

Coast to Crest V3 FAQs

1. Is this a race or a ride like BRMs?

Coast to Crest (C2C) is a Race. Riders have to meet the cutoff times at each time station and complete the race within the time allotted for the race category.

2. How long is the ride?

Coast to Crest (C2C) is a 830 km race starting from Digha, off Bay of Bengal, in Purba Medinipur district, West Bengal. It will end at Ghoom railway station, Darjeeling, West Bengal. Riders have to choose the race category they want to participate in.

3. Can anyone participate? Are there any qualifying standards?

The rider needs to be physically and mentally fit.

4. Can people with disabilities also participate?

No.

5. How many positions are there for winners? First, the second and third prizes?

In a race of this length, every finisher is a winner. But for documentation purposes, we will identify the top 3 places in each category.

6. What is the prize money?

There is no prize money.

7. What does the winner get?

Each finisher will receive a finisher's medal, and a platform to share the experience which will inspire all.

8. How many categories are for participants in the event? Male, Female, team, mixed team? What are the cut-off times?

Categories	Age Bracket	RAAM Cut off	Cyclology Cut off
<i>Solo Crew Supported</i>	<i>Men 18-49</i>	<i>42 hours</i>	<i>57 hours</i>
	<i>Men 50-59</i>	<i>45 hours</i>	
	<i>Men 60-69</i>	<i>46 hours</i>	

	<i>Men 70+</i>	<i>47 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 18-49</i>	<i>45 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 50+</i>	<i>47 hours</i>	
<i>Solo Self Supported</i>	<i>Men 18-49</i>	<i>49 hours</i>	<i>57 hours</i>
	<i>Men 50-59</i>	<i>52 hours</i>	
	<i>Men 60-69</i>	<i>53 hours</i>	
	<i>Men 70+</i>	<i>54 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 18-49</i>	<i>52 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 50+</i>	<i>54 hours</i>	
<i>Team – Crew Supported</i>	<i>Men 18-34</i>	<i>38.5 hours</i>	<i>57 hours</i>
	<i>Men 35-49</i>	<i>40 hours</i>	
	<i>Men 50+</i>	<i>41 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 18-34</i>	<i>41 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 35-49</i>	<i>43 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 50+</i>	<i>44 hours</i>	
	<i>Mixed 18-34</i>	<i>38.5 hours</i>	
	<i>Mixed 35-49</i>	<i>40 hours</i>	
	<i>Mixed 50+</i>	<i>41 hours</i>	
<i>Team – Self Supported</i>	<i>Men 18-34</i>	<i>44 hours</i>	<i>57 hours</i>
	<i>Men 35-49</i>	<i>47 hours</i>	
	<i>Men 50+</i>	<i>48 hours</i>	
	<i>Women 18-34</i>	<i>48 hours</i>	

	Women 35-49	48 hours	
	Women 50+	50 hours	
	Mixed 18-34	44 hours	
	Mixed 35-49	47 hours	
	Mixed 50+	48 hours	
Challengers	All	-	8.5 hours
Climbers			8.5 hours

9. Can I ride a tandem bike?

YES. Tandem riders will have to register under the team category.

10. Can I use an electric bicycle?

NO. Only human-powered bicycles are allowed.

11. How large can a team be? Is the team event a relay?

Team participants have to ride in a relay format. Max 4-person Team.

12. What is a crew-supported rider?

Crew-supported means:

Each participant (solo/team), needs to have their own support crew and vehicles.

Crew Sharing with other riders is not permitted

Any support which aids the rider's movement physically is not allowed: like pushing bicycles on ground or from vehicles, or blocking traffic to allow rider to pass through, etc. is not permitted.

Rider or his support team should take care of the tracker at all times.

Rider or his support team has to check in at each time station in the format or order mentioned by the organizers.

13. Can two different crew-supported participants share a crew and support car?

No, the crew-supported rider (solo/team) needs to have his/her own dedicated crew and support car. Since participants will be riding at different speeds, a dedicated crew and support car are mandatory from a safety perspective as well.

14. What is the registration fee?

Please visit the website, www.c2cultra.com for updated details.

15. What are the refund rules? If I am unable to participate, will I get a refund?

The registration amount is non-refundable under no circumstances.

16. What does a solo rider or team get in lieu of registration fees?

Registration cost includes:

Cycling Jersey for the riders

Route book

Rider Number

Branding material and Safety Stickers

Rider photo and video across the route (subject to availability)

Bag drop facilities

Upon Completion:

Finisher's Medal

Platform to share the experience

Dinner

17. Will organizers bear the cost of food, travel, crew car, and crew cost?

Organizers' responsibility is limited to providing the route map and monitoring the riders across the route for compliance with rider route guidelines.

Riders have to bear the cost of food, travel, support vehicles, crew members, crew cars, nutrition, medical supplies, medical emergencies etc.

18. Will self-supported riders get any accommodation?

No

19. What if my crew needs rest? Can I continue alone?

A crew-supported rider cannot ride alone (without the support of a crew car). Safety is paramount. We request riders complete the race safely. C2C counts the total time taken to finish by the rider. Riders can take a rest as and when required but need to keep in mind the cut-offs and the closing time. Riders need to inform the control room if they plan to go off the course for whatever reason.

20. How many crew cars do I need?

Crew members and Crew Cars are something the riders have to decide because C2C race is a team effort. A strong team is essential for a strong finish. We have seen teams doing ultra-cycling races with 1 crew car and sometimes up to 3 crew cars. In short, there is no limit. A minimum of 1 crew car is compulsory. But all vehicles and crew members need to follow the set rules and guidelines along with the rider.

21. Is there one cutoff or multiple intermediate cutoffs?

Across the route, there will be multiple time stations with cut-offs. Each rider has to meet the cut-off time. Each rider or their support team needs to write down the date and time (hh:mm) of the rider reaching the time station and also inform the same to the control room. Details on how to information will be shared later in the coming days. Please note: The tracking device needs to be on and working at all times. Non-operation of the device or turning it off will disqualify the respective rider from the race.

22. How many checkpoints?

There will be at least 08 checkpoints/time stations. Once the formalities at the checkpoints are complete, we will announce them. Checkpoints can be manned or unmanned.

23. What facilities are provided at the checkpoints?

None. The checkpoints are meant to record the rider's progress and timings. We will try to provide basic support like availability of water and washrooms, if possible.

24. What happens if my bicycle needs repair?

Bicycle repair and maintenance is the responsibility of each rider/team.

25. Are we free to take any route?

The Coast to Crest route is finalized and all riders need to follow the same route. Riders will be tracked along the route. If an active rider needs to go off route (for valid reasons), then s/he will need to intimate the control room. A rider going off route will have to report the same immediately and will rejoin the route at the exact point where s/he deviated from the route before commencing the ride again.

Note: Riders, support team members and media teams all need to follow the rules and guidelines throughout the race and maintain the utmost safety for the entire route. Non-compliance with rules attracts penalties to the rider.

26. Will there be any tracking of the event?

Yes, through the tracking device.

27. Will there be live sharing of the leaderboard positions?

Yes.

28. Rules for the crew to maintain logs?

It is mandatory for each crew-supported team to carefully record the time when a rider reaches the checkpoint/time station (via a GPS location tag photo) and report the same to the control room within an hour.

29. Can I use Strava or any such app to record my ride and submit the details?

Strava's recording is not official. Records on such apps will never be considered officially.

30. Will I have a dedicated photographer and videographer for myself?

We have a team of professional photographers and videographers, who will cover the entire event. Riders are permitted to have their own media team, but they need to be enrolled as crew in the support vehicle(s) and follow the guidelines.

31. Do I have to pay for the photographer?

No. The C2C media team will cover the event. They are not for any specific team. They will cover all the riders/teams and will be on the route. Teams/riders are encouraged to have their own media team if they are willing.

32. What happens if I don't want a dedicated photographer?

A dedicated photographer is the choice of the rider.

33. I am afraid of riding in the dark. What should I do?

Riding in the dark is the rider's call. We only intervene if the teams are not following the set rules and guidelines. However, you may be required to ride in the dark to meet the cut-off times at the checkpoints.

NOTE: The safety of riders, the support team, and the general public along the route is the most important priority.

34. What are the general weather conditions expected to be?

We request riders be prepared for early-morning fog and chilly night.

35. What happens if I fall sick? Will the organizers provide any medical facilities?

No medical support from the organizers. Riders and crew teams need to take care of each other. No medical support will be provided from the organizers.

We request everyone to ride with utmost safety measures. We will try to provide a list of medical facilities, however, in an emergency, relying on navigation applications such as Google Maps or on 1033 (NHAI) / 100 (Police) / 102/108 (Ambulance) services may be essential.

36. Do I need insurance for the event?

Riders can buy an insurance policy from the company of their choice and sum assured. The organizers will try to provide insurance coverage for all racers and officials though.

37. Do the riders need to sign waivers?

Yes, it is mandatory for each rider (even in a team) to sign the race waiver.

38. Are there options for team participation in the Challenger and Climbers?

No.

39. What is the mode of racers flag off?

- a. C2C Ultra - One by one*
- b. Challengers - Mass start*
- c. Climbers - One by one*