



REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS PARTICIPANTS

The Ride Gravel

Definitions

1. Organisation:

The event is organized by International Cycling Event Foundation

2. Event:

The Ride Gravel is a five-day event with a course on unpaved and paved roads, for cyclists on racing bikes (at least 28 mm or wider tires), gravel bikes or mountain bikes (preferred bike: gravel bike with 30mm or wider tires)

3. Participant:

This is any person who in any way, directly or indirectly, enters into an agreement with the Organisation for his/her participation in the Event.

4. Registration fee:

The amount charged by the Organisation to participate in the Event.

General

1. The conditions as described in these regulations apply to participation in all agreements (whether or not concluded through an intermediary), whereby the Organisation directly or indirectly organizes an event.
2. By means of the registration, the Participant unconditionally agrees with the contents of these regulations.
3. Deviations from these conditions are only binding if and insofar as the Organisation has explicitly agreed thereto in writing.
4. The general terms and conditions declared applicable by third parties are explicitly rejected.

Participation and registration

1. Participants voluntarily participate in the Event and entirely at their own risk.
2. Registration is done only in the manner and under the conditions stipulated in these regulations.
3. Online registration is only possible via www.the-ride-gravel.cc
4. Note: there is a limited number of tickets, in connection with permits. In this regard the following applies: sold out = sold out.
5. The registration fee will be collected after registration and confirmed by email, payment will be debited via the website by means of iDeal, direct debit or credit card.
6. Participation in the Event is only possible if the full registration amount has been received by the Organisation at least six weeks before the start of the event.



7. Persons under the age of 18 are only allowed to participate if they hand over written permission from the parent/guardian to the Organisation and are escorted on the track by an adult.
8. The participant shall place the start number, made available by the Organisation in the form of a sign, visibly on his/her bike.
9. Registration for the Event is personal. The start number and entry package is not transferable.
10. The Participant will not be medically inspected by the Organisation. The participant is aware that due to the sporting character of the event, heavy demands will be placed on his/her physical and psychological condition. The Organisation advises the participant to have a medical check-up performed prior to the event; in case of doubt regarding health, it is

advised not to participate.

11. The Participant declares that he/she is sufficiently healthy to participate in the Event.

Rules

1. Participants have respect for each other, nature and environment, and comply with the regulations.
2. The local (traffic) rules and traffic signs remain in full force during the tour and eventual time sections.
3. Participants are obliged to follow all instructions from the police and the Organisation.
4. Participants are obliged to follow all extra instructions of land owners or owners of protected nature areas.
5. Participants are careful and do not take unnecessary risks.
6. Participants watch over their own safety and the safety of others.
7. Participants are not allowed to behave or dress in an offensive or dangerous manner.
8. During the Event, Participants are prohibited from possessing any objects in any way that could reasonably present a hazard or cause a serious degree of nuisance to other Participants.
9. Participants take extra care in blind bends, descents and are always ready to brake and always expect upcoming and trailing traffic.
10. Participants are not allowed to cut corners (always stay on your own side of the road).
11. Overtaking is only permitted if this does not interfere with other (traffic) participants.
12. Participants always cycle as far on the right side of the road as possible.
13. The participant and/or group that passes another Participant and/or group will take over on the left.
14. Participants keep a width distance of at least 1.5 meters when overtaking.
15. Participants must wait at a closed railway crossing.
16. The participant may not change course during the sprint to a finish and deviate from his line.
17. Participants do not form a peloton (more than 12 Participants).
18. For group formation of more than 12 Participants, a distance must be created of at least 25 meters between the groups.
19. Cycling with more than two riders next to each other or cycling in a fan shape is not permitted.



20. Support cars (cars of escorts or fans of participants) do not drive on the bicycle routes.
21. Participants are forbidden to 'stay' behind cars or other motorized traffic.
22. Participants are responsible for making the decision during the Event to terminate participation.
23. The Organisation may decide to set time limits and, if the time limit is not met, remove the Participants from the event. Organisation can also withdraw participants from the event for other reasons, and place them in the broom wagon or support vehicle.
24. Participant takes a seat in a broom wagon after prematurely ending a stretch.
25. Participant is aware of the traffic situation and will look for a suitable place to solve any problems, such as a flat tire or pulling out a raincoat. Preferably in a parking lot or at the far right of the road in the roadside.
26. Participants may not discard waste on and around the route.

Disqualification

1. A Participant may be disqualified from participating in the Event if:

- the Participant has not (fully) paid the registration fee;
- part is taken in the Event without (a correct) start number;
- the Participant does not comply with the rules laid down in these regulations
- the participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, violates a rule
- the participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, behaves improperly
- the participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, violates (traffic) rules
- the participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, violates extra rules set by land owners
- the participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, does not follow instructions from the police, Organisation or medical staff.
- the Participant, in the opinion of the Organisation, has medical problems;

2. The Participant or any interested party may, upon a decision of the Organisation, the medical staff or the police, as referred to in the previous paragraph of this article, can not claim any compensation or reimbursement of the Registration Fee .

Timed section

1. - For The Ride Gravel there will be no timed section (segments or challenges), conditions and terms mentioned below will only apply if the Organisation decides otherwise
2. - If this is altered, participants will be informed at least six weeks before the event
Jury
If and when the Organisation decides to have timed sections on event the following applies:
Organisation has put together a jury consisting of three members.
3. - Race leader (jury chairman)
4. - Head of Organisation
5. - Timekeeper
6. Jury decides on violations of rules laid down in these regulations and assesses protests as a result of the competition.
7. Protests can be submitted to the jury by the motor support team and Participants.
8. Complaints can be made by anyone, provided there is a connection with the event.
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volunteers, supporters, etc.



9. Protests must be submitted no later than 1 hour after closing of the official finish time.
10. The jury always deliberates in the absence of the participant concerned and behind closed doors.
11. Decisions of the jury are binding, there is no appeal against a decision of the jury.

The route

1. The route is not exclusively accessible to the Participants of the Event. Participants should therefore take into account other traffic.
2. The participant follows the route on the basis of the specified GPS tracks.
3. The participant is not allowed to deviate from the specified GPS track.
4. Each participant is responsible for its own GPS (cycling computer), which is available during the event.
5. Participants must familiarize themselves with the route beforehand and are expected to be familiar with the route at the start.
6. Participants must notify the Organisation in case they are unexpectedly lost.
7. Participants can not hold the Organisation responsible for the fact that they are lost.
8. The Organisation may decide to adjust or shorten the route, or cancel the trip entirely if the (safety) situation, in the opinion of the Organisation, makes this necessary.
9. The Organisation also reserves the right to change start and/or finish times and/or - places.
10. Participants or any interested parties will not be able to claim compensation or reimbursement of the Enrollment Fee upon a decision by the Organisation as referred to in the previous two paragraphs of this article.

Time keeping

If and when the Organisation decides to have timed sections on event the following applies:

1. The Organisation determines the official start time.
2. The provided start number must be clearly visible and may not be edited.
3. Time keeping before the ranking takes place on predetermined segments (challenges).
4. The ranking is drawn up in different categories, communicated in advance via event website.
5. Classifications are displayed online with the help of third parties or partners, participants will be informed before event on details
6. The start will begin no later than 15 minutes after the official start time, unless otherwise indicated in the daily briefing.
7. The start section has been divided on the basis of the start numbers assigned by the Organisation.
8. Teams always start complete and have the same starting position.
9. Time keeping takes place by registration via the Stravaclub of The Ride Gravel, for which Participant has to upload his journey records (cycling computer) to Strava.com.
10. The route has a number Challenges (timed section) see event website for details.
11. Each challenge has a start location and a finish location.
12. Timekeeping takes place on the challenge that applies to the classification via Strava.
13. The challenge takes place on the public road



14. The challenge participation is entirely at your own risk.
15. Classifications are shared via event website.

Food and drinks on the way

1. The participant is responsible for his own food and drinks during the stretches.
2. The Organisation makes food and drinks available on aid stations, as long as supplies last. The Organisation does not guarantee the presence of food and drinks at the aid station.
3. Aids stations are never placed within a challenge (timed section if applicable).
4. The participant is obliged to dispose of his own waste in a proper manner.

Preparation

1. Participants themselves ensure an adequate preparation and sufficient physical fitness to be able to participate in the Event. In case of doubt, the Organisation advises that the participant be coached by an expert trainer during the preparation.
2. The Organisation is not liable for bodily injury, incurred during or in preparation of the Event, either due to insufficient preparation of the Participant or the physical health of the Participant.

Equipment

1. Participants carry a valid proof of identity during the Event.
2. Participants will receive a list of items in the participants communication they must take with them (on the bike) during the event at all times (e.g. spare tires, toolkit, pump, emergency blanket, water, food), these items are mandatory and for responsibility of the participant. If the mandatory items instructions are not followed or only partly followed the Organisation can exclude participants of the event
3. Participants themselves ensure proper clothing, equipment and footwear for every type of weather.
4. Participants always wear a helmet.
5. Participants wear a reflective vest or reflective strips and lighting in low visibility (fog) and bad weather (rain).
6. In stretches with tunnels and galleries, lighting (front and rear) is mandatory.
7. Only racing bikes (28 mm tires), gravel bikes and mountain bikes are allowed during the Event.
8. The materials used by the Participants to participate in the tour must comply with the statutory requirements and may not pose a danger to the (co-) participants.
9. In the event of problems with the Equipment, the Participants must be able to carry out the basic repairs themselves (a list of tools and spare parts will be provided by the Organisation, items on the list must be taken by participants and will not be made available by Organisation)
10. The Organisation reserves the right to prohibit certain bicycles or bicycle parts. Currently this consists of, and are forbidden:
 - Ox head, spaghetti, attachment, triathlon- or aero steering wheel
 - Recumbent bicycle
 - Unicycle
 - Handbike



- E-bikes (it is possible to receive a clearance to enter the event with an e-bike, please e-mail info@the-ride-gravel.cc)
 - Multi-track vehicles
 - Fixed wheels and fixed gear bicycles
 - Tandem
 - Bike trailer
 - Water bottles of non-flexible materials such as glass, aluminum, etc.
- Medical care

1. The Organisation of the Event ensures that basic medical support is available. The medical support provides first aid in the event of accidents where possible. This includes the provision of so-called first aid or the application of emergency interventions.
2. If a Participant incurs physical injury, this shall always be reported to the Organisation.
3. A Participant may never stay alone on the route. If someone cannot continue because of, for example, injury or exhaustion, a co-participant is obliged to request assistance from the medical post and stay with the victim. The victim may not be moved without permission from the assistance when it comes to serious injuries.

Ticket Price, Cancellation / Refund

1. The Registration fee is on the website form, all details of the contents of the different packages are noted on the website.
2. If a Participant decides, for whatever reason, to no longer participate before the start of the Event, reimbursement of the registration fee is not possible:
3. If a Participant decides, for whatever reason, to no longer participate during the event, compensation of registration fee, upgrades or any other costs incurred shall not be possible.
4. If the Event is canceled due to force majeure, the Organisation will not be responsible for the costs incurred by the Participants, including the Registration Fee.
5. If the Event is postponed to a later date due to force majeure, the Organization will not be responsible for the costs incurred by the Participants, including the Registration Fee, if the Participant decides not to participate in the postponed event.

Transportation

1. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the start and finish location.
2. This also applies to any visitors and Participants who opt out early.

Insurance

1. Participants are obliged to take out liability insurance and travel insurance themselves that provide adequate coverage for participation in this Event. The participants are reminded that the standard coverage is in most cases inadequate and therefore additional insurance needs to be taken out.
2. If Participants fail to take out adequate insurance this comes at their own risk, the Organisation cannot be held liable.
3. The Organisation has taken out an accident coverage for all participants. This coverage is only valid during the event and not before or after.



4. The Organisation strongly recommends a cancellation insurance with sports injury coverage that can be used in case of injuries before or on event

Liability and indemnification Organisation

1. Participants are aware that participation in this Event may involve risks and dangers. These are, but not limited to: bodily injuries such as but not limited to injury to the face, body and limbs, mental injuries, permanent handicaps, or being unable to continue to practice a profession.
2. Participants are aware of the risks and dangers, also due to negligence, carelessness or inexperience of other Participants.
3. Participation takes place entirely at one's own account and risk.
4. The Organisation shall only be liable for damage suffered by a Participant if that damage is the direct and exclusive consequence of intent or gross negligence on the part of the Organisation, with the provision that only that damage for which the Organisation is insured shall be eligible for reimbursement and insofar as this damage is covered by the relevant

Insurance.

5. The Organisation shall not be liable for damage caused by the use of promotional and communication materials supplied (such as stickers, posters, flyers, etc.) by Participant. The use of stickers on the bicycle is the full risk and responsibility of the Participant. The Organisation shall not be liable for any (lacquer) damage due to the use of promotional materials.
6. The liability of the Organisation is in any case (but not limited to) excluded for:
 - damage as a result of actions by third parties, including third parties engaged by the Organisation such as suppliers, care providers, tenants/lessees of parts of the route and the persons engaged by these third parties;
 - damage as a result of non-compliance by the Participant with instructions given by officers engaged by the Organisation and of non-compliance with general public order standards, the rules of the game, safety and decency;
 - damage as a result of loss, damage or theft of goods belonging to the Participant and brought to the Event;
 - (consequential) damage as a result of changes in the start and finish times of the Event;
 - damage caused in any way by other Participants of the Event;
 - damage, incurred directly or indirectly to whom or whatever, as a direct or indirect consequence of any defect or any capacity or circumstance to, in or on any movable or immovable property of which the Organisation is holder, (lease) holder, tenant or owner or which is otherwise at the disposal of the Organisation;
 - consequential damage and indirect (business) damage on the part of a Participant.
7. The Organisation shall never be liable for damage suffered by a Participant as a result of force majeure on the part of the Organisation. Force majeure also means any circumstance independent of the will of the Organisation, even if it was already foreseeable as a possibility at the time of the conclusion of the agreement between the Organisation and the



Participant, which prevents the fulfillment of the agreement temporarily or permanently and to the extent not already included therein, war, war violence, civil war, uproar, riots, pandemics, terror, and terror threat, police and/or fire service, strike, transport difficulties, fire, and other serious disruptions in the Organisation and/or on the route, weather conditions and for whatever reason non-functioning public transportation as well as the circumstance that an Event, due to the fact that the necessary permits for the Event have not been granted or have been withdrawn, cannot take place or must be canceled pursuant to an order from the competent authority given for that purpose.

Privacy

1. Participants agree with the possible use of his/her image in printed matter, on the internet, photo, film, video etc. for promotional purposes of the Event or other Events organized by International Cycling Events Foundation without claiming any compensation.

2. In the following years, these recordings may be used by the Organisation to promote Events. If a Participant objects thereto, he or she must indicate this before the start of the Event.

3. Participants agree to the sharing of personal data by Organisation with partners of the Event

for relevant e-mailings and information provision. The participant can at any time unsubscribe from the e-mail messages and information provision by sending an unsubscribe message to info@the-ride-gravel.cc

Information provision

1. All Participants are provided with information by means of e-mails and the website of info@the-ride-gravel.cc

2. Participants themselves are responsible for receiving this information (using the correct e-mail address and reading the newsletters.)

House style

1. Participants may use the house style (logo, advertisements, basic text, etc.) of the Event for promotion and PR. It is not allowed to use the house style for other purposes, nor to

make any adjustments and changes. In case of doubt, Participants should contact the Organisation.

Applicable law

1. Only Dutch law applies to the relationship between the Participants and the Organisation.
2. Disputes will only be submitted to a competent court in the Netherlands, regardless of where the Event is held.

Not provided for

In cases not provided for in these regulations, the Organisation shall decide.



Agreement

The participant acknowledges having taken note of these regulations and having fully accepted them. By checking the rules paragraph on the online registration form, the participant agrees to the applicable regulations for The Ride Gravel. The agreement is confirmed by online sending of the registration form.

Electric bikes in The Ride Gravel

The following electric bikes are NOT allowed to participate

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Electric bike hybrid (city bike)

Electric bike commuter (higher speed than 25 kph)

Any electric vehicle that has not been approved under European law

Any self made electric bike or electric support

Any tuned bikes that therefore are not covered by the manufacturer's warranty

electric bikes are allowed to participate (see conditions below) with a maximum of 15

in

total for this event

Electric road bike (max 25 kph)

Electric gravel bike (max 25 kph)

Electric mountain bike (max 25 kph)

The electronic vehicle needs to be approved under European law

The electric bike needs to be widely available on the market as a standard model The electronic bike needs run on firmware and may not be 'tuned'

The electronic bike needs to be covered by manufacturer's warranty

Conditions



Notification of organisation and compliance to rules of conduct

If you want to use an electric bike (road or mountain bike) during The Ride Gravel you need to inform the organisation by email (info@the-ride-gravel.cc) at least one month prior to event. In the email you have to explicitly mention what type of bike you use and whether it is covered by the manufacturer's warranty. You will also need to sign off the rules of conduct. If not, you can be withheld to participate in the event with an electric bike.

Rules of conduct

The user of the electric bike needs to comply to all general rules and regulations and specifically these extra rules of conduct

- You will be cool, collected and relaxed in the use of the electric supported bike; it's a tool that lightens your burden not a weapon to gain advantage
- You will only use the electric support where needed and suited
- The Ride Gravel is not a race, you will not use the electric bike to speed, most definitely not on uphill and climbs, you will not overtake non-electric bikes on climbs, single tracks or hazardous parts of the course
- You will go with the flow and adjust your pace on climbs to that of the non-electric bikes
- You will not use the electric bike in a way it can put yourself or others in danger
- You will behave like a lady or gentleman on the road and always grant right of way to non-electric bikes if and where needed
- You are self reliant and fully responsible for the maintenance and charging of the electric bike and the condition of the bike. A general check up of your electric bike at least two weeks prior to event is your responsibility.
- If the organisation receives complaints on your riding behaviour or skills we have the right to exclude the electric bike from participating any further. Three strikes and you are out!

Notice:

The Ride Gravel has Trek mechanics in the service team that will service all bikes. They are no electric bikes specialists but will help electric bikes owners to their best ability. We cannot give any guarantees that all mechanical / electronic issues can be solved during event and cannot be held responsible.