

## REGULATIONS FOR THE UCI GRAN FONDO SWITZERLAND

### 1. Qualification via the UCI Gran Fondo World Series

Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series event grants qualification rights for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The first 25% of athletes in each age group shall be qualified for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race.

Moreover, the first three riders of each official age category shall qualify directly for the World Championships, independently of the number of starters in that age group. Riders must finish the race to qualify.

A rider's age group is calculated based on their age as of 31 December 2023.

Age categories:

- 19 – 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 44
- 45 – 49
- 50 – 54
- 55 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65 – 69
- 70 – 74
- 75 +

### 2. Distribution of race numbers

The race number bibs shall be collected on Saturday 17 June between 1.00 pm and 6.00 pm in Ollon (Route d'Aigle 3) or on Sunday 18 June between 6.30 am and 8.15 am at the World Cycling Centre in Aigle.

### 3. Health and insurance

It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure before riding in an event that they are in perfect health and capable of the physical effort required to ride in the event that they have entered. In no event may the organiser be held responsible for accidents or health problems affecting a rider connected with their participation in the event.

Each participant must ensure in advance that they are properly covered for accidents and third-party liability.

#### 4. Equipment

The riders may choose any kind of bicycle (road cycle, mountain bike, city bike, hybrid bike, BMX, etc.), except for an electric bike, tandem, handcycle or recumbent bike. Time trial bikes are banned during the road race on the Sunday.

It is mandatory to wear a helmet throughout the entire race. Participants shall be banned from the start line or have their race numbers directly removed if they are seen by a member of the organisation without their helmet.

Participants are free to wear the jersey of their choice during the qualifying events.

#### 5. Safety during races

The route shall be clearly indicated with the help of a system of arrows and signposts and by marshals. When no signaling indication is given, this means that riders must continue straight on.

##### *Saturday 17 June 2023:*

The race shall take place on roads that are open to traffic. Participants must respect the relevant road traffic regulations at all times. Participants must imperatively ride on the right-hand side of the road.

##### *Sunday 18 June 2023:*

The race shall take place on roads that are open to traffic. Participants must respect the relevant road traffic regulations at all times. However, the road shall be partially closed for a period of 30 minutes after the first rider with a safety system (information car, safety motorbikes, sag wagon). At the level crossings (at km 6.6, 32.7, 56.6 and 74.2), participants must stop if a train is passing. Participants must only take roundabouts via the right. Participants must imperatively ride on the right-hand side of the road. Dangerous spots are indicated via a person's presence.

**Any participant who fails to comply with the foregoing instructions shall be immediately disqualified.**

For sporting fairness and to avoid potential problems, riders shall be immediately disqualified if they are caught benefiting from vehicular assistance from a third party not belonging to the organisation.

#### 6. Conduct of participants

Each participant must ensure their own safety and have the appropriate materials, suitable for the weather and the type of race. Participants shall show good sportsmanship and adopt behaviour that respects the environment. Participants must throw away their waste at the refreshment points. **Any rider throwing away their waste outside of these zones shall be immediately disqualified.**

Participants shall race under their own responsibility.

#### **7. Mechanical assistance**

Mechanical assistance shall be provided to riders during the race in the event of problems. A vehicle shall be in the race and available to the riders. Nonetheless, riders should bring their own spare inner tube or tyre due to the difficulty of assisting all riders.

#### **8. Medical service**

An ambulance shall be part of the race caravan. A first aid post shall also be located in the Village.

Riders can contact the race medical service on the following number: +41 79 806 80 00

A first aid kit shall also be available in all the refreshment zones to provide riders with minor assistance.

#### **9. Refreshment**

During the time trial on Saturday 17 June 2023, refreshments shall be offered at the end of the route. During the race on Sunday 18 June 2023, two refreshment zones shall be set up on the route in addition to the final refreshment at the finish line. These zones shall be indicated by signs on the route.

#### **10. Race number bib and frame plate positions**

The race number bibs must be attached to the back of the jersey (on the lower part of the back for better visibility). The frame plates must be placed at the front of the bike.

#### **11. Race start and timekeeping**

*Saturday 17 June 2023:*

Starts shall take place every minute or every 30 seconds, depending on the number of registered riders. Participants are invited to go to the start line at their scheduled time. The timing shall end as the rider crosses the finish line.

*Sunday 18 June 2023:*

The race start shall be given by a pistol shot which shall mark the start of the timekeeping for all participants. The riders shall start as a group contained by cars over a distance of 1,300 m until the starting pistol is fired. Cyclists wishing to compete for qualification for the World Championships shall be able to take up position at the front of the peloton. The timing for each rider shall end as they cross the finish line. The first participant to cross the finish line shall win the race.

Transponders shall provide the timing of each participant at certain key sections. Each participant must return the chip at the end of the race. A fee of CHF 80 will be charged if the chip is not returned at the end of the race. If the participant has forgotten to return the chip at the end of the race, he/she is requested to send it back as soon as possible to the following address Sport Chrono, Grand'Rue 21, 2054 Chézard-St-Martin.

#### **12. Time limit**

If there are riders who are significantly behind (more than 30 minutes compared to the first cyclist) coming into Bex (km 59.8), they shall be disqualified (it is impossible for the riders to lap each other).

Any participant who is still on the route more than two hours after the arrival of the first competitor in Villars-sur-Ollon shall be eliminated. They shall be allowed to finish the route for their own pleasure but shall be asked to take off their race number bib.

#### **13. Ranking and results**

An overall ranking and a ranking by category shall be drawn up. The results shall be available on the website of the timekeeping company [www.sportchrono.ch](http://www.sportchrono.ch).

#### **14. Award ceremony**

The ceremony on the Saturday shall begin at 6.00 pm (can change depending on the number of participants) in the Festive Village in Villars. As for the ceremony on the Sunday, this shall begin at 3.00 pm and also in the Festive Village in Villars. The first three riders in each women's/men's age categories as well as the top 25% in each category shall be called at the time of the ceremony.

#### **15. Image rights**

Each participant agrees to being photographed and/or filmed during the event and authorises the organisers as well as their partners to broadcast these images via various media.