

CLUB AND TEAM GUIDELINES FOR RAGBRAI®

If you or your group members cannot abide by the following rules, please do not attend RAGBRAI

Application Process

The club application deadline is **March 1** if your team orders custom RAGBRAI® jerseys. If you don't order custom jerseys, the deadline is **April 1**. We are no longer accepting group applications via paper. All group applications must be submitted online. Any club or team that misses the deadline will run the risk of not receiving wristbands.

The deadline for ordering custom RAGBRAI jerseys is **April 1**. Customization applies to all jerseys EXCEPT Gemini Tanks. The minimum quantity order to qualify for custom jerseys is 5 Per Style (Men's Sleeve, Women's Sleeve, Men's Sleeveless, Women's Sleeveless). There are no refunds or exchanges on custom jersey orders. If you have ordered in the past, Andrea Parrott will reach out to you. If you are ordering for the first time, email andrea@ragbrai.com.

Payment must be made for the group, all minor waivers must be received in the home office, and the group must be closed before the deadline for wristbands to be issued for the group. It is the responsibility of the group contact to follow up on missing minor waivers and those group members who have not yet paid.

There are two payment options for groups. The Individual Pay option allows each member to pay their own registration fee. The Group Pay option allows the group contact to pay for everyone. Members can still join a Group Pay group even if they have already paid. The Group Contact can change between these options using the Settings menu under My Group.

For road safety and infrastructure support reasons, RAGBRAI® limits registration to 10,000 riders. Entries can exceed the number of riders allowed, so a lottery takes place after all entries are entered. All payments are processed at the time of registration, and if an entry is not drawn, a full refund will be issued. All entries for a group are entered together.

Clubs and Teams cannot guarantee RAGBRAI® entry as part of joining the team. Membership in the team or club must be independent from participating in RAGBRAI®. Any advertising, newsletter articles, Web sites or other written or verbal communication that gives the perception that RAGBRAI® wristbands are for sale will mean

that the club is in violation of their RAGBRAI® agreement.

Only one entry is allowed per person. Group members who do not apply through the Group Contact and apply directly to RAGBRAI® will not be considered as a part of your group registration.

Please don't support any member who wants to participate in RAGBRAI® without a wristband. If you provide a transportation option, please restrict this to registered participants only. Single-day wristbands and non-rider passes are available online until **June 1**. After that date, they will only be available on the ride at the RAGBRAI® baggage trucks and Information and Merchandise trailers.

RAGBRAI® is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misplaced application forms and wristband packets.

No Extra Private Vehicles

If a member obtains wristbands through your group, he or she is not to bring a vehicle on RAGBRAI® under any circumstance. Vehicle passes may only be applied for by the Group Contact at the time of registration.

Refunds

Fees are nonrefundable after **April 1**. A \$25 processing fee per applicant is deducted for each refund processed.

Transfers

Wristband credentials may be transferred by using the transfer form published on ragbrai.com in mid-June. When a wristband has been transferred prior to shipping the packet, the transferred credentials will still be sent to the group contact. RAGBRAI will not send transferred credentials to the new owner.

Safety and Rider Conduct

It is important to promote and practice RIDE RIGHT® within your group and in your community. Please encourage members to get in shape for RAGBRAI®, wear helmets, sound off, and practice the rules of the road that are a part of the Participant Guide. The guide is emailed electronically on May 1 and then also enclosed with the wristband package sent to the Group Contact.

Clubs are responsible for the behavior of their members in all phases of the ride - conduct on the road, in pass-through towns, and in campgrounds.

An adult must accompany minors who are part of a club or team. Remember that we are guests of each Iowa community. No one should be issued a wristband if you are not positive he or she will demonstrate exemplary and safe riding habits and behavior.

The RIDE RIGHT® safety video will be shown on Saturday in the start town during the RAGBRAI® Expo. Encourage your members to view it. The video is available upon request for your bus trip by emailing info@ragbrai.com.

Ride hours are from 6:00 am till 6:00 pm (4:00 pm on the last day). Clubs are asked to take responsibility for making sure that their riders are in the overnight towns by 6:00 p.m. Support services are generally not available before or after these hours, nor for cyclists not on the official route.

Support Drivers

Support drivers and crew shall register as week-long non-riders.

Drivers may check in at the main Information Center in each overnight town. This allows staff in the information center to help members of the club/team locate where they are camping.

If you commit to a location in advance, please stay in that location. We know that you want to find the most desirable spot to camp but switching spots just because the shade might be better somewhere else challenges the already stressed campground volunteers.

Support vehicles are not to drive on/cross the bike route or be in the pass-through towns except for the daily designated Meeting Town listed on the route map. The Iowa State Patrol or local law enforcement may confiscate your vehicle pass if this rule is not followed.

Support Vehicle Route maps will be published on the ragbrai.com website in early July.

Housing & Private Campgrounds

The Chamber, City Hall and Housing and Campground Chairs in the host towns have plenty to do to prepare for RAGBRAI®. If you are requesting housing or camping outside of the main campgrounds, **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT TOWNS PRIOR TO MAY 1.** It takes time to

determine campground locations, and to recruit hosts for housing. Towns will reach out to groups when they are ready to assign housing or campgrounds for you.

If anyone from your team is found corresponding with towns prior to May 1, your group status on RAGBRAI® will be in jeopardy, and you will no longer be allowed to operate as a group within the event. Remember, Campground and Housing Chairs are volunteers, and rudeness towards them will not be tolerated. Housing on RAGBRAI® is a privilege.

Signage

Please be thoughtful of overnight communities when hanging signage for your camping area. Please do not use self-adhesive signs, and do not use signs that are orange or green. Please remove all signs before departing the next day. Use caution when hoisting a club flag near overhead electrical wires. **DO NOT PAINT** on the roadways or streets.

Showers

Some campers use sun-heated portable showers. According to state law (Section 455B.186), it is illegal to dispose of waste water into any state-owned natural or artificial lake. Additionally, you are requested to dispose of this water through appropriate sewage access. Please do not dump portable showers on the ground.

RAGBRAI Trademark Usage

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The bottom line is: **YOU CANNOT USE THE WORDS OR LOGOS OF RAGBRAI® ON YOUR JERSEYS OR SHIRTS.**

E-Bikes

If any of your members plan to use an e-bike on RAGBRAI, please make sure it meets the definition of a bicycle per the state of Iowa.

An E-Bike is defined as a ‘bicycle’ so long as the e-bike motor is under 750w, has a max speed of 20mph, and operable pedals.

Please follow these rules as stated. Not following them could jeopardize the status of your Club or Team on RAGBRAI. Help us make this a safe and enjoyable ride for everyone.