# RULES & REGULATIONS – CYCLING CLASSICS 2024

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**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 Cycling Classics competition (Granfondo course, Mediofondo course or Ultra course) is a mass and endurance cycling event, including individual performance measurement and rankings. They take place on an open public road, in accordance with the rules of the cycling events of the French Federation of Cycling (FFC). "Découverte, Grimpée and Rando" competitions are promotional rando-sport events.

**ARTICLE 3:** The cyclosport 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 handicap ones, will have to show the original or a copy of his or her 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 shoud 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). The throwing of any object, container, food, document, paper or rubbish on the road is strictly forbidden. Regulatory equipment including lighting, visibility vest, are mandatory in tunnels. The non-respect of these rules may be the cause for disqualification.

## **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:** Neither the Organization or his 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 safety and supervision device is set up at every race (vehicles, bikers, signalmen, radios, etc.). All cyclosport 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 disaster, which may involve the responsibility of the organizer, a written statement must be sent within 48 hours to the organizer. This declaration must include the precise and detailed circumstances of the incident, as well as any supporting documents in order to constitute a file admitted by the Insurance Companies.

**ARTICLE 8:** All participants commit to have their equipment checked and in perfect condition (brakes, new tires) before the start of the race. Also, to have with them 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 course might be changed, the event delayed, or canceled without notice, only by the race director. The stop times or time limit are determined and limited at a fixed and defined time. All participants still on the road after the time limit, will be suspended from the race. He or she must, as the case may be, take the safety route, return the frame plate or bib number to the broom wagon and, if necessary, hop on it or just stop. In case of refusal, he or she will no longer be covered by the organization, which declines 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). 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 infringement, 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 that cycling on or off the road is risky and requires that he or she constantly adjust his speed to the traffic conditions and the condition of the roadway. He or she is fully aware of his vulnerability and accepts the risk of slipping, accidents and especially falls.

**ARTICLE 12:** All commitments involve a prior payment of registration fees and identification.

ARTICLE 13: Registration is personal and irrevocable. It can be neither exchanged, nor transferred, nor refunded. This registration entitles you to a bib number. Entrants registered after the deadline will start at the end of the group. The priority bibs are allocated by the organizer within the limits of available places. On-site registrations will also be sold within the limits of available places.

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. According to the French rules, the right of the consumer's withdrawal, that is usually applicable for distance purchase of goods or services, does not include leisure activities (like entertainment tickets, etc). Therefore, we cannot refund your registration fees paid in the last 14 days after purchase, if you demand to cancel the registration. You can find more information in this official French website: <a href="https://www.service-">https://www.service-</a>

public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10485.

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**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.

**ARTICLE 16:** In order to identify and control the regularity of the event, a frame plate and / or an electronic bracelet will be given to each participant. The transition to the intermediate control (s) is mandatory. The information concerning the times or averages made and the rankings are given for information only, in no case can this information give rise to a claim or compensation.

**ARTICLE 17:** A diploma is available in our website for all finishers after the event. "Scratchs" and "categories" are set according to the official time at the start and in the order in which riders cross the finish line. Categories are the following:

#### Women

Category F18: 18-29 years Cat. F30: 30-39 years Cat. F40: 40-49 years Cat. F50: 50-59 years Cat. F60: 60-64 years Cat. F65: 65-69 years Cat. F70: 70 years and more

### Men

Category M18: 18-29 years Cat. M30: 30-39 years Cat. M40: 40-49 years Cat. M50: 50-59 years Cat. M60: 60-64 years Cat. M65: 65-69 years Cat. M70: 70 years and more

**Handisport** Cat. H

**Tandem** Cat. Tan

The age to be considered is the age they will have in the year (example: man born in 1980 / Category M40). The organization reserves the right not to classify professional and elite runners, either scratch or in the categories. Handisport and Tandem participants who finish the race will have a Gold Brevet.

**ARTICLE 18:** 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 19:** The ceremony of rewards will take place the same day of the race. Rewards are dealt by partners to the winners. No gift will be neither exchanged, nor refunded, nor sent. No reward will be done by cash.

**ARTICLE 20:** The organizer reserves the right, without any notice or justification, to refuse any entry, or to exclude any pre-registered participant from the event, in particular in the following cases: regulatory limitation or not number of participants, non-compliance with the regulation or any of its clauses, behavior or offense (Article 19) or for any other reason deemed serious and serious, not provided for above.

ARTICLE 20.b : All participants surprised in the non-respect of the highway code will be systematically excluded from the next race.

**ARTICLE 21: 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 22**: All participants to any Cycling Classics competition (Cycling Classics France, Marmotte Series and Tour du Mont Blanc) expressly authorize organizers and third parties, such as partners and medias, to use results, images, photos and all type of audiovisual image in which the participant may appear during the event, for promotional use such as documents and advertisement (print or digital), in the entire world and for the longest duration allowed by the law.

**ARTICLE 23:** All interpretations or claims about the event, the rules or application have to be sent by letter to the organization.

**ARTICLE 24:** For cyclosportive events on which a cycling jersey is offered at the time of registration, it will be mandatory to wear it during the event.