

# RULES & REGULATIONS – CYCLE SPORT AND GRAND TROPHÉE 2019

**ARTICLE 1:** All participants acknowledge and accept these rules and regulations in its entirety, and accept the usual and frequent competitive cycling risks, such as falling individually or collectively.

**ARTICLE 2:** Each Grand Trophée's cycle sport, Granfondo or Mediofondo race, is a cycling race, and involves individual performance and ranking editing. The cyclo-sport event is a leisure competition, in accordance with the rules of Cycling French Federation's (FFC) races. "Discovery rides, Grimpée, Rando" competitions are promotional rando-sport events.

**ARTICLE 3:** The cyclo-sport events are open to all participants, license-holder or not, over the age of 18. The under-18 participants in the competition's day will have to provide a parental consent. Other promotional competitions are open to all participants over the age of 14 (including a parental consent for under-18s). All license-holders, including disabled, will have to show the original or copy of license. Those participants with either no license or a F.F.C.T. license, will have to show a medical certificate of ability to compete in cycling events, issued less than one year from the event's starting date. If a participant cannot meet these requirements, they will be registered in randonnée.

**ARTICLE 4:** Every participant must wear a hard shell helmet during the entirety of the race. All participants must respect the French rules of the road, keep to the right side of the road, and ensure their own safety and speed control. Cyclists may not be followed by back-up cars or vehicles (the organizer refuses to accept any responsibility in case of accident caused by or with this vehicle); littering is prohibited. Regulation equipment like lights and visibility jackets are required in tunnels.

## ARTICLE 5: INSURANCE

**Civil liability insurance policy:** Organizers and participants are covered for civil liability insurance policy, subscribed by the organizer, regarding injury or property damage accidentally caused to a third-party or to each other. This contract only offers coverage on the official route and during the race, for lawfully registered participants and controlled at the start and the finish, official checking points (manually-operated or timer mat) as evidence.

**Physical Injuries, individual insurance accident:** According to the article L321-4 of the Sport Code, the organizers emphasize that participants subscribe to an insurance contract which cover physical injuries they might suffer during this event. Participants must determine to protect themselves for that kind of damage. License-holders have to find out from their Federation if they are insured properly for physical injuries in cycling events. Otherwise, we recommend subscribing to the insurance we offer or getting more guarantees to their own insurance to license and no license-holders.

**Property damage and responsibility:** Organization and insurer are not liable for participants' property damage such as damage cause during a fall or damages due to theft. Each participant must insure themselves against that kind of damages with their own insurer. Participants acknowledge that organizers are not liable for watching their belongings, and cannot be held responsible in case of loss or theft. Objects, accessories or bikes delivered to a third party during the event (organization's members or not) will be under the responsibility of the participant.

**ARTICLE 6:** A security and care system is provided (vehicles, bikers, traffic control persons, talkie-walkies...). All cyclo-sport events have a free service for first aid and medical care managed by doctors, ambulances and rescuers, in addition to public and conventional rescue service. Other expenses for medical care, surgery, hospitalization, evacuation and repatriation are in charge of participants.

**ARTICLE 7:** In case of accident which can involve the organizer's responsibility, a statement will have to be made in writing and sent by registered post, less than 48 hours after the accident. This statement will have to state accurate and detailed circumstances of the accident, including all documentary proof, in order to establish a file with and be accepted by the insurance companies.

**ARTICLE 8:** All participants commit to have their equipment checked and in perfect condition (brakes, new tires) before starting the race, and provide spare parts (inner tubes are required), and appropriate clothes. A technical assistance service may or may not be provided at the start, and at fixed service points along the ride (billed parts, free labor costs). This service cannot be responsible for accident or fall following service. Equipment and bike accessories must be fixed properly so as to avoid any falls risk, breakage or loss on the road. Any negligence from the participant will involve his entire responsibility.

**ARTICLE 9:** The defined ride might be altered, the event delayed, or canceled without notice, only by the race director. Timetables are determined and limited at a scheduled and fixed time. Over the limited time, all participants, still on the road, will be suspended from the race. The participant will have to take the safety road depending on the situation, hand his BIB number to the official sweep car and, if need be, go inside the car or stop. In the event of refusal, the participant won't be covered by the organization, and the organization will deny all responsibility.

**ARTICLE 10:** Designated commissioners and "Cyclo-relais" can punish, even exclude, and remove the BIB number to any competitors who do not respect the rules (littering, dangerous ride, disrespectful of the Road's code). Moreover, the medical staff is allowed to suspend and evacuate all participants who are taking risks with his health and life.

**ARTICLE 11:** In case of breach, the faulty participant will be solely responsible at his own risk in a penal law procedure, but also, he/she will be solely responsible civilly for accidents in which he is the offender or the victim, directly or indirectly. The participant acknowledges the timed or untimed cycling practice on a road open to traffic involves risks and agrees that he/she always adapts his speed to the traffic and road conditions. The participant is perfectly conscious of his/her vulnerability and accepts risk of slide, accident and falls particularly.

**ARTICLE 12:** All commitments involve a prior payment of registration fees and identification. The closing day for registration by post will be 15 working days before the end of the race (at the postmark).

**ARTICLE 13: Registration is personal and irrevocable. It can be neither exchanged, nor transferred, nor refunded.** This registration gives access to the personal and chronological BIB number. Participants, who are registered after the closing day for registration, will start at the end of the group. Priority numbers will be given by the organizer, subject to availability.

**ARTICLE 14:** Registration fees remain acquired to the organization in any case. A BIB number is given and reserved, therefore no refund will be issued, in case of absence, participant's withdrawal, because of the event's adjournment or cancellation, or for any reason. Invitations, transfers and credit notes issued on any supporting document are exceptional, individual and non-refundable. Requests will not be accepted after the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019. A franchise of minimum 20 Euros per race will be issued for administrative fees.

**ARTICLE 15:** Registrations' confirmation will be sent to the participants until 15 days before the event, by e-mail, and to check on the website. If the participant does not receive this confirmation, the organizer is not liable for it, the participant cannot demand to be refunded or compensated for his/her registration. No BIB number will be sent. Numbers' withdrawal must be done in person.

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**ARTICLE 16:** So as to identify and control the time, a frame number and/or bracelet will be given to participants. The crossing to the intermediary check points is compulsory. Times or global time achieved and general ranking can be revealed for information, in no way are participants allowed to claim or ask for compensation.

**ARTICLE 17:** A diploma is available in our website for the finishers after the event. Words “scratches” and “categories” are set according to the official time at the start and in the order in which riders cross the finish line. Cycle-sport brevets of Gold, Silver and Bronze are calculated and given in “the real time” if it exists (time for participants to cross the finish line – real time or transfer points’ time) and according to a time scale determined for each race and for each category:

## Women

Category A : 18-34 yo

Cat. AB : 35-49 yo

Cat. B : 50 yo

## Men

Cat. C : 18-29 yo

Cat. D : 30-39 yo

Cat. E : 40-49 yo

Cat. F : 50-59 yo

Cat. G1 : 60- 66 yo

Cat. G2 : 67 yo

**Handisport** Cat. I

**Tandem** Cat. H

The age to be considered is the age they will have in the year (example: man born in 1976 / Category E). Professional riders and elites are classified at the scratch, but not in the categories. Handisport and Tandem participants who finish the race will have a Gold Brevet.

**ARTICLE 18:** All participants to a Granfondo or Mediofondo cyclo-sportive of the Grand Trophee receive some points which correspond to one’s ranking category. Cyclo-sportives in the Grand Trophee are: GF Gassin Golfe de Saint-Tropez, Bourgogne Cyclo, GF Vosges, Ronde Tahitienne, GF Mont-Ventoux Beaumes-de-Venise, Trois Ballons, Morzine Haut-Chablais, Supergranfondo, Vaujany and La Ronde Picarde. Mediofondo races get a result cut in half. At the end of all races, a ranking by categories determines temporary leaders of the Grand Trophee.

They will be identified by the compulsory wearing of the “Leader” jersey. For the final ranking, the 8 best results will be chosen, increased with more points according to the number of participants in the events. The ranking of Regional Trophees is calculated with scratch timing and in addition with times in each races. The organizer retains the right to change or cancel the award of points for a cyclo-sportive in case of force majeure.

**ARTICLE 19:** Competitors must respect the sport spirit and fair play of the race. If they are caught committing fraud (not in the right start zone, anticipated start, disrespect for the route, use or help from vehicles, ...), or are guilty of misbehavior, or dangerous activity (disrespectful or abusing words, incivility, use of doping substances, throwing objects, documents or littering, dangerous ride, road traffic offenses, etc) will be punished depending on the situation: penalty on their global time of 5 minutes to 2 hours, reclassification and even exclusion from the competition or even of all competitions.

**ARTICLE 20:** The ceremony of rewards will take place the same day of the race. Rewards are dealt by partners to winners. No gift will be neither exchanged, nor refunded, nor sent. No reward will be done by cash.

**ARTICLE 21:** Any participant who is violating the French traffic regulations will be excluded systematically from the next race.

**ARTICLE 22: Data collection and freedom:** In accordance with current legislation, the participant has the right of access to rectify or to oppose the collection of personal data of the participant. Those data may use, assign, rent or exchange, in particular with commercial information operations, results and press.

**ARTICLE 23 :** All participants to any Grand Trophee competition expressly authorize organizers and also right-holders such as partners and medias, to use results and fixed and audiovisual images in which he may appear during the event, including promotional documents and advertisement, in the entire world and for the longest duration allowed by the Law, the rules and treaties.

**ARTICLE 24:** All interpretations or claims about the event, the rules or application have to be sent to the organizer in writing.