

Guidelines for contenders on the challenge



Solo and unsupported bike ride around Australia.

Guidelines

The record to challenge is 43 days 23 hours and 1 minute, covering 15,006km.

The ride is to be solo, on sealed-road approximate perimeter ride, without a support vehicle.

Start and finish must be at the same spot.

Human powered vehicles other than bicycles qualify.

A route same in spirit but clearly more strenuous also qualifies.

The route must pass, in any sequence, certain fixed points along the route of the existing record.

The fixed points are;

1. Melbourne Spencer Street Bridge
2. Foster
3. Eden
4. Kiama
5. Sydney - Harbour Bridge
6. Brisbane - Story Bridge
7. Innisfail Town Centre
8. Junction Gulf Developmental Rd / Burke Developmental Rd (approx 7km south of Normanton) Mt Isa
9. Katherine
10. Roebuck Roadhouse
11. Carnarvon West Coast Hwy
12. Cottesloe
13. Mandurah Town Centre
14. Yallingup Caves Rd
15. Leeuwin Naturalist National Park Caves Rd
16. Walpole
17. Esperance Town Centre
18. Elliston
19. Port Lincoln (from south on Western Approach Rd)
20. Port Augusta
21. Adelaide - King William Bridge
22. Wellington Ferry across Murray river
23. Policemans Point
24. Nelson
25. Port Campbell
26. Apollo Bay
27. Torquay

A rider must break the record (43 days 23 hours and 1 minute) by at least one hour and in the same period have biked more than 15,006km to claim a new record. A rider must also beat the elevation gain of 68,990 meters.

Pre-arranged local support (spares, food, guidance) is allowed up to a maximum of four places (not counting the ferry in Wellington). Local means that the supporter does not travel a substantial distance to provide the support.

Drafting assistance is not allowed.

The contender must observe the drug rules of the major world sports bodies. If such a body demands a test it must not be withheld.

Essentially the contender must obey the Australian and state road rules.

To claim the record the contender must:

Before the attempt:

Advertise to the current record holder and the public, (website, blog or similar) at least one month before his attempt, about his/her plans in details, containing date, time and place of start.

After the attempt:

Provide pictures with date and time from all fix points, and from the start and finish point. Provide GPS files similar to, or better than:

<https://bryantaaffe.wordpress.com/2022/09/01/australian-cycling-record-smashed-by-over-5-days-2/>

The rules are easy to observe, and will hopefully be accepted by future contenders.

A claim of a new record, not following these rules, will most likely not be approved by me.

Bryan Taaffe

(Current Record Holder)

History of the Record

Date	Rider	Country	Time	Dist(km)
June 2022	BRYAN TAAFFE	Ireland	43d 23hr 1m	15,006
June 2010	PETER HEAL	Australia	48d 23h 37m	14,913
May 2008	ERIK STRAARUP	Denmark	51d 47m	14,611
September 2004	EUGEN SCHILTER	Australia	55d 17h 8m	14,430
January 2003	PERRY STONE	Canada	57.4d	14,187
June 1931	ARTHUR WAKELING		~135d	15,320
February 1900	RICHARDSON, ARTHUR CHARLES JESTON		243d	18,50