

# REGULATIONS BOLERO GRAVEL SERIES

**ARTICLE 1:** Every participant in this Bolero Gravel Series event acknowledges having read and accepted these regulations in their entirety, accepted the risks involved in practicing the sport of cycling, as well as the occurrence and potential consequences of individual or collective crashes.

**ARTICLE 2:** Every event of the Bolero Gravel Series is an event with a mass start or a start in several waves with a pause of several minutes in between groups, with a timing per age category and gender.

**ARTICLE 3:** The Bolero Gravel Series is open to all participants, both licence and non-licence holders born in 2005 or earlier. Participants born in 2006 or later can only take part on the shortest distance.

**ARTICLE 4:** Wearing a hard-shell bike helmet is compulsory for the entire period spent on the bike. Every participant must respect traffic rules and road code, use the right-hand side of the road and ensure their safety and that of other participants by controlling their speed. It is forbidden to throw objects such as bidons, plastic wrappers, paper or rubbish onto the road.

**ARTICLE 5:** Civil liability: the organiser has taken out an insurance policy which covers its civil liability for any material or physical damage it may cause to third parties or other participants. It is only in force on the official course and during the duration of the event, for lawfully registered participants from start to finish, where the official timekeeping will serve as proof.

Bodily injury, individual accident insurance: The organiser insures participants in individual accident insurance, more specifically for the risks of death, permanent disability and medical expenses ([www.sportinez.be](http://www.sportinez.be)). Participants check themselves whether this standard insurance covers their personal financial needs, in case of physical damage to which participation in the event may expose them. It is the participants' responsibility to assess the risks and decide for themselves to what extent they want to cover them through their own insurance coverage.

Material damage and liability: neither the organiser nor its insurer covers any material damage to participants' equipment and/or equipment, for example in the event of a crash or in case of loss or theft. It is the responsibility of each participant to insure themselves for such risks with their chosen insurer. Participants acknowledge that the organiser is in no way liable for damage, loss or theft of personal property and the participants themselves are responsible for its safekeeping. The custody of objects, accessories and/or bicycles during the event to third parties (whether or not members of the organisation) is at the sole risk of the participant.

**ARTICLE 6:** During Bolero Gravel Series events, mobile and stationary signalers and police are deployed to accompany and secure the event. A first aid and medical escort service, consisting of an ambulance and EMTs, will be deployed by the organiser at each event. This is in addition to conventional and public assistance resources.

**ARTICLE 7:** In case of a claim, a statement must be addressed to the organiser within 48 hours of the incident. This declaration should include the specific and detailed circumstances of the claim, as well as all documentation, to build a file that will be submitted to the insurance company. If Sportinez insurance is claimed, the declaration form on the Sportinez website should be used.

**ARTICLE 8:** Each competitor is expected to have safe equipment appropriate to the nature of the course before appearing at the start, and to bring sufficient spare parts and suitable clothing. A technical assistance service will be provided at the start and at each supply point to provide first aid in case of technical problems. In case of serious technical problems where it is no longer possible to continue participating, the participant should contact the emergency number which can be found on the back of the handlebar number or race number. The technical service cannot be held liable in case of incidents or falls resulting from any technical intervention.

Each participant is responsible for ensuring that equipment is correctly installed on their bike to avoid any risk of crashing, mechanical failure or loss on the road. Any negligence of the participant in this area is the full responsibility of the participant.

**ARTICLE 9:** The timed event is opened by a red flag, which departs a few minutes before the official start. Wherever the red flag passes, crossing points/intersections are manned by signalers and/or police. The green flag, which represents the end of security at the crossings/crossroads, follows a certain time schedule. This timetable will be announced by the organiser before each event. Riders overtaken by the green flag must respect traffic rules and road code at all times. The official closure of the finish is scheduled at 5pm.

**ARTICLE 10:** Law infringements are at the participant's own risk. In case of offences, the offending participant will be criminally and civilly responsible for the consequences. The participant acknowledges that practicing timed or untimed cycling on public roads involves risks, which they voluntarily accept by their participation, and understands that they must constantly adjust their speed according to traffic conditions and the state of the road. The participant accepts the risks of slips, accidents and crashes.

**ARTICLE 11:** Every participation implies prior registration via the Bolero Gravel Series website and payment of the applicable entry fee. Participation tickets are strictly personal and may not be transferred to third parties. The personal data on the participation ticket will not be changed by the organisation under any circumstances.

**ARTICLE 12:** To identify and control each participant, a handlebar number with chip will be issued to each participant. Passages at the various, official intermediate points are mandatory. Information provided on the achieved times or averages and the classification is purely indicative; under no circumstances can this information lead to objection or compensation.

**ARTICLE 13:** Timing and positions will be available on the Bolero Gravel Series website after the event for all participants who have made it to the finish. The overall times and categories will be determined based on the official start time and the finishing order at the finish line. Age categories are as follows for both men and women:

- Elite
- 19-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69

Additional age categories (70-74, 75-79,...) will be created once at least one rider in the respective category has registered. Age will be calculated based on the birth year and not the actual date of birth.

**ARTICLE 14:** Participants who do not respect the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play, are caught cheating (non-compliance with the starting area, early start, failure to follow the route, use or assistance of vehicles, etc.) or behave irresponsibly or dangerously (uttering disrespectful or insulting remarks, rude behaviour, use of doping substances, throwing objects, documents or rubbish, dangerous riding behaviour, violation of traffic rules, etc.) may be punished by exclusion from the event, and future events without being entitled to any compensation.

**ARTICLE 15:** The **first two events** of the Bolero Gravel Series will feature the following podium ceremonies after the event:

Event results:

Longest distance

- Elite men
- Elite women

Middle distance

- men 60+ and women 50+

The **third event** of the Bolero Gravel Series, which will be part of the UCI Gravel World Series, will feature UCI podium ceremonies according to the abovementioned categories (elites + age categories).

After the **final event** of the Bolero Gravel Series the following podium ceremonies will be held:

Event results:

Longest distance

- Elite men
- Elite women

Middle distance

- men 60+ and women 50+

Overall classification:

- Elite
- 19-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- ...

Per event the following points will be awarded for the overall classification based on the event results:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Elites</b>	<b>Age categories</b>
<b>1</b>	100	100
<b>2</b>	70	70
<b>3</b>	50	50
<b>4</b>	40	40
<b>5</b>	35	35
<b>6</b>	30	30
<b>7</b>	28	28
<b>8</b>	26	26
<b>9</b>	24	24
<b>10</b>	22	22
<b>11</b>	20	-
<b>12</b>	18	-

<b>13</b>	16	-
<b>14</b>	14	-
<b>15</b>	12	-
<b>16</b>	10	-
<b>17</b>	8	-
<b>18</b>	6	-
<b>19</b>	4	-
<b>20</b>	2	-

Each participant will receive a frame plate with a chip for timekeeping. Each participant's time will be tracked but intermediate and final standings will only be made for the categories below:

#### Longest distance

##### Men

- Elite
- 19-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59

##### Women

- Elite
- 19-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49

#### Middle distance

##### Men

- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75-79

##### Women

- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64

- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75-79

In the event of a tie after the fourth event, the following criteria will determine the overall classification:

- The best event result in category in one of the events
- The result of the final event
- The result of the penultimate event
- ...

**ARTICLE 16:** The organiser reserves the right, without prior notice or justification, to refuse any entry or exclude from events any pre-registered participant, in particular in the following cases: regulatory or non-regulatory limitation of the number of participants, non-compliance with the rules or any of the clauses, misconduct or offence or for other serious reasons not previously foreseen.

**ARTICLE 17:** Any interpretation or complaint regarding an event, the rules or their application should be addressed in writing to the organiser.

**ARTICLE 18:** Participants may use any type of bike (gravel bike, cross bike, race bike, mountain bike, city bike, etc.), except for tandems and time trial bikes. E-bikes are allowed only at the free starts.

**ARTICLE 19:** In case riders of different age groups come together during the event, they may cooperate and sit in each other's wheel. Riders who specifically wait for another rider from a later start group with the aim of helping that rider may be disqualified (e.g. male riders helping female riders).

**ARTICLE 20:** Helpers of participants may only hand over supplies in the designated feed zones. Support vehicles are prohibited.

**ARTICLE 21:** Participating in an event of the Bolero Gravel Series requires good health and adequate physical preparation. The participant declares to comply with this condition. The organiser recommends undergoing a medical check-up with a recognised sports doctor before participating. The organiser advises participants not to undertake (strenuous) efforts for which they are not sufficiently physically prepared. Depending on their preparation and physical condition, participants make their own choices as to the distance they choose and the intensity they apply during the event. The submission of medical certificates is not compulsory. It is up to the participant to decide whether to undergo a medical check-up beforehand. The organiser bears no responsibility in this regard.

The participant is recommended not to participate in an event of the Bolero Gravel Series in case of symptoms that may indicate Covid-19 or any other epidemic or pandemic, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose or unusual fatigue. High-risk groups are discouraged from participating.