

## **GACS FAQ – Registration & Rider Information**

### **1. Registration and Costs**

Q: Who has to pay for what?

- GACS Lux is an optional premium participation package for riders who prefer additional comfort and personalized services during the tour. In other words, The GACS Lux package is designed for riders who want to experience the adventure of the Great African Cycling Safari while enjoying higher levels of comfort and flexibility. ***These arrangements are coordinated through the organizers but funded by the participant.***
- GACS Heroes: These are selected riders who receive support from the organizers. They are provided with basic expedition support, including essential needs such as food, water, and basic accommodation where available.
- Riders cover personal expenses, including transport to the start (return tickets), personal gear, and any optional extras (e.g., souvenirs).
- The organizing team provides support for food, water, basic accommodation (Camping), and essential logistics for “heroes” (supported riders).
- Sponsorship may cover some or all costs for select riders who cannot afford the full amount.

Q: How do you select which riders (“heroes”) receive support for food, accommodation, tents, drinks, water, or clothing?

- Selection is based on a combination of need, past participation, and contribution to the community/ride.
- Riders selected as “heroes” are fully supported with meals, tent accommodation, water, basic riding clothes (if needed), and drinks. But cover their transport, personal gear.

**Q: What happens if sponsorship money is not enough for the heroes’ costs?**

- The team prioritizes essential needs first (food, water, shelter).
- The tour is organized and planned based on the available finances and sponsorships at the time of preparation. All logistical arrangements and support services are therefore managed within the available budget framework.
- However, due to the nature of the expedition and the remote areas that the route sometimes passes through, there may occasionally be temporary shortfalls on certain days or locations

## **2. Bikes and Equipment**

Q: What spare parts do riders need to bring?

- Riders are encouraged to bring their personal essentials:
  - Tubes/tyres
  - Chains
  - Brakes & pads
  - Basic repair kit (multi-tool, tire levers, pump)

Q: What tools do you provide?

- The support team carries general repair tools and spares for emergencies, but personal minor repairs are the rider's responsibility.

Q: Any spare parts provided?

- The support van carries common spares (tires, tubes, chains), but riders must bring specialized parts for their own bikes.

Q: What kind of bikes should riders bring?

- Mountain bikes (MTB): best for rough terrain, sand, or off-road sections.
- Gravel / Adventure bikes: faster on asphalt, lighter for longer stretches.

Note: Speed vs terrain: MTBs may be slower on asphalt but safer on rough trails. Gravel bikes excel on mixed surfaces.

Q: Terrain breakdown

The terrain on the route varies significantly depending on the country, region, and the specific route chosen each year. Because of this, it is difficult to give exact percentages. In general, riders can expect a mix of surfaces,

## **3. Safety and Guides**

Q: Tell us about guides – police, military, others?

- Daytime: Traffic Police is a must, and occasionally military patrol the route for safety.
- Nighttime: Patrols rest intermittently but maintain route coverage.
- Additional support: occasionally, Local guides accompany riders in difficult terrain, ensuring safety and route navigation.

#### **4. Sanitation and Hygiene**

Q: How to go to the toilet on the way and in villages?

- Riders can use villages' facilities along the route.
- No portable toilets for areas without facilities.

Q: What sanitary items are carried by the support van?

- Water for handwashing
- Sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Trash disposal bags