycle for €4,500 and a recumbent trike for €6,500 excluding taxes. Sale conditions will be detailed on a separate contract.

##### 4.8.3 Technical Partner

Discounted offer for €1500 taxes not included, limited to one technical partner.

#### **4.9 Fee Payment**

The payment of fees will be done as such :

For the fees owed to the Sun Trip Company:

- By check or bank transfer to Sun Trip Company account. See all the bank details in Annex
- By Paypal with a % 4.5 surcharge

Association du Sun Trip :

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

#### **4.10 Conditions for Refund**

From the moment that the fees have been paid, the participation to the event is validated.

Should the Sun Trip 2018 be cancelled after the period when the fees are collected, the committed amounts would be integrally refunded without any further compensation.

In case of abandonment by a participant or team before March 15, 2018 (roughly three months prior to departure):

- If a team on the waiting list can be substituted to the abandoning team, the organizer will refund the registration fee while withholding €200 euros per participant (administrative fee and association subscription).
- If no team can be substituted, the organizer will refund half of the committed amount to the participant or business.

In case of an abandonment after March 15, 2018:

- The organizer will not reimburse any registration fee
- Substitution will no longer be possible

In all cases, in case of an abandonment for medical reasons prior to departure, the organizer will refund % 40 of the committed amount on the presentation of a medical certificate established in French or English by a medical doctor.

After the departure, the organizer will not refund any registration fees.

#### **4.11 Passports**

Each participant must hold before January 1st, 2018 a passport whose validity shall extend at least until February 1st, 2019.

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 updated medical certificate in French or in English language confirming fitness for practice of endurance sports from a physician of their choice.

- b) have their physician complete and sign the medical record form present 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 April 15, 2018 by mail or email.

For their own safety, participants are advised to pass a stress test and an echocardiogram, if they never had one. 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 complete 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 in early 2018. It should be completed and returned to the organizer by email between February 15 and April 15, 2018, supported by photographic evidence and detailed bills as necessary.

Participants may be required to provide more 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**

A selection of three (3) guests who will see their registration fees waived will be made by the Association du Sun Trip, which gathers the Sun Trip alumni.

These invitations aim at making the Sun Trip 2018 accessible to participants bearing a strong message for the public. The following criteria will be considered : Social and generational mixity, 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 can 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 team in the vicinity of another team struggling to come 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 of the competitions, as long as machines are modified in a way that they still comply with the Technical Regulations. Lending technical equipment must also be declared to the organizer by email.

### **5.2 Shipping of Material**

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

Participants must declare 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 intervention by a remote doctor enabling participants to provide themselves with the necessary care following an accident, because a declared 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 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 various countries crossed.

In the case of an emergency, participants will be asked to report to the organizer swiftly, to the extent possible, as to allow to leverage its contacts in each country or ask another participant or an organization vehicle to come 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 Participants Liability**

Participants join THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure at their own risk and on their own responsibility. It is for each participant to judge whether or not to join or to remain in the adventure, depending on personal circumstances, skills, equipment available, and the circumstances on the ground.

In case of a bodily or material accident they could suffer as well as their machines, 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.

### **6.2 Organizer's Liability**

Any information that the organiser provides before or during the event that could influence the decision of a competitor to take part in the race or not, to carry on racing or not, is given as an indication only. The organiser and its partners cannot be held responsible for any decision made by the competitor as a result of information given by them.

Except for gross negligence and fraud, the responsibility of the organiser is limited to the logistical organisation 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 verifications that the organizer or its representant could make will aim to solely ensure the respect of these rules.

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

### **6.3 Waiver**

Participants will have to give to the organisers the signed and dated form stating that they waive their right to take legal action against the organizer. The form can be found in the annexes.

### **6.4 Image Rights**

Under the provision of French law N°84-610 dated 16th July 1984 regarding the organisation and the promotion of sports activities, amended by French law N°2003-708 dated 1st August 2003, participants of THE SUN TRIP 2018 are reminded that their entry into the adventure means their image and their name, the image of their machine, their sponsor and partners as well as their team and family members present at the departure or pre-departure event, at the stopover or the arrival and more globally on the course of the adventure can be used by the organiser and the appointed suppliers for the event's communication to communicate and/or promote the THE SUN TRIP 2018 on any territory, in any medium, with no limitation in time for their exploitation.

In addition, participants are encouraged to produce documents related to their participation in THE SUN TRIP 2018 in written, audio, photographic or video form, which will be distributed by the organizer or its agents in a general purpose communication 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 the website [www.thesuntrip.com](http://www.thesuntrip.com) or on their personal website, as long as their space on the site [www.thesuntrip.com](http://www.thesuntrip.com) can be automatically and completely syndicated (by RSS or other).

Participants will be responsible for 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 2018 or other participants.

#### 7.1.1 Intellectual Property

Participants should only post elements of their intellectual property or for which they have the rights to appropriate use (photos, music, videos ...) on their web space. Only the author will be liable when the rights of another person are infringed. The organizer can in no way be held liable.

#### 7.1.2 Liability for Content

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 crossed has 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 organization 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 organiser will provide each equipped team with a positioning beacon.

These beacons will feed a real-time map on the website [www.thesuntrip.com](http://www.thesuntrip.com), central to the communication of THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure.

The beacon can be attached to the bike or in 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 (in a stopover, for example), for the sake of security and respecting privacy.

Participants will be required to maintain these beacon in continuous operation during the day before riding. If they are unable to make them work properly, participants should inform the organizer as soon as possible, with explanation.

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

### **8. Optional Challenges**

Two challenges are offered to participants of THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure. THE SUN TRIP is not a competition and those challenges are not mandatory.

## 8.1 “Solar Challenge”

The “Solar Challenge” will reward the participant or team that arrives first at the designed area in Canton respecting the Adventure Regulations, including fulfilling the requirement of bi-weekly communication.

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

For safety, said participants may carry a charger in their equipment, but this charger will be sealed on the morning of departure to ensure that it is not used. A team using its charger cease to be included in the classification of the Solar Challenge.

The organizer will perform regular checks during the adventure to ensure compliance with the regulations, reserving the ability to search the luggage of participants to find an undeclared charger or whose seal has been tampered with.

## 8.2 “Adventurer - Blog and Social Media” Challenge

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 have the best communication on their official blog space and on social networks.

All participants of THE SUN TRIP may participate in the “Adventurer - Blog and Social Media” challenge, as all participants each is required by Regulation to communicate about his adventure.

Participation in the “Solar Race” challenge does not preclude participation in the “Adventurer - Blog and Social Media” challenge.

## 8.3 Use of Official Blog [www.thesuntrip.com](http://www.thesuntrip.com)

All participants have a personal access to the official website management. While participants are free to post on their website or personal blog, only the publications on the official website of the adventure will be evaluated for the purposes of this challenge. Articles may link back to the personal blog, but the entire post must appear on the official blog. Technical support will be provided by the organizer to the participants to learn to use their blog space.

Everyone will be free to tell their story with text, photo, video, drawing or any other form of digital communication, within the limits placed on political, religious or abusive speech.

Participants are encouraged to write in the language of their choice, so as make THE SUN

TRIP shine through. The organization will not take responsibility for translating participants' posts. An automatic translator, such as "Google Translate" will however be installed by default on every page. Participants are advised to tend to the quality of the original text in order to facilitate machine translation, including to allow jury members (who understand at least French and English) to grasp the essential part of the message.

Once the post is written and/or set up participants will have to make sure to select two "Categories" before the post is published: the one created for their name and the one named "2018-Blogs". To promote the overall SUN TRIP image, the organization reserves the right to spotlight some of the publications.

The teams that cannot complete the entire course of THE SUN TRIP using only solar energy will not be disqualified for the "Adventurer - Blog and Social Media" challenge.

## **8.4 External Assistance**

Participants in the "Adventurer - Blog and Social Media" Challenge are free to get remote assistance from a friend playing the role of a webmaster with their account (helping with layout, editing, proofreading...), but in all cases, the content must be produced by the participants themselves.

Participants may distribute content produced by third parties on their social media accounts.

## **8.5 Two Different Prizes**

The "Adventurer - Blog and Social Media" challenge is divided in two independent prizes according to the way the winner is selected: the Organizer's Award and the People's Choice Award.

### 8.5.1 Organizer's Award - "The Sun Trip Adventurer"

Awarded by the organizer, "The Sun Trip Adventurer" award pays a tribute to the adventurers whose overall communication is considered the most complete and most consistent with the values of SUN TRIP, including versatility, perseverance and solidarity.

All articles published between the opening of individual blogs on the official site and September 15, 2018 will be taken in account by the organizer.

Participants may not appeal the organizer's decision.

### 8.5.2 People's Choice Award

A public vote on the official site will assess the scope and success of the participants' communication effort.

A voting tool will be visible at the bottom of all articles posted by the participants on the official site. The public and participants themselves can vote for articles. The sum of all the votes received by a participant or team will be used to rank the participants. Only votes registered between May 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018 will be recorded.

## **8.6 Results**

The organizer will publish the results of this challenge as of September 10, 2018.

Only the top three selection of the organizer and ranking of the top five for the public vote will be publicly disclosed. Other rankings will be made available to participants upon request. The organizer wants to avoid stigmatizing participants who received lower scores.

Rankings for the People's Choice may be verified by each participant. The organization will provide the mathematical results given by the voting system in place.

## **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 organization, as defined in the Technical Regulations.

### **9.2 Advertising**

Advertising by individual participants must comply with French legislation prohibiting advertising for certain products or services (tobacco and tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, 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 public and media representatives to follow THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure. Participants are expected to update their blog space and / or social media accounts twice a week minimally. This requirement will be checked on a weekly basis.

All equipped teams must carry a mobile phone operating in all countries visited, either a monthly subscription or prepaid. Failure to do so may result in being denied the privilege of taking part in the adventure. The phone number must be disclosed to the organizer prior to departure and whenever it is updated, should it change during the course of the adventure.

Each participant will be required to respond to any requests from the organizer to give

updates on their personal circumstances (position or health situation), by phone, email or SMS.

#### **9.4 Measuring Electricity Production and Consumption**

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

#### **9.5 Declaring the Use of a Mains Charger**

If an equipped team chooses not to continue the adventure using only solar power and uses their onboard emergency mains charger to recharge their batteries, they will not be disqualified from the entire SUN TRIP adventure, but they must notify the organizer as soon as possible.

#### **9.6 Insurances**

Participants acknowledge that they have read and understood the clauses of these Adventure Regulations and of any official document, including the risks and dangers linked to the event and the necessity to obtain all insurances that will guarantee a chance of compensation up to the level of potential damage suffered.

In particular, they must obtain additional personal injury insurance that will cover 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 organiser 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 responsibility of the organizer. In more general terms, the organiser will not be liable for participants who have not met their obligations.

#### **9.7 Onboard First-Aid Kit**

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

## 10. Prohibitions

Any violation of these prohibitions will result in permanent exclusion from the adventure.

### 10.1 Prohibition to Ride at Night

Participants are not allowed to ride between 9 pm and 7 am (local time) during THE SUN TRIP adventure.

An exception to this rule is however 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 positioning beacon every hour, taking into account time zones.

### 10.2 Route Choices

Given the geopolitical situation, participants will be prohibited from entering:

- Crimea and the Dombas region in Ukraine/Russia;
- Transnistria, in Moldavia and Ukraine;
- Irak, Syria, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan & Pakistan;
- Border areas between Turkey and Syria and Iraq: the departments of Hatay, Kilis, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Mardin, Sirnak and Hakkari;
- Tibet in China;
- Border area between Turkey and Armenia, and between Armenia and Azerbaïdjan;
- Caucasian regions of Russia appearing on the map below.

All these areas are indicated on the map:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1zMxzLqPniFqG-bZyOlX6qb-ks\\_8](https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1zMxzLqPniFqG-bZyOlX6qb-ks_8)

The passage through Istanbul is not prohibited but 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 departure day or even during the adventure, in the event of a natural disaster or an unstable geopolitical situation.

The laws of States crossed by participants always takes precedence over the Adventure Regulations.



Participants must read carefully and take into account the travel recommendation offered by their embassies regarding the countries visited.

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**

It is forbidden for participants 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
- between Baku, Azerbaïdjan and Aktau, Kazakhstan.

Regular verification will be made using the positioning beacons.

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.

In case of 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 this case, a time penalty system (stopping for a proportionate amount of time) will be set upon decision from the Arbitration Panel mandated by the organization, on a case-by-case basis. The details of this system will be presented further in this document.

However, a participant may take a plane, bus or train for a medical or personal emergency, provided that the machine remains in place, the course be restarted from the same point, and the organizer is duly informed. For obvious security reasons, it is forbidden to take a lithium battery on board of a plane.

### **10.4 Doping**

Doping is prohibited. Doping should be understood as medication or a medical process established in order to enhance 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. Controls and Sanctions**

### **11.1 Controls**

Participants should note that the organizer will have the ability to perform regular checks before departure (of the machines for example), during the adventure (by geolocation or with a following car from the participants), at the checkpoints and at the arrival.

### **11.2 Complaints**

Participants who believe their rights have been infringed can address their grievances directly to the organizer.

Any complaint or allegation regarding another participant must absolutely be addressed to the Arbitration Panel, who will investigate in confidentiality, that is to say, without disclosing the identity of the complainant. The Panel will determine the admissibility of the complaint, decide and, if necessary, follow up with the complainant and summarize the situation and notify the organizer of their 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 its is deemed appropriate.

### **11.3 Sanctions**

Failure to follow the rules set in these Regulations and all its appendices and amendments will result in sanctions of varying severity. It goes without saying that if offenses 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 to take part in THE SUN TRIP if their equipment does not comply with the Regulations, if they fail to produce the required documents (copy of passport, Technical Logbook, proof of insurance) or if they do not carry appropriate means of communication (mobile phone).

### 11.3.2 Written Warning

When the violation of the Regulations is deemed accidental or minor by the organizer, a written warning will be issued to the participant.

For example, a minor non-compliance with the Technical or Adventure Regulations in exceptional circumstances, a technical foul that does not result in an advantage or a major safety issue, failure to provide daily data of electricity production and consumption, lack of solidarity or 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 violation of the Regulations can be legitimized by the participant or deemed minor by the organizer, the participant may be asked the participant to stop during a given time.

This level of penalty will be assessed on a case by case basis by the organizer and the Arbitration Panel, according to the information provided by the participant, his/her visa status, whether he/she participates in the Solar Race Challenge and the geolocation beacon data.

The following situations could result in time penalties:

- technical or unintentional foul generating an advantage;
- non-compliance with the mandatory stop duration in the checkpoint towns;
- riding outside the permitted hours with proper justification;
- the use of motorised means of transportation with proper justification.

For example, using a bus for 100 km after a mechanical failure could result in one day of mandatory stop.

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

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

Failure to serve time penalties could 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 organization, the latter may decide to simply disqualify the participant from the said challenge while keeping him/her officially in THE SUN TRIP adventure.

For example, a participant failing to comply bi-weekly communication requirement, cheating or attempting to cheat may face disqualification from the challenges.

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

#### 11.3.5 Disqualification from the Adventure

Any violation of the ground rules of THE SUN TRIP 2018 adventure may lead to permanent exclusion of a participant.

The most severe level of penalty calls for several consequences:

- The sanction will be published on the website: the organizer will communicate publicly about the incriminating facts and the excluded participant.
- Termination of GPS tracking: an excluded participant's positioning beacon will be blocked at the moment of the penalty. The cursor representing his/her position on the website map will transition into idle mode to signal to all that the participant was 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 organization stating the reasons for justifying the penalty.
- Disqualification from all challenges.

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

For example, the absence from the official start without justification, failing to assist others in a dangerous situation, the use of motorized means of travel without a legitimate reason, knowingly defrauding or cheating, failing to maintain the beacon in a working condition, a behavior deemed unreasonably dangerous, criminal activities, the use of drugs, abusive language and a serious attack on THE SUN TRIP or its partners' image could entail this penalty.

## **12. Rules for Use of 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.

### **12.1 Advertising**

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

The organization reserves the right to veto a partnership formed by a participant if they consider 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 2018 as specified in this document.

## **PROVISIONAL VERSION**

**Validated by Florian Bailly,  
Chief Executive of THE SUN TRIP 2018,  
Manager of FBCOM - Sun Trip Company  
sole responsible for the organization.**

# **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 organization. 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 2018, a solar adventure bike without assistance, of my own will and under my own responsibility.***

***By taking part in THE SUN TRIP 2018, 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 for against THE SUN TRIP organization nor its insurer for damages in case of accident, theft, or any other forms of aggression experienced during the adventure. "***

***To be copied by hand:***

**Date: .....**

**In city: .....**

**Signature :**

**ANNEX 2**  
**MEDICAL FORM**

**Contact Information**

Full name

D.O.B.

n° Tel

email

Insurance

name, reference # and  
contact info

Next of kin

Tel #

email

Another person

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's Statement (to copy, date and sign)**

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

**ANNEX 3**  
**ORGANIZATION CONTACT INTO**

**FBCOM - SUN TRIP COMPANY**

“FBCOM - SUN TRIP COMPANY” is located in the technology park Savoie Technolac at 17 avenue du Lac Léman, BP 411, 73370 Le-Bourget-du-Lac (France) and registered at the INSEE under number 793 480 047.

Adress to send the check : BP 411 - 17 avenue du Lac Léman, 73370 Le-Bourget-du-Lac, FRANCE

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