



Audax Australia Riding Awards

Introduction

The Club's Riding Awards are intended primarily to recognise riding achievements by Audax Australia Cycling Club Members.

Subject to the requirements for each award, non-Members may be eligible for a limited range of single season awards; and members of clubs affiliated with Randonneurs Mondiaux may be eligible for single season awards. However, multi-season awards are only available to Members of Audax Australia.

Rides ridden as participants in Audax Australia events or as participants in events conducted by other randonneuring clubs may be recognised. However, the contribution of overseas rides varies between awards. Some are restricted to Australian riding only, while others allow a non-Australian component.

Claims for awards will be checked by the Awards Secretary who may also seek independent verification of achievement.

In addition to the Audax Australia Riding Awards which are applied for seasonally, a rider can request recognition for completing individual rides at the time of entering the ride. Cloth badges are available for completing 50, 100, 150 and 200 km rides. Medallions are available for 200, 300, 400, 600 and 1000 km rides. This Riding Awards policy deals with seasonal and lifetime awards.

The Awards

There are four Riding Award categories:

- Single Season – defined rides
- Single Season – cumulative distance
- Multi-Season – defined rides
- Multi-Season – cumulative distance

An Audax riding season is between 1 November and 31 October.

Single Season Awards – Defined Rides

Australian Super Randonneur

1500 km minimum, comprising one ride each of the following distances:

- 200 km
- 300 km
- 400 km
- 600 km

The rides must be completed within a single season and within Australia. Riders may substitute a longer ride for a shorter ride.



Australian Interstate Super Randonneur

1500 km minimum, comprising of one ride each of the following distances:

- 200 km
- 300 km
- 400 km
- 600 km

The rides must be completed within a single season and within Australia. Each distance must be ridden in a different State or Territory of Australia. Riders may substitute a longer ride for a shorter ride for any of the distances.

Gran Turismo Super Randonneur

1500 km comprising the Gran Turismo Super Series which is a specific series of Audax Australia calendared events and ridden within a 9 day period. This designated series is not necessarily held every year. No substitution of rides or distances permitted.

- 200 km
- 300 km
- 400 km
- 600 km

Year Round Randonneur

One ride each calendar month from November to October, ride distance to be at least 200 km. This award encourages consistent riding throughout the year. Nine of the 12 rides required must have been completed in Australia. From 2012, riders must apply for this award. This award can be claimed once only per riding season.

Dirt Series

205km minimum comprising one Brevet Dirt ride of each of the following distances:

- 35km
- 70 km
- 100 km

The rides must be completed within a single season and within Australia. Riders may substitute a longer ride for a shorter ride for any of the distances. The award is available to Members and non-Members.

Nouveau Randonneur

300 km minimum comprising one ride of each of the following distances:

- 50 km
- 100 km
- 150 km

The rides must be completed within a single season and within Australia. Riders may substitute one longer ride up to a maximum distance of 200 km for any of the distances. This award can be claimed once only per riding season. The award is available to Members and non-Members.



Single Season Awards – Cumulative Distance

Audax Australia Annual Award (AAA Award)

This award recognises the cumulative total of Audax or randonneuring kilometres ridden in a single season. Award distances are as follows:

- 1,000 km
- 2,500 km
- 5,000 km
- 7,500 km
- 10,000 km

Only the nominal distance of a completed ride counts towards the cumulative distance. As these awards recognise total riding achievement, all brevet types (with the exception of Brevet Raid) are accepted. Up to 20% of the kilometres claimed may have been ridden overseas as part of events homologated or recognised by RM, ACP or UAF affiliated clubs.

One award per season only (eg. 8,500 km total earns the 7,500 km award only). Riders may only apply for the highest award for which they are eligible.

Multi-Season Awards – Defined Rides

Woodrup 5000 Award

5000 km minimum of road rides within 4 continuous seasons. In keeping with its tradition and in honour of the long distance record-holding Audax Australia Member, Graham Woodrup, all rides must have been completed in Australia. These must comprise:

- Fleche Opperman All Day Trial (nominal distance of 360 km only counted)
- Super Randonneur (200 km, 300 km, 400 km and 600 km rides in a single season)
- 1,000 km ride
- 1200 km ride (Paris-Brest-Paris not permitted)
- 950 km of other road rides homologated by the Audax Club Parisien. For clarity, this award does not include BA, BP, Dirt Series or Brevet UAF rides.

Ultra Randonneur

Fifty road rides without time limit. These must comprise the following:

- 10 × Super Randonneur (200 km, 300 km, 400 km and 600 km rides in a single season. The full award description is above for each of the different types of Super Randonneur available)
- 10 × rides of at least 1,000 km

In recognition of outstanding ultra randonneuring achievements over time and distance, up to 25 of the 50 required rides may have been ridden overseas as part of events homologated or recognised by RM, ACP or UAF affiliated clubs. Consistent with the requirements for all Audax Australia awards, the rides must not have been used for similar cumulative awards given by other clubs.

Notes:

- the onus is on the rider to prove their tally. In some cases, a rider's brevet history may go back before there were records kept by Audax Australia.
- if a Super Randonneur has been achieved, but not claimed, the rides may be used towards the award providing the rider can show evidence.



Multi-Season Awards – Cumulative Distance

Australian Randonneur Award

This award recognises a minimum of 25,000 km in lifetime riding achievements. No time limit applies. Awards will be given for:

- 25,000 km
- 50,000 km
- 75,000 km
- 100,000 km
- 150,000 km

Only the nominal distance of a completed ride counts towards the cumulative distance. As these awards recognise total riding achievement, all brevet types (with the exception of Brevet Raid) are accepted.

In recognition of a lifetime of randonneuring achievements, up to 50% of the kilometres claimed may have been ridden overseas as part of events homologated or recognised by RM, ACP or UAF affiliated clubs.

Riders should apply for the award distance that is currently applicable. An additional 25,000 km of homologated rides is required to apply for the next level.

Note:

- the onus is on the rider to prove their lifetime tally. In some cases, a rider's brevet history may go back before there were records kept by Audax Australia.

Who can apply for awards?

1. Current Members of Audax Australia are eligible for all awards. In this context, a “Member” does not include a temporary Member.
2. Non-Members are eligible for the following awards:
 - Nouveau Randonneur
 - Dirt Series
3. Members of clubs affiliated with Randonneurs Mondiaux may apply for single season awards.
4. For awards that are available to Members only, it is not necessary for the rider to have been a Member at the time each ride was undertaken as long as they became a Member before the end of the season.

Which rides can be counted?

Ride Types

1. All awards are for road rides, unless otherwise stated.
2. All Randonneurs Mondiaux (RM), Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM), Brevet Union des Audax Francais (Brevet UAF), Brevet Australia (BA) and Brevet Permanent (BP) events, subject to the relevant ride, distance or award requirements, can be counted towards road riding awards.
3. The Fleche Opperman All Day Trial (FOADT), the Petit Oppy and Brevet Dirt (BD) events can each be counted towards:



- Audax Australia Annual Award (annual riding achievement)
 - Australian Randonneur Award (lifetime riding achievement)
4. The Fleche Opperman All Day Trial can also be counted towards the Woodrup 5000.
 5. Brevet Dirt rides can also be counted towards the Dirt Series award.

Eligibility of a particular ride for Audax Australia awards

6. Subject to any distance or ride type restrictions in the description of the award, a ride may be counted for an award in each of the following categories:
 - Single season, for rides of defined distances
 - Single season, for accumulated riding distances
 - Multi-Season, for rides of defined distances
 - Multi-Season, for accumulated riding distancesExample:
A 400 km ride can be used in the following way:
 - once in a single season defined ride award, eg part of a Super Randonneur,
 - once in a single season cumulative distance award, eg part of an Audax Australia Annual 2500,
 - once in a multi-season defined ride award, eg part of a Woodrup 5000, and
 - once in a multi-season cumulative distance award, eg part of an Australian Randonneur 25,000.
7. In addition to the preceding paragraph:
 - Rides used in any or all of the categories above may also count towards a Year Round Randonneur award.
 - Rides used for Super Randonneur and Woodrup 5000 awards may also be used for the Ultra Randonneur award.
8. The Australian Randonneur Awards are cumulative. Recipients of one level of the award must accumulate an additional 25,000 km of homologated rides to claim the next level.
9. There is no starting date for rides which count towards the Australian Randonneur Award and Ultra Randonneur Award. If evidence is not available from Audax Australia records, riders must provide appropriate evidence such as copies of homologated brevets. The Awards Secretary retains discretion to accept or reject the evidence proffered.

Australian content

10. Subject to the exceptions summarised below and set out in the Award descriptions, rides must be completed in Australia. In this context, for rides completed before 1 November 2011, Australia includes New Zealand.
11. The following summarises the minimum Australian content:
 - Audax Australia Annual Award: at least 80% of the award distance claimed
 - Year Round Randonneur: at least 9 of the 12 rides
 - Ultra Randonneur: at least 25 of the 50 rides claimed
 - Australian Randonneur Award: at least 12,500 of any 25,000 km for each level of the award (See Award Descriptions for details.)

Ride Lengths

12. Unless indicated in the description of the award, a longer ride may not be substituted for a shorter one.



13. Only the nominal distance of a completed ride counts towards any single or multi-season cumulative distance award or the “other road rides” accumulation aspects of multi-season defined distance awards eg the Woodrup 5000.
By way of example, irrespective of the distance completed, a:
 - 200 km BRM which is 212 kms long has the value of 200 km
 - 150 km BA which is 156 km long has the value of 150
 - Fleche Opperman All Day Trial has the value of 360 km (the nominal distance)
 - Petit Oppy counts has the value of 180 km (the nominal distance)
14. There is no minimum distance ride for cumulative distance awards (single or multi-season). However, it must be a distance defined by Audax Australia – the shortest ride available is a 35 km Brevet Dirt ride.
15. An event attracting the application of Ride Rule 3(3) (which allows a Ride Organiser to homologate a calendar event significantly longer than a BRM nominal distance as either a BRM or as a BA depending on the time in which the participant completed the event) may be counted:
 - As the nominal distance for defined ride awards, and
 - As the actual distance for cumulative distance awards.Example:
 - Audax Australia Alpine Classic Extreme (ACE 250) and Pedal Power’s Fitz’s Extreme 250 may be counted as BRM 200s for defined ride awards and as 250 kms for cumulative distance awards.

Which rides cannot be counted?

“Double dipping” –Audax Australia Riding Awards and overseas awards

1. To avoid “double dipping”, the same ride cannot be used to claim both Audax Australia Riding Awards and any seasonal or cumulative awards given by another club. For clarity:
 - An event ridden in Australia cannot be used to claim a seasonal or cumulative overseas or international award as well as an Audax Australia Riding Award.
 - An event ridden overseas and for which a seasonal or cumulative overseas or international award has been or will be claimed cannot be used to claim an Audax Australia Riding Award.
 - This does not include recognition for completing an individual ride, for example – a rider may receive a medallion for completing an international RM 1200 event and still claim that ride as part of an Audax Australia Riding Award provided it is not also used to claim a seasonal or cumulative overseas or international award.Further examples:
 - Audax Australia Super Randonneur Award and Audax Club Parisien Super Randonneur award have the same riding requirements. However, a Member must not use the same rides to claim both awards.
 - Except for the 1200 km brevet, the Woodrup 5000 and the ACP Randonneur 5000 awards have the same riding requirements. However, a Member must not use the same series of shorter rides to claim both awards.
2. Brevet Raid events do not count toward any awards.



Applying for an Award

1. A rider who wishes to receive an Audax Australia single season award or the Woodrup 5000 Award must submit a completed application form to Audax Australia, together with the applicable fee, within 2 months of the end of the Audax season in which the rider completed the rides for that award.
2. A rider who wishes to receive an Audax Australia multi-season Ultra Randonneur or Australian Randonneur Award may apply at any time during the period 1 March to 1 September.
3. There is no fee for Members of Audax Australia.
4. The fee for non-Members is \$12.00 per award.
5. Subject to any restriction set out in the Award descriptions, a rider may apply for as many awards as their riding record entitles them.
6. The Awards Secretary retains absolute discretion to accept or reject an application for an award, including whether to accept evidence proffered or to determine whether claimed rides are eligible. This may particularly be the case when considering applications from Members with a long history of rides completed when they were living outside Australia.