

# Gravel Road Series Rule Book

## 1. Definition

- Gravel road series is a cycling category where cyclists compete using bikes of any kind and is raced on mixed terrains like asphalt, dirt gravel etc on a circuit with a variable number of Special Stages connected by liaison stages. The liaison stages will be signaled using written information (road book), GPS tracking information or signals posts and taped courses. Special Stages will be signaled with start /end signal posts and direction signal posts.
- The final classification of a rider is obtained by adding all the PS times together and summing any of the advances or delays penalties eventually assigned at each Time Check (abbreviated to C.O.).
- The liaison stages between all the P.S stages are not subjected to timing but there are imposed times to be observed by the rider and a maximum delay time fixed by the Race Jury and communicated by the Race secretary before the race start. All the riders passing the time check points over the maximum imposed time will be automatically disqualified (DSQ).
- To avoid course cutting, surprise check points could be present.

## 2. Categories

- Gravel Road races are open to all the riders having a FCI license or a race license issued by every other FCI's associated organizations.

## 3. Start

- The start is given to groups of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 riders every 10, 15, 20, 30 or 60 seconds accordingly to the Race Jury judgment and upon the number of riders enrolled. Imposed times for liaison stages permit to the riders to proceed in small groups.
- On bike training is permitted before time competition begins.

## 4. Specific Rules

- All the riders must obey to the race regulations and to the Road Code rules, especially where the race course is on a road open to general traffic.
- The special stages will be closed to general traffic during the race only and not during free practice. -
- Be a true sportsman and let the faster rider passing you.
- During the race, every rider must be completely self sufficient thus providing by himself to the re-



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pairs eventually needed by the bike like for example fixing a flat. External aid provided by the team is only permitted in the appropriately signaled paddock area where all the riders will pass through at the beginning and at the end of each lap.

## 5. Race entries and license check

You can enroll at any Gravel Road Series event through the FCI electronic system Factor K (<http://fci.ksport.kgroup.eu/Fci/>). For athletes coming from outside Italy there is a new procedure you can check here <http://www.feder ciclismo.it/it/infopage/novita-procedura-rapida-iscrizioni-stranieri/d55fbc98-f882-43e3-8243-c60dc043a685/> To complete the entry you also must log-on the Gravel Road series website and follow the instructions on the tag Entry. If you don't have an FCI race license, to enter a Gravel Road Series event you can buy a daily license pass issued by FCI at the cost of 15 EUR. The daily license pass includes the insurance coverage provided by the INA/ Assitalia insurer but only for one day. To buy the daily pass you must be in possession of a certificate of competitive sport (cycling) eligibility issued by a medical centre recognized by CONI, dated at least one day before requesting a FCI license or an FCI daily pass. Usually, the certificate is requested by your sport association.

## 6. Number Plates attribution

Number plate's attribution and the consequent start order will be specified in the Race special rule book.

## 7. Bikes

- It is forbidden to change the frame and the wheels of the bike during the race.
- Equipment markings: during the license check, the organizer will provide the rider with three marking stickers. The rider will attach two to the wheels and the third to the frame and will take care of them in case of bad weather.
- During the race the organizer's staff will verify the presence of the marking stickers. A rider without all the marking stickers correctly positioned or skipping the equipment marking check will be disqualified.

## 8. RIDER EQUIPMENT

- All riders must wear an helmet specifically approved for cycling during all the phases of the competition, including Special Stages and liaison stages.
- All riders are encouraged to bring a mobile phone with them to be traceable or to get in touch with the race direction. An organization's phone number will be communicated to the riders during the brief-



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fing and posted on the frame marking sticker.

## 9. RACE COURSE

- The race course is signaled with road signals or poles. Course cutting will be penalized with the immediate disqualification.
- Modifying the race course during the race is forbidden; the organizer could modify the race course without notice due to changing in weather conditions or for safety reasons but must notify it to the riders before the PS start or at the briefing or signaling it.
- Shuttling or any sort of external aid aimed at lessening the rider effort are forbidden and penalized with the disqualification.
- A trailblazer must ride all the PS 5 minutes before the first rider and another one will close the course 5 minutes after the last rider departure

## 10. STARTING / FINISH LINE, TIME CHECK POINTS (CO)

- The starting line overlaps the finish line and it is indicated by two yellow flags. Every rider must pass over the starting line in the minute indicated on the official timetable and on his timetable. The rider passing the line before or after the time indicated will be accordingly penalized.

The CO are located at the exit of the departure zone or at intermediate points chosen by the organizer. The organizer will place its staff members at each CO. The Race Director could modify the times or the race course immediately before the race start or before every CO showing an official communication at the yellow flags level and at the race secretary communication board.

The CO must be signaled by two yellow flags that will act as time tracking line and departure finish line.

### CO Procedure

The official timekeeper's position is located close to the yellow flag on the CO Tracking line together with a synchronized watch showing the race official time. At the final CO at the end of the race, only the delay and not the advance will be penalized. At every CO, an official time keeper must compile a CO list in a chronological order, where all the number plates of the riders will be registered together with the times in hrs and minutes. In case of a dispute, the time indicated in the list will prevail.

### PENALTIES CALCULATION

The rider not respecting the timing imposed on each CO will be issued with a time penalty of 60 seconds for each minute or fraction of a minute compared to his theoretical time.



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## EXAMPLES OF PENALTIES CALCULATION

Time penalties will be added to the total time of the PS. In addition, the race direction will decide a maximum delay time on the theoretical CO passage time to be showed on the race secretary board before the start of the race. Exceeding the maximum delay time means to be excluded from the competition.

THEORETICAL TIME	CROSSING OF THE CO LINE ACTUAL TIME	PENALTY
<b>HRS 11.00.00</b>	HRS 11.01.01 (DELAY)	1 MINUTE (60 SECONDS)
<b>HRS 12.00.00</b>	HRS 11.59.59 (ADVANCE)	1 MINUTE (60 SECONDS)

The departure/arrival zone must be located inside the paddock area.

## 11. SPECIAL STAGES

- The riders will start at 10-15-20-30 or 60 seconds intervals. All the intervals will be defined by the race direction and communicated before the start of the race. The riders must be ready to start at the beginning of each PS at the time indicated on the timetable given by the organizer.
- If a rider arrives in advance to the expected arrival time of a not timed liaison stage thus in a time below the imposed time and consequently on advance of his departure time on any of the PS, he must wait before the PS starting line until the time indicated on his timetable.
- If a rider advances his departure before his start imposed time, the advance time will be added to the time of the PS.
- If a rider delays to the start imposed time, he could start immediately from the delay lane after a timekeeper or judge consent but his stage time will be calculated starting from the theoretical departure time indicated on his timetable.
- All the PS are closed to the general traffic and forbidden to pedestrian transit during the race.
- At the beginning of each PS a delay lane to be used by riders on delay must be put in place. All the riders on delay must enter the PS from that lane but only after consent is given by the CO timekeepers. A rider on delay cannot start a PS before a rider on time, he must wait for the rider on time departure and follow.
- A valid race is when at least 50 % of the PS are valid and completed by all the riders.

## 12. DEPARTURE TIME

- The race departure time must be communicated to the race secretary at least one hour before the race start. The rider's departure time for each PS is decided by the organizer and enforced by the organizer staff of each PS.
- The organizer must show the departures times on the race board at least 30 minutes before the start



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time of the first rider and give each rider his personalized timetable.

- It is upon the rider's responsibility to check for errors on his departures time posted on his personal timetable.

### 13. RIDERS BRIEFING

- A technical meeting will be hosted by the president of the jury near the arrival/departure zone 30 minutes before the start of the race and the time will be communicated in the race book.
- The briefing is important to communicate last minute changes to the race consequently the riders or team manager's attendance is strongly advised.

### 14. HELP AND ASSISTANCE

- In the case of a race incident is advisable that each rider stops to help and calls for the marshals.
- The jury will penalize or disqualify the rider who will not obey to this rule in addition to the judiciary responsibilities of not giving help.
- The retired riders and the riders over the maximum imposed time must reach the departure zone as quick as possible following the race's judge's instructions as well as remove the race number plate.
- To let the relief team reaching an injured racer over a PS course as quick as possible, a PS can be either suspended and the rider's transit on it will not be timed or a detour to the next PS must be arranged and signaled by the race direction.

### 15. CLASSIFICATION

- The Gravel Road race series will have an overall general classification based on the sum of the points gained by each rider on any category at each race of the series.
- Every race of the series counts for gaining points for the overall general classification.
- In the case of a tie, the better result on the last race will determine the winner.

### 16. POINTS ATTRIBUTION

- Points attribution for each race of the series is as follow:

Position	Points awarded
1°	250
2°	200
3°	180
4°	160
5°	140
6°	130
7°	120

Position	Points awarded
8°	110
9°	100
10°	90
11°	80
From the 12th place to the 90th place, decreasing one point for each position increase	79-1

- The first 90 classified riders of the Nova Eroica's Long course (147 km) event will gain 30 extra bonus



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points to be added to the regular points gained from the event classification (see point attribution tab).

## **17. TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

- A special classification for teams is formulated.
- A team must be composed from a minimum of 2 riders to a maximum of 4 riders enrolled on the same sport group.
- The team overall race series classification is determined by the summing of the individual points gained by each team member.
- The team classification for each race is determined by the best placement of the team members in any of the race categories.
- In the event of multiple teams finishing in a tie, the best individual classification of the team members will prevail.
- To compete in the special team classification is mandatory that the Team manager confirms the names of the 4 selected team members to the race direction at the time of the license check.
- Riders competing on different race categories but with a race license issued by FCI or UCI can be members of the same team.

## **18. AWARDS FOR SINGLE RACES**

- At each event of the series, at least the first three classified riders of each category and the First three teams will be awarded.
- The awards are granted for the categories with at least three classified riders.

## **19. OVERALL CLASSIFICATION Gravel Road Series**

The overall classification of the Gravel Road Series will prize:

- The riders placed from the 1th to the 3th position of the overall classification of each category.
- The teams placed from the 1th to the 3th position of the overall classification.

## **20. CLAIMS**

- Claims regarding PS, classifications, riders' behavior or any other topic must be presented in writing to the President of the jury, duties pay and signed by the presenter not after the 30 minutes following the exposition of final classification on the race board. The organizer Committee will communicate its acceptance or denial in an hour time after the claim deposit, ruling on it before the awards ceremony.
- The organization committee is composed by the President of the Jury and by the race Director.



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## 21. INSURANCE

- Every single Gravel Road Series race is a part of the FCI official calendar and consequently is covered by the FCI insurer.
- The Gravel Road Series organizer is not responsible for any incident eventually occurring during the duration of the race



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