

Reglement Gravel Ride

1. General information

- (1) The Gravel Ride ('Event') is an event organised by Delius Klasing Verlag GmbH ('Organiser').
- (2) These regulations govern the conditions of participation for each participant in the Event ('Participant'). The prerequisite for any participation is the unreserved acceptance of these regulations.
- (3) The organiser has unrestricted event sovereignty and is entitled to make decisions relevant to the event at any time, to change the route for objective reasons (e.g. road damage) - even shortly before the event - and to extend or shorten the distance of the route to a reasonable extent.
- (4) All instructions from event staff and uniformed emergency services (police, fire brigade, THW) must be followed immediately and without restriction. In the event of non-compliance, the organiser reserves the right to impose penalties on the participant concerned. All persons designated by the organiser as 'event personnel' and therefore authorised to issue instructions on behalf of the organiser are to be treated as such (e.g. marshals, track marshals).

2. Eligibility - Health

- (1) The competition is open to amateur and professional athletes aged 15 and over.
- (2) Participants under the age of 18 must provide a written declaration of consent from a parent or legal guardian.
- (3) Each participant must accept the declaration of liability as part of the registration process.

3. Equipment

- (1) All commercially available bicycles are permitted, with the exception of e-bikes. All participants who take part with a gravel bike will be included in the official classification. A gravel bike is characterised by curved handlebars. Participation with a mountain bike (straight handlebars) is also permitted, but these participants will not be included in the official classification of the gravel race and their time will be shown separately in a results list outside the ranking list.
- (2) It is a requirement that all participants wear an approved and tested helmet for the duration of the competition.
- (3) Failure to comply with this requirement will result in immediate disqualification.
- (4) It is recommended that riders carry their mobile phones with them so that they can be contacted in emergency situations.
- (5) It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that the material used on their bicycle and their protective clothing are in perfect condition. Only materials specifically designed to accommodate this load may be used. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure that the condition, quality and design or construction of the equipment they are using does not pose a risk to

themselves or third parties. All protective clothing must be approved by an internationally recognised test centre.

5. Start and timekeeping

(1) The start of the Gravel Ride is scheduled according to a time slot determined in advance by the organiser.

(2) Timekeeping is conducted using a transponder. The transponder will be provided upon issuance of the start number and must be securely attached to the bicycle.

(3) Timekeeping for the classification is conducted in two phases.

1. The period in question spans from kilometre 21.5 to 23.4.
2. From kilometre 33 to 34.63.

Please note that times are recorded exclusively by GPS tracker on each stage, which is marked by the 'Start' and 'Finish' signs. The individual stage times are aggregated to determine the total time. Please note that only participants who complete all stages will be included in the overall ranking.

(4) Please note that the time is not taken on the route outside the two scoring sections. However, each participant must have reached the finish within a maximum time limit. Please note that the maximum time will be announced in advance.

6. Important rules of behavior during the event

(1) It is the responsibility of all participants to adhere to the road traffic regulations at all times.

(2) Riders are not permitted to receive assistance from individuals not participating in the event. This includes assistance from team members or spectators in transporting equipment around the track or, for example, assistance with repairs during the race. It is permitted for participants to offer support to one another.

(3) Participants must conduct themselves in a manner that does not harm, endanger, hinder or inconvenience others, or cause them to be placed in a situation that is more disadvantageous than could be reasonably avoided.

(4) It is not permitted to dispose of or drop items, in particular food packaging, bottles or drink cups.

(5) Defects must be rectified by each participant off the track without hindering other participants. There is no technical zone.

(6) It is prohibited to carry glass containers during the competition.

(7) The rider may cross the finish line on foot, provided they have their bike with them.

7. Start numbers

(1) It is the responsibility of each participant to wear their start number in a clearly visible position on the bike (handlebars) **and** as a back number at all times during the event. Please note that the advertising on the start numbers must remain visible and unobscured.

8. Catering and drinks

- (1) Each participant is responsible for ensuring that they have access to sufficient food and drink during the competition.
- (2) The organiser will provide adequate and sufficient refreshments at a refreshment point from kilometre 28 (Graf Stollberg Hütte). Each participant will receive food and drink at the refreshment points upon presentation of a voucher issued during accreditation.
- (3) Participants are required to dispose of any waste they generate responsibly, in order to avoid harming the environment.
- (4) The consumption of alcohol is prohibited during the race.

9. Categories and classification

- (1) All starter of the gravel ride start solo.
- (2) The classification will be in the following categories:

Men categories:

- Men juniors M 2010 - 2008
- Men M 2007 – 1985
- Men Master M 1984 – älter

Women categories:

- Women juniors D 2010 - 2008
- Women D 2007 – 1985
- Women Master D 1984 – älter

Mountainbikes: (alle Altersgruppen) keine Wertung

10. Drop out of the Gravel Ride

- (1) Participants who drop out of the competition are required to promptly return to the timekeeper in the designated area. In the event of a participant failing to do so, the organiser will undertake a search operation at the participant's expense.

11. Award ceremony

- (1) The award ceremony will take place after the Gravel Ride. Further details regarding times will be announced in the event programme. The top three finishers in each category will be asked to be present at the award ceremony. Cups or medals will be awarded for the first three places.

12. Route

- (1) Please note that the route is not signposted. Participants are advised to carry a navigation device that can work with GPX data. The GPX data for the route will be made available to participants on the organiser's website or during accreditation.

(2) Please be aware that shortening the route in order to gain an advantage over other riders will result in immediate disqualification.

(3) Please note that the route may only be used by riders during the Gravel Ride.

13. Medical care

(1) It is the responsibility of the organiser to ensure that appropriate medical care is provided by doctors and paramedics.

(2) In the event that a rider has received first aid or their race has been disrupted by an accident, they are required to report the incident to the race director in the finish area. The race committee will take note of this and make the necessary adjustments to the time if required.

14. Jury and protest

(1) The organiser will appoint a jury for each event, hereinafter referred to as the 'jury'. The jury is comprised of three members, appointed by the organiser. Typically, this includes the race director, head of organisation and head of timekeeping.

(2) This body is responsible for making decisions regarding the course of the race, infringements of the rules and, in particular, disqualifications.

(3) The jury is responsible for determining whether there have been any violations of the rules and for considering any protests that may be submitted to it by event personnel, such as marshals. A 'protest' is a formal objection by a participant to an infringement of the rules by another participant, or to a decision or action taken by event staff. Any protests must be submitted to the race office no later than half an hour after the finish. If necessary, they must be substantiated in writing, stating evidence (e.g. witnesses). The protest fee is €50 and must be paid when the protest is lodged. In the event that the protest is unsuccessful, the fee will be retained by the organiser; otherwise, it will be refunded immediately.

15. Organiser's liability

(1) The Organiser's liability shall be limited as follows:

- a) The liability of the Organiser for damages deriving from injury to life, limb or health as a result of negligent or wilful breach of duty by the Organiser or a legal representative or vicarious agent of the Organiser, is unlimited in terms of grounds and extent.
- b) The Organiser's liability for other damages as a result of negligent or wilful breach of duty by the Organiser or a legal representative or vicarious agent of the Organiser is likewise unlimited in terms of grounds and extent.
- c) The Organiser accepts no liability for damages as a result of negligent breach of duty by the Organiser or a legal representative or vicarious agent of the Organiser, unless the damage is due to breach of cardinal obligations. However, the extent of liability for damages arising from breach of cardinal obligations shall be limited to the remediation of damage that was foreseeable and typical for the contract when the contract was concluded. "**Cardinal obligations**" are those obligations whose fulfilment facilitates the proper implementation of the contract in the first place and on whose observance can generally be relied upon.

(2) The Competitor is herewith explicitly reminded that the Organiser and/or its legal representatives or vicarious agents accept no liability for damages for which they are not responsible. This applies, for example, to damage caused by misconduct/riding errors by other riders or the fact that Competitors are prevented from participating in part or all of the Event due to legal regulations and/or official orders.

(3) This limitation of liability also applies expressly to lost valuables, clothing, equipment and damage to bicycles that may occur during transport.

16. Liability of the Competitor and indemnity

(1) The Competitor is hereby expressly reminded that he/she shall be fully liable for damage to the Organiser or third parties (e.g. other riders) in relation to the injured party, insofar as the Competitor is responsible for them, i.e. the Competitor is guilty of wilful intent or negligence. **The Organiser recommends taking out personal liability insurance for this type of event.**

(2) The Competitor hereby undertakes to indemnify the Organiser and/or the third parties commissioned by the Organiser ("persons entitled to indemnification") in full and on first request from all third-party claims that they assert against the person entitled to indemnification in connection with the damage caused by the Competitor and all costs incurred in this connection (including legal defence).