

## Tour de Suisse Challenge 2018 Call for entries/Rules/GTCs

The Tour de Suisse Challenge is a road race that is staged in accordance with the provisions of this call for entries. This call for entries/these rules are published and can be viewed on the official Internet site [www.tourdesuisse.ch](http://www.tourdesuisse.ch). By registering for the Tour de Suisse Challenge, the participant acknowledges all of the terms of the call for entries, rules and General Terms and Conditions of the organiser ("GTCs"). It is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the call for entries, rules and GTCs in good time. The Tour de Suisse Challenge consists of a total of three stages (one individual time trial and two road races with mass start). An overall ranking will be entered for participants who register for all three stages but all stages of the Tour de Suisse Challenge may also be booked individually.

1<sup>st</sup> Stage – Individual Time Trial with start and finish in Fraeunfeld/Thurgau

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage – Roadrace with start and finish in Frauenfeld/Thurgau

3<sup>rd</sup> Stage – Roadrace with start and finish in Bellinzona/Ticino

### Admission criteria

The Tour de Suisse Challenge is open to hobby, recreational and amateur athletes born in 2001 or before, with the exception of Elite National U23, Elite National and Elite Women or foreign participants holding a licence equivalent to this classification.

Participants who are invited by the organizer are not affected by this regulation above.

Anyone who fulfils the abovementioned admission criteria and the GTCs is entitled to take part in the Tour de Suisse Challenge.

Every participant rides his or her own race and is ranked according to the criteria listed under "Rankings and results" and entered in the results.

All participants who have not yet turned 18 on the event day must provide a written declaration of consent with a signature from at least one parent or guardian when collecting their start documents. Issuing of start documents and participation in the Tour de Suisse Challenge are only possible following presentation of such a declaration.

### Ranking and Results

#### Daily Ranking:

Every participant is entered in a daily ranking for women and men based on his or her personal result and is additionally ranked in his or her corresponding age group (see age group division).

Age group divisions are dependent upon at least six participants in the same age group actually starting the race. Where this is not the case, the individual participant's results will be allocated to the age group above.

#### Overall Ranking:

Only participants who have registered for all three stages prior to the start of stage 1 (individual time trials) are entered in the overall ranking. Registrations for all three stages after the first stage cannot be taken into account in the overall ranking.

Every participant is entered in the overall ranking for women and men based on his or her personal daily result and is additionally ranked in his or her corresponding age group (see age group division). Age group rankings are dependent upon at least six participants in the same age group actually starting the first stage (individual time trials/prologue). Where this is not the case, the individual participant's results will be allocated to the age group above. The position in the overall ranking will be calculated by totalling the times from the respective daily rankings.

### Timing

Times are recorded using a timing transponder by the timing partner of the Tour de Suisse Challenge. The transponder is a one-way transponder which is integrated into the seat post number. The transponder is issued upon accreditation along with the start documents. Participants are responsible for correctly attaching the transponder; it is important to observe the transponder instructions given in the start documents. Times are recorded at the start, at checkpoints along on the route and at the finish.

### **Minimum speeds**

For each race, except the individual time trial, relevant average or minimum speeds apply which are required due to the subsequent professional race that follows. They can be found in the relevant time/progress tables for the individual races. Compliance is monitored by the jury during the race. Anyone who does not meet the average or minimum speed specified will be disqualified from the race by the jury via withdrawal of the start number. The participant can then either get in the broom wagon or ride back to the finish independently and on his or her own responsibility away from the course. Continuing to ride on the course is not possible due to the subsequent advertising caravan and professional race. The instructions of the police and jury must be followed.

### **Important rules of behaviour for all race participants**

The following rules of behaviour apply on principle for the Tour de Suisse Challenge.

Appropriate race security for the Tour de Suisse Challenge is provided by the tour police and the security service of the Tour de Suisse.

In the 2nd stage in Frauenfeld will proceed as follows. Security by tour police and the security service is limited to 40 minutes after the passage of the leading rider. This is indicated by a specially marked vehicle of the organisation which monitors this 40 minute window and marks it by its position in the race. All participants riding behind this vehicle do so in accordance with the regulations of Swiss traffic law and are no longer protected by a blocked route, however they may finish the stage if they achieve the preset minimum speed thus ensuring their results are recorded for the daily and overall classification.

The security of the racetrack (40 minutes after the passage of the leading rider) is basically guaranteed, but all participants are obliged to comply with the Road Traffic Act during the race. Although public roads are closed to general traffic, parked and/or oncoming or overtaking vehicles can always be expected.

Riders must be ready to brake and must ride on the right at all times. The instructions of the police and of the organisers must be followed without exception during the race. In the event of non-compliance, the jury reserves the right to impose a penalty or to disqualify the participant.

### **Individual time trial: Start time and other special provisions**

For the individual time trial, the start time is drawn and then published on the homepage in advance. In addition, each participant is informed about his or her individual start time via a service e-mail, provided that details were provided upon registration.

Slipstreaming is not allowed in the individual time trial and will incur a time penalty for the first offence and disqualification for any repeat. The individual start times are binding for every participant. The jury reserves the right to issue a time penalty to participants who do not arrive on the start ramp in time or to disqualify them from the competition.

### **Startblock allocation for road races**

Start block allocation for all road races from the second stage are based on the participant's result from the first stage (individual time trial/prologue). Participants who are not taking part in all three stages (day riders) will be allocated a start block on the basis of their expected average personal speed as stated by the participant when registering. Start block allocation is posted in accreditation prior to each race and published on the Internet in advance.

### **Registration**

Registration for all stages of the Tour de Suisse Challenge is available exclusively online via the website [www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge](http://www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge)

Online registration is open until Friday 1<sup>st</sup>. of June 2018. After this date, registration is only possible at the race itself and subject to a late registration fee of CHF 20,- per stage.

The number of participants per stage is limited to 1,000. If this maximum should be reached before 1<sup>st</sup>. of June 2018 the organiser reserves the right to close registration for the relevant stage prior to this date.

### **Accreditation and collection of start documents**

The precise venues and opening times for accreditation will be communicated in good time prior to the event on the homepage and also via a service email to all participants.

### Services

The following services are covered by the entry fee:

- Opportunity to refill participants' water bottles prior to start (except in individual time trials)
- Timing using an individual one-way transponder in the seatpost-number
- Start numbers and safety pins
- Brochure and start information
- Starter bag with products and give-aways
- Daypack service at start and finish
- Toilets, showering and changing facilities
- Drinking bottle service during the race
- Technical emergency service before and during the race
- Neutral technical service during the race
- Medical service
- Refreshments at the finish including drinks and bakery products/baked goods
- Motorbike escorts
- Lost & found
- Text message/e-mail results service
- Online results service and PDF documents for download

Each participant will receive **one** official "Tour de Suisse Challenge" jersey from our sponsor Santini (regardless of the number of stages they ride).

### Bike and equipment

Every participant must wear a helmet! All technically flawless two-wheeled bicycles in accordance with the Swiss Cycling race rules are permitted. Non-compliance may result in disqualification.

The following bikes and accessories are not allowed at the start for safety reasons:

- Disc wheels on the front and/or back (except for the individual time trial) Triathlon bars of any kind (except for the individual time trial)
- Recumbent bikes, chair bikes, unicycles, hand cycles, e-bikes of any kind
- Trailers of any kind
- Attachments that pose a safety risk
- Saddle-bags and other loads
- Rucksacks
- Drinks bottles made from glass, aluminium, hard plastic or other materials that are fragile or not easily distortable

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# General Terms and Conditions (GTCs) of the Tour de Suisse Challenge

## §1 Prerequisites

Anyone is permitted to participate who fulfils the admission criteria, registers and is accredited in accordance with the regulations, and is in possession of an official start number for the Tour de Suisse Challenge. Minors need a written declaration of consent from a parent or guardian to register. Club membership is not required.

## §2 Obligations

- (1) Every participant is obliged to personally assess his or her own health for participation in the Tour de Suisse Challenge, where necessary in consultation with a doctor. He or she must ensure that all equipment is flawless and wear a helmet throughout the entire race. The helmet must meet the valid standards and provisions of the UCI and Swiss Cycling.
- (2) The information and specifications contained in the call for entries as well as the instructions of staff and helpers before, during and after the race must be followed. In the event of violations that may disrupt the proper course of the event or endanger the safety of other participants, the organiser is entitled to exclude the participant in question from the event at any time and to disqualify them.
- (3) All supplementary instructions, information and specifications in the call for entries/rules (accessible as a PDF download at [www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge](http://www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge)) and in the participant information (received by every participant upon accreditation) establish a direct contractual obligation for the participant. By registering, the participant recognises the call for entries/rules and the GTCs of the Tour de Suisse Challenge.

## §3 Conclusion of the contract

- (1) Registration, which represents the binding contractual offer of the participant to the organiser, is only possible by filling in the registration form via the online registration process at [www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge](http://www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge). Registrations by post, fax or e-mail cannot be accepted.
- (2) The contract only comes about if the participant or his or her parent or guardian has acknowledged the GTCs and call for entries/rules by expressly clicking to confirm this when registering online. To be entitled to take part, the organiser must have received the entry fee and the participant must have received the registration confirmation.
- (3) The goods ordered when registering are not handed out prior to the event. Such goods are only handed over during the event days in connection with accreditation.

## §4 Payment

- (1) Various forms of payment are available for payment of the entry fee, including a SEPA debit, credit card and PayPal.
- (2) In the event that payment of the entry fee takes place by granting a direct debit instruction (SEPA debit), incorrect information and any resulting administration fees will be borne by the participant.

## §5 Accreditation

- (1) The participant receives his or her start documents upon accreditation only upon presentation of the official registration confirmation or his or her identity card or passport. If the participant is unable to attend, he or she must ensure that the start documents are collected by a person with written authorisation. The start documents can only be collected by people who can provide proof of authorisation.
- (2) Every participant is obliged to check that his or her start documents, which he or she receives upon accreditation, are completely immediately after receipt. Complaints made at a later date cannot be considered.

## §6 Cancellation/change of participant

- (1) Cancellation with refunding of the entry fee is only possible up to two weeks after registration has taken place. Cancellation at a later date is excluded. Cancellation must be sent in writing by post or by e-mail to:  
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- (2) The rules in paragraphs 1 to 2 expressly do not apply for registration for the event with an external starting place voucher or a voucher received within the framework of an external competition. In these cases, cancellation of registration or a change between competitions is excluded.
- (3) In addition, following receipt of his or her official registration confirmation, the participant may also name a replacement participant, who is prepared to take over all booked services, using the online user interface at [www.tourdesuisse.ch](http://www.tourdesuisse.ch). A processing fee of CHF 15,- is charged to process the change of participant. A starting place that has been transferred already cannot be passed on to another replacement participant.

### **§7 Cancellation of the event or no-show**

- (1) If the event is cancelled due to force majeure, an official order or safety reasons, the participant has no right to the refund of the entry fee and/or compensation (e.g. for travel costs).
- (2) In the event of a no-show by the participant for reasons relating to the participant, incl. prevention due to force majeure (e.g. a traffic jam, etc. when travelling), the participant cannot assert claims of any kind against the organiser (refund of the entry fee, futile expenditure, compensation, etc.). Claims against cancellation protection remain unaffected.

### **§8 Liability**

- (1) Participation takes place at the participant's own risk. By registering, the participant expressly declares that the specific dangers, including death, of an amateur cycling road race are known to him or her. The organiser accepts no liability in the event of accident or illness.
- (2) The liability of the organiser – including with respect to spectators and third parties – for all claims, incl. damage and injury to life and limb, is limited to intent and gross negligence. This also applies to parties employed by the organiser to fulfil a contractual obligation.
- (3) The organiser assumes no liability for items of clothing, valuables and equipment of participants that are lost or for other damage of any kind. Participants should therefore ensure that they are appropriately insured.
- (4) Upon receipt of the start number, the participant declares with binding effect that no health reservations exist with respect to his or her participation. The participant is personally responsible for his or her own health.

### **§9 Data collection and data usage**

- (1) The personal data provided by the participant upon registration is saved and processed for the purpose of carrying out and holding the Tour de Suisse Challenge, including the purpose of administering medical treatment to participants on route and at the finish. This particular applies to the data needed for payment processing, making allowances for the relevant data protection provisions. By registering the participant agrees to the storage of his/her data for this purpose. .
  - (2) The participant provides his or her consent to the personal data cited in the registration being recorded by commercial third parties for timing, placement, results and photo searches or being passed on to such parties for these purposes.
  - (3) The participant provides his or her consent to the personal data recorded as well as his or her start number, result and, where applicable, club being printed and/or published in starter and results lists on the event homepage, the homepage of the official timekeeper and on the homepage of the official photo partner and in all relevant media reporting on the Tour de Suisse Challenge.
  - (4) The participant provides his or her consent to the photos, films and interviews made in connection with the event on the radio, television, print media, books, photomechanical duplications (films, DVD, etc.) being distributed and published by the organiser without a claim to remuneration, including for press publications, PR and advertising purposes.
  - (5) The personal data saved will be used for internal market research purposes by the organiser. By registering the participant agrees to the storage and use of his/her data for this purpose.
  - (6) Participants will receive all information relevant to the Tour de Suisse Challenge by email newsletter. By entering the participant agrees to the storage and use of the email address for this purpose.
  - (7) The participant consents to the organiser forwarding personal data of the participant to third parties for marketing purposes (e.g. despatch of brochures). Third parties refers to partners and sponsors. The organiser undertakes in this regard to process all personal data only in compliance with the Data Protection Act.
- Whoever wishes to object to the forwarding of personal data should give notice of this in writing at least four weeks in advance of the event to InfrontRingier Sports & Entertainment Switzerland AG, Dufourstrasse 23, CH-8008 Zürich. The data for services that are indirectly related to the event, such as timing, production of the entry numbers, etc. may in any event be forwarded.

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