

ALPINE

GRAVEL CHALLENGE

P O R T E S D U S O L E I L 

Rules & Regulation - 2024



All participants in the "Alpine Gravel Challenge" cycle race and routes undertake to comply with the following rules when they register.

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Article 1 : Introduction

The Alpine Gravel Challenge is a cyclo sportive event organised by Champéry Events Association (hereinafter the Organiser) offering the following routes:

- HAUTE CIME COURSE
- FORTRESS COURSE
- CATHEDRAL COURSE

The event is supported by the Dents du Midi Region.

The event will take place on Sunday 8 September 2024. All the races take place on roads open to traffic. Consequently, participants must comply with the federal law on road traffic (LCR) and conform to the instructions of the race management, officials and staff. These Regulations may be amended up to the day of the event in the interests of the riders and their safety. In this case, participants will be informed by electronic means (email, the Organiser's website and social networks) of any significant changes.

Article 2 : Qualification UCI Gravel World Series

Each UCI Gravel World Series event confers qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. The top 25% of athletes in their age group qualify for the UCI Gravel World Championships. This 25% is calculated on the basis of the number of starts in each age group, not the number of riders crossing the finish line. In addition, the top three riders in each official age group qualify automatically for the World Championships, regardless of the number of starts in that age group. Riders must finish the race to qualify. A rider's age group is calculated on the basis of his age on 31 December of the year of the 2024 UCI Gravel World Championships.

Participation in the **PARCOURS HAUTE CIME** qualifies riders in the following categories for the UCI Gravel World Championships:

Hommes	Femmes	19-34 ans
Hommes	Femmes	35-39 ans
Hommes	Femmes	40-44 ans
Hommes	Femmes	45-49 ans
Hommes		50-54 ans
Hommes		55-59 ans

Participation in the **PARCOURS FORTERESSE** qualifies you for the UCI Gravel World Championships in the following categories:

	Femmes	50-54 ans
	Femmes	55-59 ans
Hommes	Femmes	60-64 ans
Hommes	Femmes	65-69 ans
Hommes	Femmes	60-64 ans
Hommes	Femmes	65-69 ans
Hommes	Femmes	70-74 ans
Hommes	Femmes	75-79 ans

Article 3 : Participation conditions

The Alpine Gravel Challenge is a cycling tour open to any person, man or woman, regardless of nationality, provided they are 19 years of age or older on 31 December of the year of the event for the PARCOURS HAUTE CIME, 18 years of age for the PARCOURS FORTERESSE and 16 years of age for the PARCOURS CATHÉDRALE. Participants compete as individuals. Participation is limited to 1000 people. No licence is required. By registering, participants certify that they are in perfect health and fit to make the physical effort required for such a cycle race. All participants must be covered by accident and liability insurance.

The organiser declines all responsibility if participants experience health problems during the event.

Article 4 : Participant commitments

The principle of this individual cycle race is to encourage riders to be semi-autonomous, from preparation to the finish line. In terms of food supplies, drinks, cycling equipment, clothing and safety equipment, as well as repair materials. Each rider is capable of adapting to any problems encountered on the course, without the need for assistance or accompaniment from outsiders.

To take part in the Alpine Gravel Challenge, each competitor undertakes to respect the rules of the course:

- Remain equipped with all the compulsory equipment throughout the event, and cordially submit to any unannounced checks that the organiser reserves the right to carry out along the route.
- Be a confirmed cyclist / Be sufficiently physically prepared
- Manage your food and drink requirements throughout the race without having to rely solely on the accompanying refreshments: participants are provided with sufficient water and food (dried and fresh fruit, cereal bars, etc.), protein bars...) to get to the finish line. He can secure or complete the supply of provisions and water points to fill the containers he finds along the way.
- Do not accompany or ask for help during the event outside the checkpoints and refreshment points along the route. The entourage of may be present to encourage them as they pass, but they undertake not to agree not to disrupt the organisational systems.

- Respect private property near the routes and refreshment posts.
- Do not assemble more than 2 cyclists, particularly on public roads (the highway code prohibits assemblies). If you are travelling in a group, participants must ride in pairs abreast or in single file.
- Visibly attach the numbered handlebar plate allocated at the time of registration to the front of the gravel. This will identify each participant at the start line, at checkpoints along the course and when crossing the finish line.

If the Organiser observes any infringements or non-compliance with these rules, it may impose penalties, disqualify participants from the race and permanently exclude them from the race. After receiving a warning text message from the Organisers, the number plate will be removed and the beacon deactivated.

Article 5 : Safety & Responsibility

Cycling in general and competitive cycling in particular is a physical activity that presents risks. Each participant in the event must know that they will be cycling on mountainous terrain with intense climbs and rapid descents. The Organiser will put in place a certain number of measures to ensure the safety of the course: signposting route: signposting, motorbikes, signs indicating passages requiring particular special attention. Throughout the course, participants must comply with the safety instructions and instructions of race personnel (civil protection, motorcyclists, volunteers, etc.). The safety arrangements for the race end when the finish line is crossed or at the the time barrier. The race takes place on roads open to traffic. Participants must comply with the applicable highway code in all circumstances. However, a safety concept with safety motorbikes and volunteers will be in place along the route. At level crossings, participants must stop when a train passes. Roundabouts are only passed on the right. Participants must drive on the right-hand side of the road. Any participant who has had or witnessed an accident, or who is in need of medical assistance, is obliged to help others and to call the emergency number shown on his/her race number. The participant remains solely responsible for any incident, accident or breach of the event regulations. All costs arising from medical attention (ambulance, doctor, hospitalisation, etc.) are the responsibility of the participant concerned. The liability of the Organiser, its employees and other auxiliaries for direct or indirect damage suffered by a participant as part of or in connection with his or her participation in the event is expressly excluded, whether in the event of accident, theft or damage of any kind. By registering, the participant confirms that he/she is covered by such insurance and waives all legal claims against the Organiser. Motorised assistance or private following vehicles on the course are formally prohibited. Offenders will be reported to the police.

By registering, each participant confirms that he/she has read and understood all the information particularly those relating to safety, and undertakes to comply with them.

Article 6 : Equipment

Each participant is solely responsible for ensuring that the equipment he or she uses complies with current standards, and for its maintenance. To take part in the race, they undertake to use a bike that has been checked and is in perfect working order.

Participants must present themselves at the start with the compulsory cycling and sporting cycling and sports equipment listed below, as well as a helmet on their head with the chinstrap fastened. and keep them on throughout the event.

If the compulsory equipment is missing, the bike plate and the beacon will not be given to the rider at registration: he will not be allowed to take the start and will be excluded from the event. If the compulsory equipment is missing during the event, the organiser may exclude the competitor. The organiser cannot be held responsible for any accidents or consequences arising from participants not wearing the compulsory equipment.

Specifications of bicycles allowed :

For the PARCOURS HAUTE CIME and PARCOURS FORTERESSE, the following bikes, fitted with tyres with a minimum cross-section of 32 mm (42 mm recommended), are permitted:

- Specific bikes for Gravel - fitted with round road handlebars
- Cyclo-cross bikes - fitted with round road handlebars.

For the CATHEDRAL COURSE, muscular mountain bikes with flat handlebars and electrically-assisted Gravel bikes are also permitted.

None of the bikes listed below, which are not suitable for Gravel, will be allowed at the start.

start:

Mountain bikes and any other type of bike with flat handlebars, straight handlebars or flat bars.

- Unicycle
- Recumbent bikes
- Time trial bike
- Fixed-gear bike
- Folding bike
- Handbike
- Bikes with spoked wheels and/or lenticular wheels.

Compulsory cycling and sports equipment for the entire event:

- Wearing an approved hard-shell helmet (CE standards) less than 5 years old, with chinstrap fastened

- Handlebar ends fitted with plugs

- 1 bicycle pump or at least 2 CO2 capsules, two spare inner tubes, supplemented by any other repair equipment

- A fully charged mobile phone

- A fully charged GPS meter, independent of the phone,

Alternatively, a fully-charged external battery for tracking using the GPS meter
GPS meter,

- A can of water (minimum 50cl at the start of the race) and the minimum nutritional supply

minimum for a 100 km event

- A bell

Article 7 : Mechanical support

All riders must bring their own tools and spare tyres or inner tubes during the race. Tools will be provided in the feed zones to give riders the opportunity to solve other problems. Riders may change wheels during the event, but must use the same bike frame throughout.

Article 8 : Registrations

Until 7 September 2024, online registrations for the event can be made exclusively via the online registration platform accessible at the following address

www.alpine-gravel-challenge.ch. On-site registrations will take place on Saturday 7 September from 15:00 to 18:00 at the Bike and Sound Festival Village, Route du Grand Paradis 23, 1874 Champéry, Switzerland.

Prices are available on the event website: www.alpine-gravel-challenge.ch.

The Organiser will not make any refunds or postponements in the event of accident or illness.. Registration fees remain the property of the Organiser whatever happens. A number being allocated and reserved, no reimbursement will be made in the event of absence withdrawal, postponement, cancellation or neutralisation of the race. cancellation or neutralisation of the event, for whatever reason.

Any person who transfers his/her race number to a third party without informing the the organisation, may be held responsible in the event of an accident occurring or caused by the during the event. The Organiser reserves the right to refuse a competitor's entry.

Article 9 : Withdrawal of race numbers

Each participant must collect his/her number in person. Exceptionally, if the registration is full, the group leader (club president) or a member of the team may collect the number in person. The number can be collected by presenting the registration confirmation letter and a copy of the person's identity document. All race number allocations are firm and final.

Race numbers and start gifts can be collected from the Bike and Sound Festival Village, Route du Grand Paradis 23, 1874 Champéry, Switzerland

- Friday 6 September from 16:00 to 20:00 and Saturday 7 September from 15:00 to 18:00

Race numbers can be collected late:

- For the PARCOURS HAUTE CIME course, Sunday 8 September from 06:30 to 07:30 in Monthey , Rte du Vernay 34, 1870 Monthey

- For the CATHÉDRALE COURSE and FORTERESSE COURSE on Sunday 8 September from 6.30am to 8.00am at the Bike and Sound Festival Village, Route du Grand Paradis 23, 1874 Champéry, Switzerland.

The race number must be attached to the jersey at the bottom of the back.

No race numbers or gifts will be sent by post.

Article 10 : Change of itinerary

Each participant may choose the route that suits him or her best, and this choice must be defined when registering. A change of route can be made via your account on the registration platform until 23 August 2024 at 12:00. A change of route may entail costs to be borne by the participant.

After 23 August 2024 at 12:00 no more changes are possible. The registration fee will not be refunded and the welcome pack will not be sent.

If the participant is unable to attend, the registration fee will be forfeited.

Any request made after the day of the race will not be processed.

Article 11 : Timing and ranking

Timing is done using an electronic detection system. All entrants will have a timing chip stuck to the back of their race number, which must be attached to the jersey at the bottom of the back.. This chip, detected by the various antennae set up along the event route, will be used to check the regularity of the race and also to draw up the results and rankings for the event. To ensure normal operation, the chip must not be bent or damaged. The electronic detection system is selected according to strict reliability criteria. Despite the tests carried out by the manufacturers and the excellent experience gained, there is always a very small risk of non-detection. The absence of data resulting from this non-detection will not allow the Organiser to include the official time of the participants concerned in the classification. The Organiser cannot be held responsible.

At the end of the event, an overall classification and a classification by age category will be drawn up and made available on the timing company's website www.alpine-gravel-challenge.ch

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Categories PARCOURS FORTERESSE

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Categories PARCOURS CATHÉDRALE

Hommes	Femmes	Scratch
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PARCOURS CATHÉDRALE alphabetical classification mixed aged 16 and over.

Qualifying categories for the final world championships :

Men aged 19 to 59 and women aged 19 to 49 may only qualify by taking part in the PARCOURS HAUTE CIME. Men aged 60 and over and women aged 50 and over can only qualify by taking part in the PARCOURS FORTRESSE.

Start:

The start of the race will be given by a pistol shot which will mark the beginning of the timing for the elite airlock. Only participants in this airlock will be eligible for the scratch classification. The other airlocks will be chip-timed. Cyclists wishing to compete for qualification for the World Championships may be placed in the elite airlock. Timing ends when the finish line is crossed. The first participant to cross the finish line will be the winner of the race.

Article 12 : Awards ceremony

The first three in each age category for women and men and the first 25% in each category will be called at the ceremony. The Organiser reserves the right to establish the prize board. The first three in each category must present their race number and proof of identity to receive their prize. The prize must be collected on site on the day of the race.

Article 13 : Time barriers & dropouts

Riders must comply with the neutralisation times, for safety reasons. These time limits correspond to the times from which it will no longer be possible to continue the race from the checkpoint concerned. By not passing the checkpoints before the times defined below, participants will be disqualified and will not appear in the event ranking. If they so wish, they may continue the race under their own responsibility by signing a waiver. Their time will be recorded, but they will not be classified.

Time barriers

The time limits will be announced 2 months before the race.

If a participant wishes to retire, he or she must report to one of the checkpoints set up by the Organiser. They must then report to the person in charge of the checkpoint, who will take away their race number and inform them of the means of return. Anyone abandoning the race outside the checkpoints must immediately report this to the race management using the emergency number given in the road book and on their race number. Failure to do so may result in costs being incurred by the competitor.

Any competitor who falls, suffers mechanical damage or is physically unwell and is unable to reach the repatriation points by their own means must immediately notify the race management of their withdrawal using the emergency number shown in the road book and on their race number. The race finishers (broom wagon) will only deal with cases authorised by the race management. Any participant caught by this mobile device will be disqualified from the race. The medical service, made up of doctors, first-aiders and ambulances, may decide to withdraw a participant from the race for medical reasons.

Article 14 : Claims and protests

Any protest may be lodged in writing with the race office no later than fifteen minutes after the at the latest fifteen minutes after the classification has been drawn up. The protest must be justified. It must be accompanied by a deposit of CHF 100. This amount will be reimbursed if the protest is accepted. Protests will be judged by the race jury (race director, timekeeper). The decisions of the race directors are final.

Article 15 : Ethics

The Organiser places great emphasis on the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect, which are the cornerstone of fair and sustainable sport. Participants treat other competitors, organisers, volunteers and spectators with respect.

volunteers and spectators. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify participants who behave violently or discriminate verbally against anyone.

The Organiser is subject to the Swiss Olympic "Statute on Doping". Doping controls may therefore be carried out. By registering and taking part in this competition, athletes agree to abide by Swiss Olympic's anti-doping regulations and recognise the exclusive jurisdiction of its "Disciplinary Chamber for Doping Cases" and that of the Court of

Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), to the exclusion of any other ordinary court. They shall also bear the consequences (suspension/denunciation).

Article 16 : Respect for the environment

In order to respect the environment and the natural areas crossed, it is strictly forbidden to leave rubbish (paper, plastic packaging, tubes containing energy gels, etc.) on the course. Rubbish bins and "collection zones" will be set up and signposted at each refreshment post along the route. They must be used by the participants. Participants must keep their rubbish and packaging until they reach the places indicated by the Organiser to dispose of it. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any participant who deliberately waste outside the designated areas.

Article 17 : Legal provisions

Participation in the race is entirely at the runners' own risk, with waiver of any recourse against the Organiser whatever the damage suffered or caused. In the event of an accident, the Organiser and all persons or entities participating in the participating in the organisation, including but not limited to, the Organiser's bodies and the Organiser's bodies and employees, agents, contractors, auxiliaries, including volunteers, is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law. Each rider expressly authorises the Organiser and their beneficiaries, such as partners and the media, to use still or audiovisual images of the race, including the preparation and post-race phases, in which he or she may appear, taken during his or her participation in the UCI Gravel Suisse, on all media including promotional and/or advertising documents, throughout the world and for the longest period provided for by the law, regulations and treaties in force, including any extensions that may be made to this period. Participation in the race does not confer any right to use the race for promotional or commercial purposes. No communication about the event or use of images of the event is permitted without the express written authorisation of the Organiser, who will lay down the conditions.

The place of jurisdiction is Monthey, Valais.

Article 18 : Data protection

Confidential data relating to Swiss citizens will be governed by the Federal Law on Data Protection (nLPD).

on the new Data Protection Act (nLPD) in September 2023. The persons have the right to access and rectify their personal data, which can be exercised by to the following email address: info@alpine-gravel-challenge.ch

Personal data concerning European citizens is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) dated 27 April 2016, which came into force on 25 May 2018.

Champéry Events Association processes personal data for the following purposes:

- Registration, management of participants and the event at the UCI Gravel Suisse.

- Newsletter for information and promotion
- Publication of results.

The legal basis for these processing operations is consent and the legitimate interest in the organisation and smooth running of the event. The information collected will be exclusively to Champéry Events Association. You may access your personal data, rectify it, request that it be deleted or exercise your right to limit the processing of your data. To exercise these rights or if you have any questions about the processing of your data under this scheme, please contact info@alpine-gravel-challenge.ch.

Article 19 : Acceptance of the regulations

Participation in the Alpine Gravel Challenge implies each competitor's express and unreserved acceptance of these regulations. In the event of any discrepancy between the texts of the different versions of the regulations, the French version of the regulations shall prevail.

Signed in Champéry, on 31st March 2024.

Champéry Events Association - Route de la fin 1 - 1874 Champéry