



RACE GUIDELINES

As you gear up to cycle on the smooth, flat course of HCL Cyclothon Chennai 2026, here are the race guidelines to keep in mind for a seamless event experience.

Race Category	Reporting Time	Flag-Off Time
Professional Road Race (54 km)	05:15 AM	06:00 AM
Amateur Road Race (28 km)	05:30 AM	07:00 AM
MTB Road Race (28Km)	05:45 AM	07:15 AM
Amateur Road Race (54 km)	06:00 AM	07:15 AM
Green Ride (10 km)	07:30 AM	09:05 AM

General Guidelines

- On race day (October 18, 2026), all participants must report to the holding area (Aero Don Heli Station, near Toll Junction, ECR Kovalam, Chennai) according to the reporting time for their respective race category. Please avoid arriving before your designated reporting time.
- No Helmet, No Ride Policy – Participants without helmets will not be allowed to participate.
- Parking locations and rental cycle distribution details will be shared with each participant via their registered email address.
 - Shuttle bus - As the parking spot is 1.5 km from the holding area (Aero Don Heli Station), shuttle transport (minivans) will be available to and from the holding area. Cycles will not be permitted on the minivans.
 - Cycle Rental for Green Ride will be available at Aero Don Heli Station.
- Entry into the event area requires a Race BIB and cycle stickers, which must be collected from the BIB Expo on October 16 & 17, 2026 at VR Chennai Shopping Mall (Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Anna Nagar West, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600040).
- Each participant must correctly place their Race BIB, cycle stickers, and helmet stickers as per the instructional videos. Incorrect placement may result in the loss of timing data and event photographs.

Race Rules

- Winners in the Amateur categories will be decided based on finish time (first to cross the line) and not on net time.
- Each Amateur race category will include a 1.5 km Neutral Zone after the start point:
 - Controlled riding at a maximum speed of 15 km/hr.
 - This distance does not count towards the race.
 - All cyclists must remain behind the marshal until the Neutral Zone ends. Violation will lead to disqualification from prize eligibility.
- The start point must be crossed within 10 minutes of the flag-off time for all races.

Cut-off Times

Road Race 54 km: 2 hours 30 minutes

Road Race 28 km: 1 hour 30 minutes

MTB Road Race 28 km: 1 hour 50 minutes

Additional Instructions

- Participants are advised to have a rear light and reflectors on their cycle.
- Participants must cross the start point within 10 minutes of the flag-off time for all races.
- Electric bicycles are not allowed in timed race categories; participants using them will be disqualified. They are, however, permitted in the Green Ride category.
- The race route will be closed/diverted for vehicular traffic from 5:00 AM to 9:30 AM on race day:
 - Kovalam Toll Gate
 - Mamallapuram ECR
- Cyclists riding beyond the road closure time must prioritise their own safety.
- Finisher medals and post-race refreshments will be distributed at the event venue after the race.

Eligibility Notes

- CFI-certified cyclists will not be considered for winning positions in the Amateur Road Race (54 km & 28 km).
- CFI-certified cyclists are eligible for Top 3 positions in the Amateur MTB Road Race (28 km).

Medical Support

- Medical partners will provide support until the completion of the event.
- If a participant requires further treatment or admission after the event, they will be directed to the nearest hospital.
- Admission and billing will follow the hospital's policies, and the participant (or their relative) will bear the costs of such services.

Scan the QR code for parking area location



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