

PART 15 – CYCLING FOR ALL

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Chapter III GRAVEL

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§ 1 General Provision

15.3.001 Gravel discipline is a form of cycling that combines elements of both road and mountain-bike disciplines and consisting mostly of distance riding over unpaved roads.

15.3.001 bis As Gravel races combine elements of road and mountain-bike disciplines, some general provisions of the UCI Regulations of these two disciplines may apply in relation to the organisation of gravel events. Specific provisions governing the Gravel discipline are mentioned in this chapter III.

Events

15.3.002 Gravel events are competitive mass-participation events with a mass-start (or in waves with intervals between the start groups) fully timed for all participants and split results per age group and gender.

Gravel events may be one-day cycling events or multi-day cycling events.

Gravel events shall have the following course characteristics:

- Gravel races shall take place on any type of unsurfaced roads and can include gravel, forest fire-roads, farm roads and tracks and cobbles.
- Tarmac surfaced roads should not total more than 20% (twenty percent) of the race distance.
- The course should avoid grass and meadows.
- Singletrack sections should be kept to a minimum and only be included in the course where required to link other sections and only where an alternative route for essential event vehicles (for example medical services) is available.

Eligibility and age categories

15.3.003 Gravel events are open to anyone aged 19 or above and holding a valid licence. Race organisers are free to determine the age categories.

Course distances and start order

- 15.3.004** Course distances should be a minimum of 50 km and a maximum of 200 km, considering course difficulty and elevation gain. Race organisers can propose a shorter distance for older age categories. There shall only be one official distance per age category per event.

Men and women must have a separate start and be considered as separate races. Collusion or any assistance (pacing, feeding, mechanical assistance, etc.) between riders in separate races is forbidden.

Material and Equipment

- 15.3.005** Any style of bike shall be permitted. E-bikes are not allowed.

Handlebars can be of any shape but must be of a one-piece construction with no bar-ends or clip-on extensions allowed (triathlon handlebars and any other handlebars extension system are forbidden).

The wearing of a hard-shell helmet is mandatory.

Feed and technical assistance zones

- 15.3.006** Feeding and technical assistance shall only be available in designated zones (Feed and technical assistance zones).
Feed and technical assistance zones should be available at minimum every 25 km.

Conduct of participants

- 15.3.007** Each participant must observe all the provisions of the UCI Regulations and the competition guide of the event. Every participant shall follow the directions of the organisation and appointed commissaires/officials and agree with any penalties that may be applied.

Without prejudice to the rules of conduct outlined in articles 1.2.079 to 1.2.082 of the UCI Regulations, each participant agrees that fair-play and respect are essential values and commits to abide by those fundamental principles when taking part in gravel events.

Infringements related to race incidents and Penalties

- 15.3.008** Without prejudice of Part 12 of the UCI Regulations, infringements related to race incidents and failure to abide by the UCI Regulations or by the events rules set out in the competition guide of the event may result in a participant being awarded time penalties, warning, or disqualification of the event. Penalties will be decided and imposed by the appointed commissaires/officials.

Chapter VI UCI GRAVEL WORLD SERIE AND UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

§ 1 General Provisions

15.6.001 The UCI Gravel World Series and UCI Gravel World Championships and all related rights shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

15.6.001bis Participation in the UCI Gravel World Series and UCI Gravel World Championships is open to holders of Cycling for all, Masters and Elite licences.

Events

15.6.002 The UCI Gravel World Series is composed by individual Cycling for all gravel cycling competitions.

A UCI Gravel World Series event is a competitive mass-participation event with a mass-start (or in waves with intervals between the start groups) fully timed for all participants and split results per age group and gender.

A UCI Gravel World Series event shall have the following course characteristics:

- Gravel races shall take place on any type of unsurfaced roads and can include gravel, forest fire-roads, farm roads and tracks and cobbles.
- Tarmac surfaced roads should not total more than 20% (twenty percent) of the race distance.
- The course should avoid grass and meadows.
- Singletrack sections should be kept to a minimum and only be included in the course where required to link other sections and only where an alternative route for essential event vehicles (for example medical services) is available.

The UCI Gravel World Championships is the last event of the series, open to riders qualified through the series.

Eligibility and age categories

15.6.003 UCI Gravel World Series events are open to anyone aged 19 or above and holding a valid licence as per art. 15.6.001bis.

The age category is determined as follows:

19-34;35-39;40-44;45-49;50-54;55-59;60-64;65-69; 70-74; 75-79, etc

Course distances and start order

- 15.6.004** Course distances should be a minimum of 50 km and a maximum of 200 km, considering course difficulty and elevation gain. Race organisers can propose a shorter distance for older age categories. There shall only be one official distance per age category per event.

All course distances in UCI Gravel World Series and UCI Gravel World Championships events must be approved by the UCI.

Men and women must have a separate start and be considered as separate races. Collusion or any assistance (pacing, feeding, mechanical assistance, etc.) between riders in separate races is forbidden.

Material and Equipment

- 15.6.005** Any style of bike shall be permitted. E-bikes are not allowed.

Handlebars can be of any shape but must be of a one-piece construction with no bar-ends or clip-on extensions allowed (triathlon handlebars and any other handlebars extension system are forbidden).

The wearing of a hard-shell helmet is mandatory.

Feed and technical assistance zones

- 15.6.006** Feeding and technical assistance shall only be available in designated zones (Feed and technical assistance zones).
Feed and technical assistance zones should be available at minimum every 25 km.

Exclusivity

- 15.6.007** Cycling events that belong to the UCI Gravel World Series shall not be part of or otherwise linked to any other international series of events.

Date protection

- 15.6.008** The dates of UCI Gravel World Series events shall be approved by the UCI. Only one UCI Gravel World Series event per continent shall be held on any given weekend.

Use of the UCI Gravel World Series logo

- 15.6.009** The right to use the brand UCI Gravel World Series is granted by the UCI to the organiser, subject to the conditions set out in this section and by the UCI Gravel World Series organiser's guide in force. No commercial exploitation of the UCI Gravel World Series logo is allowed without obtaining the prior authorisation from the UCI.

Inclusion

- 15.6.010** Inclusion in the series implies acceptance by the organiser of the UCI Gravel World Series organiser's guide and an undertaking on his part to organise the event in accordance with UCI Regulations and other applicable provisions.

UCI Gravel World Series organiser's guide

15.6.011 The UCI Gravel World Series organiser's guide sets out the conditions for inclusion and the special regulations for the series. UCI Gravel World Series events (UCI Gravel World Championships included) are otherwise governed by the Cycling for all regulations (Part XV).

Qualification for the UCI Gravel World Championships

15.6.012 The UCI Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

§ 2 UCI Gravel World Championships

15.6.013 All licence holders according to article 15.6.001bis may participate in the UCI Gravel World Championships.

Riders taking part in the UCI Gravel World Championships must hold a valid licence issued by their respective national federation (day licences being excluded), must hold a UCI ID and must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gravel Championships are held.

15.6.014 Riders taking part in the UCI Gravel World Championships shall represent their country and wear a jersey of their choice representative of their nationality.

15.6.015 All the details specific to the UCI Gravel World Championships may be obtained directly from the organiser or on the UCI website.

15.6.016 The UCI Gravel World Championships are organised in the age group 19-34 and further 5-year age-groups: 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69; 70-74, 75-79, etc.

15.6.017 All age groups as stated in 15.6.016 will have their own title regardless of the number of riders who have taken part in the race in the relevant age groups.

15.6.018 The start of the UCI Gravel World Championships will be organised per age group with at least separated starts between men and women.

15.6.019 The UCI Gravel World Champion jersey must be worn by UCI World Champions in the following events.

For riders with a Master or Cycling for all license:

- In all Masters and Cycling-for-all events in the discipline in which they won the World Champion title;
- In all UCI Gravel World Series events in the discipline in which they won the World Champion title;
- In events where Masters/Cycling for all riders race together with Elite riders, it is allowed for UCI Gravel World Champions to wear the UCI Gravel World Champion jersey in those events of the discipline in which they won the World Champion title.

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For riders with an Elite license:

- In UCI Gravel World Series events in the discipline in which they won the World Champion title;
- In events where Masters/Cycling for all riders race together with Elite riders, it is allowed for UCI Gravel World Champions with an Elite license to wear the UCI Gravel World Champion jersey in the discipline in which they won the World Champion title.