

# RULES & REGULATION

## « UCI GRAN FONDO SUISSE »

**Every participant in the cycling race and the routes of the "UCI Gran Fondo Suisse" commits to adhering to the following Rules upon registration.**

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## ARTICLE 1 : PREAMBLE

The UCI Gran Fondo Suisse is a cycling event organized by the Villars Roule Association and R&D Cycling Sàrl (hereafter referred to as the Organizer) featuring the following routes:

- Time Trial: individual
- Gran Fondo: individual
- Mediofondo: individual

The event is supported by the Villars resort and the canton of Vaud. The time trial will take place on Friday, June 27, 2025, with the road race held on Sunday, June 29, 2025. All races are conducted on open roads. Therefore, participants must adhere to the Swiss Federal Road Traffic Act ([LCR](#)) and follow all instructions from race officials and staff.

This Regulation may be modified up to the event day for participants' safety. Participants will be notified electronically (email, the Organizer's website, and social media) of any major changes.

## ARTICLE 2: QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE UCI GRAN FONDO WORLD SERIE

Each event in the UCI Gran Fondo World Series grants qualification rights to the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The top 25% of athletes in each age group qualify for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. This 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, not the number of riders crossing the finish line.

Additionally, the top three riders in each official age group automatically qualify for the World Championships, regardless of the number of starters in that age category. Riders must finish the race to qualify. A rider's age group is calculated based on their age as of December 31 in the year of the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

Qualifications for the Granfondo: Men between **19 and 59 years** and women between **19 and 49 years**.

Qualifications for the Mediofondo: Men aged **60 and above**, and women aged **50 and above**.

Qualifications for Time Trial: all age categories.

The names of riders who qualify via the UCI Gran Fondo World Series will be posted on the UCI Gran Fondo World Series website, and they will receive an official UCI email inviting them to register for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships through the designated online registration portal.

**All riders (licensed or not) completing the same distance in a qualifying event are officially considered as participants in the UCI Gran Fondo World Series, meaning they must be listed on the same ranking list, regardless of the wave in which they started.**

## ARTICLE 3: PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Participation is open to all, both licensed and non-licensed participants, provided that they are at least 19 years old on December 31 of the event year. Participants must be in good health and adequately trained. A license and/or medical certificate is not required to participate in cyclosportive events in Switzerland. However, the organization strongly recommends that participants consult a doctor to confirm their ability to perform this level of physical effort.

Each participant must have their own insurance (accident and civil liability insurance) that covers bodily injury and material damage within Switzerland (see Article 3 on Safety and Responsibility).

Participation in the UCI Gran Fondo Suisse implies the express and unconditional acceptance of these rules by each participant.

## **ARTICLE 4: SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY**

Cycling, especially competitive, is inherently risky. Each participant undertakes the event aware of mountainous terrain with steep climbs and fast descents. The Organizer will set up safety measures like signage, motorcycles, and markers for specific challenging areas. Participants must follow all safety guidelines and staff instructions throughout. The race occurs on open roads, meaning participants must obey traffic laws, with the Organizer providing supplementary safety resources like info cars, security motorcycles, and sweep vehicles. Still, participants must comply with road regulations (LCR).

Participants must stop for trains at crossings and always stay to the right at roundabouts. They should ride strictly on the right side of the road. In case of witnessing an accident or needing medical assistance, participants are obligated to assist and call the emergency number on their bib.

Each participant is responsible for any accidents, incidents, or rule violations, with any medical expenses incurred (ambulance, doctor, hospitalization, etc.) being their responsibility. The Organizer and its staff are not liable for direct or indirect damages a participant may encounter in connection with the event, including accidents, theft, or other damages. Registration confirms that each participant has insurance and waives the right to any legal claims against the Organizer.

Motorized or private support vehicles on the course are strictly prohibited.

Offenders will be reported to the police, and participants who violate LCR regulations or fail to follow safety staff instructions will be immediately disqualified.

By registering, each participant confirms they have read and agree to all information, particularly regarding safety, and commits to following it.

## **ARTICLE 5: EQUIPMENT**

Each participant must have the following on them throughout the course and for the entire duration of the event:

- A rigid helmet, with the chinstrap attached,
- A mobile phone with a charged battery,
- A race bib,
- A frame plate with the emergency number,
- A hydration system (water bottle or hydration pack).

In case of unfavorable weather conditions (heavy rain and cool temperatures), the organization reserves the right to require a jacket and survival blanket. Each participant is responsible for having equipment suitable for the conditions of the day.

Changing bicycles is prohibited during the race. Riders can use any type of bicycle (road bike, mountain bike, city bike, hybrid bike, cross bike, etc.), except for electric bikes, tandems, handbikes, or recumbent bikes. In the road race event, time trial bikes are prohibited. However, electric bikes are accepted for the Rando course.

For qualifying events for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, all bikes may be checked to ensure compliance with UCI regulations. For more information, please consult the additional explanatory documents:

[- UCI Technical Regulation Clarification Guide](#)

[- List of Approved Frame and Fork Models](#)

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

World champions are required to wear their official jersey during the UGFWS qualifying events (road race or time trial) where they won the world title.

## **ARTICLE 6: MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE**

All riders must bring their own tools and spare tire or inner tube during the race. A pump and basic repair tools will be provided at the aid stations to allow riders to resolve other issues.

## **ARTICLE 7: REGISTRATION**

Until June 25, 2025, registration for the event is exclusively done on the online registration platform at the following address: <https://ucigranfondosuisse.com>. After that, registrations will be possible on-site until the day before the race (no registration possible for the time trial).

The fees are listed on the event's website: <https://ucigranfondosuisse.com>.

The organizer does not provide refunds or deferments in case of accident or illness. Registration fees are non-refundable, regardless of circumstances. Once a race bib is assigned and reserved, no refund will be made in case of absence, withdrawal by the participant, postponement, cancellation, or neutralization of the event for any reason.

Anyone transferring their race bib to another person without informing the organizer may be held responsible in the event of an accident caused by this person during the race.

The organizer reserves the right to refuse a participant's registration.

## **ARTICLE 8: RACE BIB PICKUP**

Each participant must pick up their race bib in person. In exceptional cases, if registration is complete, the group leader (club president) or a colleague can pick up the race bib by presenting the registration confirmation letter and a copy of the ID of the participant. All bib assignments are final and non-transferable.

Race bibs and start gifts can be picked up at the Welcome Village in Villars (Rendez-vous Parking):

- Friday, June 27 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM (only for Time Trial, arriving 1 hour before departure)
- Friday, June 27 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Gran Fondo participants

- Saturday, June 28 from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM for late Gran Fondo bib pickup

The bib must be attached to the bottom of the back of the jersey.

No race bibs or gifts will be mailed.

## **ARTICLE 9: DEFERRAL, CANCELLATION, OR ROUTE CHANGE**

Each participant can choose the route that best suits them, and this choice must be indicated during registration.

The ULTRA FLEX option offers flexibility in choosing the route during registration. With this option, participants can, at no cost and without justification, from the registration date until June 19, 2025:

- Defer their registration to 2026 without justification (up to June 25)
- Change the holder of the race bib
- Change the route by paying the difference if the new route is more expensive. No refund will be given if the new route costs less.

Requests made after the race day will not be processed.

Without the ULTRA FLEX option, changes are allowed until May 18:

- Defer the registration to 2026 with a medical certificate for CHF 35.-
- Change the race bib holder for CHF 15.-
- Change the route for CHF 15.-, adding the difference if the new route is more expensive. No refund for a cheaper route.

After this date, without the UltraFlex option, no further changes will be possible. Registration fees will not be refunded, and the welcome pack will not be sent.

Any registration valid for the next year is strictly personal and cannot be transferred to a third party. If the person cannot participate a second time, the registration fee will be lost.

## **ARTICLE 10: TIMING & CLASSIFICATION**

The timing is done with an electronic detection system. All registered participants will have a timing chip, attached to the back of their bib, which must be fixed to the bottom of the back of the jersey.

This chip, detected by various antennas along the course, will allow race regularity checks and the establishment of results and rankings for the event.

To ensure normal functioning, the chip must not be bent or damaged. The electronic detection system is selected according to strict reliability criteria. Despite tests carried out by manufacturers and excellent experiences, there is always a very small risk of non-detection. Missing data due to this non-detection will not allow the organizer to include the official time of the participant in the ranking. The organizer cannot be held responsible.

At the end of the event, an overall classification (scratch) and a classification by age categories, according to UCI standards for the Gran Fondo, will be established and available on the timing company's website: [www.mso-chrono.ch](http://www.mso-chrono.ch).

Men's Time Trial	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		
Women's Time Trial	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		
Men's Gran Fondo	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		
Women's Gran Fondo	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		
Men's Mediofondo	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		
Women's Mediofondo	Scratch	19-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years
		45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years
		60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years
		75+ years		

### Qualifying Categories for the World Finals Championships:

The male categories from 19 to 59 years and the female categories from 19 to 49 years can only qualify by participating in the Gran Fondo. The male categories from 60 years and older and the female categories from 50 years and older can only qualify by participating in the Mediofondo.

#### Start:

The race will start with a gunshot, marking the start of timing for all participants. There will be only one wave per course, with participants placed according to age category. Timing will end when the finish line is crossed. The first participant to cross the line will be the race winner.

## ARTICLE 11: PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The top three in each age category (men/women) and the top 25% in each category will be called during the ceremony.

The organizer reserves the right to establish the prize board. The top three in each category must present their bib number and ID to receive their prize.

Prizes must be collected on-site on race day.

## ARTICLE 12: TIME BARRIERS & WITHDRAWALS

Riders must adhere to the neutralization times for safety reasons. These time barriers are the hours after which continuing the race from the checkpoint is not allowed. If a participant does not pass a checkpoint before the set times, they will be disqualified and not appear in the event rankings.

If they wish, they can continue the race at their own risk by signing a waiver. Their time will no longer be recorded, and they will be unranked.

Time Limits	Saanen	Enney	Col des Mosses	Les Diablerets	Col de la Croix
<b>Granfondo</b>	10:00	13:45	16:00	17:00	18:00
<b>Mediofondo</b>		N/A			

If a participant wishes to withdraw, they must notify one of the checkpoints set up by the Organizer. They should inform the checkpoint official, who will remove their bib and direct them to the means of return. Any participant withdrawing outside of checkpoints must immediately report their withdrawal to the race management via the emergency number provided in the road book and on their bib. Any failure to do so may result in costs that the participant must cover.

Any participant who suffers a fall, mechanical failure, or physical breakdown and is unable to reach the return points on their own must immediately report their withdrawal to race management via the emergency number. The race end system (sweep vehicle) will only assist in cases authorized by race management. The participant assisted by this vehicle will be disqualified from the race.

The medical service, consisting of doctors, rescuers, and ambulances, may decide to disqualify a participant for medical reasons.

## **ARTICLE 13: COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

Any complaint can be subject to a protest, which must be submitted in writing to the race office, no later than fifteen minutes after the results are published. The protest must be justified.

A deposit of CHF 100 will accompany the protest. This amount will be refunded if the protest is accepted. Protests will be judged by the race jury (race director, timing manager). The decisions of the race management are final.

## **ARTICLE 14: ETHICS**

The Organizer upholds the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect, which are key to fair play and sustainable sport. Participants must treat other competitors, organizers, volunteers, and spectators with respect. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants who engage in violent or discriminatory verbal behavior.

The Organizer adheres to Swiss Olympic's "Anti-Doping Status." Anti-doping tests may be conducted. By entering and participating in the competition, athletes submit to Swiss Olympic's anti-doping provisions and recognize the exclusive competence of the "Disciplinary Chamber for Doping Cases" and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), excluding any other ordinary court. They must also accept any consequences (suspension/reporting).

## **ARTICLE 15: ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT**

To respect the environment and the natural spaces crossed, it is strictly prohibited to discard waste (papers, plastic packaging, energy gel tubes, etc.) along the course. Trash bins and "collection zones" will be set up and marked at each aid station along the course. These must be used by participants.

Participants must keep waste and packaging until the designated disposal locations indicated by the Organizer.

The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants who intentionally discard waste outside the designated zones.

## **ARTICLE 16: LEGAL PROVISIONS**

Participation in the race is at the sole responsibility of the participants, waiving any claims against the Organizer for any damage sustained or caused.

In case of an accident, the Organizer and all individuals or entities involved in the organization, including but not limited to the Organizer's staff, representatives, contractors, and volunteers, are excluded from liability to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Each participant expressly authorizes the Organizer and its partners and media outlets to use images or audiovisual material from the race, including preparation and post-race phases, in promotional and/or advertising materials worldwide, for the maximum duration allowed by law.



Participation does not grant any rights to use the race for promotional or commercial purposes. Any communication or use of event images is excluded unless expressly authorized in writing by the Organizer.

The legal jurisdiction is in Villars, Vaud.

## **ARTICLE 17: DATA PROTECTION**

Confidential data for Swiss citizens is governed by the new Federal Data Protection Law (nLPD) as of September 2023. Affected individuals have the right to access and correct their personal data. These rights can be exercised by emailing [info@rd-cycling.ch](mailto:info@rd-cycling.ch)

Personal data for European citizens is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), effective May 25, 2018.

R&D Cycling Sàrl & Villars Roule Association process personal data for the following purposes:

- Registration, participant and event management for UCI Gran Fondo Suisse
- Information and promotional newsletters
- Publishing results.

The legal basis for processing data is consent and the legitimate interest in organizing and ensuring the smooth operation of the event. The collected data will only be shared with R&D Cycling. You have the right to access, correct, request the deletion of your data, or limit its processing. For these rights or any questions regarding the processing of your data, you can contact [info@rd-cycling.com](mailto:info@rd-cycling.com)

## **ARTICLE 18: ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS**

Participation in the UCI Gran Fondo Suisse implies the express and unconditional acceptance of these Regulations by each participant. In case of discrepancies between versions, the French version will prevail.

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Villars Roule Association and R&D Cycling Sàrl