

RULES AND REGULATIONS BOLERO GRAVEL SERIES

ARTICLE 1: Each participant in a Bolero Gravel Series event acknowledges having read and accepted these rules and all the risks associated with cycling, such as individual or group falls and their consequences.

ARTICLE 2: The Bolero Gravel Series consist of 4 events with daily results. For Dwars door het Hageland Gravel Fondo, Nationaal Park Gravel Fondo, and Pajot Gravel Fondo, the results are determined based on the total time taken on the timed gravel sections. The selected gravel segments will have a timing box at the start and end of the segment for time recording. They will be decorated and provided with the necessary signage; marshals will indicate the sections for both cyclists and other road users.

For Houffa Gravel Fondo (part of the UCI Gravel World Series), the result is determined based on the time taken over the entire distance.

For each event, the following points will be awarded for the overall classification of the Bolero Gravel Series based on the daily results. Important: this points system only applies to **the longest distance and for participants with a valid competition license!**

A-points = OVERALL / SCRATCH

C-points = PER AGE CATEGORY

| Place | Points |
|-------|--------|
| 1 | 100 |
| 2 | 70 |
| 3 | 50 |
| 4 | 40 |
| 5 | 35 |
| 6 | 30 |
| 7 | 28 |
| 8 | 26 |
| 9 | 24 |
| 10 | 22 |
| 11 | 20 |
| 12 | 18 |
| 13 | 16 |
| 14 | 14 |
| 15 | 12 |

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| 16 | 10 |
| 17 | 8 |
| 18 | 6 |
| 19 | 4 |
| 20 | 2 |

For example: if you finish in 10th place overall, you will receive both A-points (overall) and C-points (per age category).

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

An additional age category (70-74 years, 75-79 years, etc.) will be created as soon as at least one rider is registered in that category. Age is calculated based on the birth year and not the actual birth date.

For all valid license holders, daily classifications, intermediate classifications, and final classifications will be drawn up with the corresponding points. Non-license holders will be able to consult their total time on the various timed gravel sections in a separate alphabetical order result.

The overall classification will be based on the total number of points obtained in at least 2 events. In the event of a tie in points after the fourth event, the following criteria will determine the final ranking:

- the best daily result in one of the events
- the result of the last event
- the result of the penultimate event
- ...

The timing and results will be available on the Bolero Gravel Series website after the events.

The podium ceremonies will only be held for the daily winners among men and women who have ridden the longest distance. During the last event, a podium ceremony will also be held for the overall winners among men and women. A valid competition license is required to stand on the podium.

The podium ceremonies will be held at the following times:

- Dwars door het Hageland Gravel: 3:00 PM
- Nationaal Park Gravel: 3:00 PM
- Houffa Gravel: from 2:00 PM according to the UCI Gravel World Series schedule
- Pajot Gravel: 3:00 PM

To qualify for the podium ceremonies of Dwars door het Hageland Gravel, Nationaal Park Gravel, and Pajot Gravel, the following conditions must be met:

- Participation in the longest distance
- Possession of a valid competition license
- Crossing the finish line before 2:45 PM

Houffalize follows the UCI Gravel World Series schedule regarding the podium ceremonies. This information can be found on the Houffa Gravel website.

Here is a comprehensive, concise overview of results, points system, and podium ceremonies:

EVENT 1: Dwars door het Hageland Gravel

- Timing: Sum of timed gravel sections
- Daily results: For everyone, all distances, and based on age categories (non-license holders in alphabetical order)
- Points system: Only for the longest distance 'overall' and by age category (men/women), license required
- Podium ceremonies for the longest distance (license required + finished before 2:45 PM):
 - Daily result men 'overall'
 - Daily result women 'overall'

EVENT 2: Nationaal Park Gravel

- Timing: Sum of timed gravel sections
- Daily results: For everyone, all distances, and based on age categories (non-license holders in alphabetical order)
- Points system: Only for the longest distance 'overall' and by age category (men/women), license required
- Podium ceremonies for the longest distance (license required + finished before 2:45 PM):
 - Daily result men 'overall'
 - Daily result women 'overall'

EVENT 3: Houffa Gravel

- Timing: Entire distance
- Daily results: For everyone, all distances, and based on age categories (non-license holders in alphabetical order)
- Points system: Only for the longest distance 'overall' and by age category (men/women), license required
- Podium ceremonies for the longest distance (license required):
- Podium ceremonies according to UCI Gravel World Series (Bolero Gravel Series points system remains in place)

EVENT 4: Pajot Gravel

- Timing: Sum of timed gravel sections
- Daily results: For everyone, all distances, and based on age categories (non-license holders in alphabetical order)
- Points system: Only for the longest distance 'overall' and by age category (men/women), license required
- Podium ceremonies for the longest distance (license required + finished before 2:45 PM):
 - Daily result men 'overall'
 - Daily result women 'overall'
 - Overall classification men 'overall'
 - Overall classification women 'overall'

ARTICLE 3: The Bolero Gravel Series is open to all participants, licensed or non-licensed.

ARTICLE 4: Wearing a hard-shell helmet is mandatory while the participant is on the bike. It is prohibited to throw objects such as water bottles, wrappers, papers, or waste on the road.

ARTICLE 5: Civil liability: the organizer has taken out insurance covering its civil liability for material or physical damage it may cause to third parties or other participants. It is in effect only on the official course and during the event for legally registered participants from start to finish.

Personal injury, individual accident insurance: the organizer insures participants with individual accident insurance, including risks of death, permanent disability, and medical expenses (www.sportinez.be). Participants should check whether this standard insurance covers their personal financial needs in case of personal injury resulting from their participation in the event. It is the responsibility of participants to assess the risks and decide for themselves to what extent they wish to cover these risks with their own insurance.

Material damage and liability: neither the organizer nor its insurer covers possible material damage to participants' equipment, such as in case of a fall or loss or theft. It is the responsibility of each participant to protect themselves against such risks with their chosen insurer.

Participants acknowledge that the organizer is in no way responsible for damage, loss, or theft of personal belongings, and that participants are responsible for their own supervision. The deposit of items, accessories, and/or bikes during the event with third parties (whether or not members of the organization) is entirely at the participant's risk.

ARTICLE 6: During Bolero Gravel Series events, fixed marshals are deployed on the timed gravel segments to ensure the safety of cyclists and other road users. A first aid and medical assistance service, consisting of an ambulance and first responders, is deployed by the organizer at each event. This is in addition to conventional and public emergency means.

ARTICLE 7: In case of an incident, a report must be submitted to the organizer within 48 hours of the incident. This report must contain specific and detailed circumstances of the incident, as well as all necessary documents to compile a file to be submitted to the insurance company. If Sportinez insurance is used, the declaration form available on the Sportinez website must be used. If you are a license holder, the incident must be reported to Belgian Cycling.

ARTICLE 8: Each participant must have safe and appropriate equipment for the nature of the course before starting and carry enough spare parts and appropriate clothing. A technical assistance service is provided at the start and at each refreshment station to offer first aid in case of technical problems. In case of a serious technical problem preventing further participation, the participant must contact the emergency number found on the back of the handlebar number or starting number. The technical service cannot be held responsible for incidents or falls resulting from any technical intervention.

Each participant is responsible for ensuring that equipment is properly secured to the bike to avoid the risk of falling, breaking, or losing it on the road. Any negligence in this regard is the sole responsibility of the participant.

ARTICLE 9: Participants must comply with traffic regulations at all times, whether on a timed gravel segment or not.

ARTICLE 10: Violations are the responsibility of the participant. In case of violations, the participant at fault will be legally and civilly liable for the consequences. The participant acknowledges that cycling, timed or not, on public roads involves risks that they voluntarily accept by participating and understands that they must always adjust their speed to the traffic conditions and road state. The participant accepts the risks of slips, accidents, and falls.

ARTICLE 11: Participation requires prior registration via the Bolero Gravel Series website and payment of applicable registration fees. Participation certificates are strictly personal and cannot be transferred to third parties. Personal information on the participation certificate will not be modified by the organization under any circumstances.

ARTICLE 12: Each participant receives a handlebar number with a chip for timing. Passing through official checkpoints is mandatory. Information on times and classifications is provided for indicative purposes only; such information cannot give rise to claims or compensation.

ARTICLE 13: To be included in the official Belgian Cycling ranking, you must have a valid license. Non-licensed participants who wish to be included in the points ranking must pay for a daily license.

ARTICLE 14: Participants who do not respect sportsmanship and fair play, are caught cheating (e.g., not respecting the start area, early start, not following the course, using or receiving vehicle assistance, etc.), or behave irresponsibly or dangerously (e.g.,

disrespectful or insulting remarks, rude behavior, use of doping substances, throwing objects, documents, or waste, dangerous driving, violating traffic rules, etc.) may be excluded from the event and future events without entitlement to compensation.

ARTICLE 15: The organizer reserves the right, without notice or justification, to refuse any registration or to exclude any participant from participation in events, particularly in the following cases: regulatory or non-regulatory limitation of the number of participants, failure to comply with the regulations or any clauses, inappropriate behavior or violation, or other serious reasons not previously foreseen.

ARTICLE 16: Any interpretation or complaint regarding an event, the regulations, or their application must be addressed in writing to the organizer. If you hold a license, this complaint must be addressed to Belgian Cycling.

ARTICLE 17: Participants may use any type of bicycle (gravel bike, cyclocross bike, road bike, mountain bike, city bike, etc.), except tandems and time trial bikes. Electric bikes are allowed, but participants with electric bikes are not eligible for daily or final rankings.

ARTICLE 18: Participating in a Bolero Gravel Series event requires good health and physical preparation. The participant declares to meet this condition. The organizer recommends a preventive medical examination by an accredited sports physician before participation. The organizer advises participants not to make (intense) efforts for which they are not physically prepared. Participants themselves choose, based on their preparation and physical condition, the distance and intensity they wish to achieve during the event. The presentation of medical certificates is not mandatory. It is up to the participant to decide whether to undergo a prior medical check-up. The organizer assumes no responsibility in this regard.

Participants are advised not to participate in a Bolero Gravel Series event in case of symptoms indicating covid-19 or any other epidemic or pandemic, such as flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or unusual fatigue. At-risk groups are advised against participating.