

Tour de Suisse Challenge 2015

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. 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 in each case of two separate competitions: the individual race and the team race. It is only possible to take part in either the individual race or the team race on a race day.

Admission criteria:

The Tour de Suisse Challenge is open to hobby, recreational and amateur athletes born in 1998 or before, with the exception of Elite National U23, Elite National and Elite Women or foreign participants holding a licence equivalent to this classification. In addition, all terms of the GTCs must be fulfilled.

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.

Insurance

Insurance is a matter for participants. The organiser points out specifically that participation in cycle races and similar events is not generally insured as part of existing insurances, unless the participant has additional insurance through a cycle club or the like.

Competitions: individual race and team race

The Tour de Suisse Challenge features an individual race and a team race on each race day. Each participant can only take part in the individual race or in the team race per race day.

Individual race:

Anyone who fulfils the above-mentioned admission criteria and the GTCs is entitled to take part in the individual race. 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.

Team race:

The admission criteria and the GTCs likewise apply to participation in the team race, and four or six starters must be registered per team. Company teams, club teams or other groups are permitted. When registering, a joint team name and a team captain (=main registrant) must be specified. Should a team member drop out or fall ill, a replacement rider can be named. Participant data can be altered using the access data in the e-mailed registration confirmation on the online platform at www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge.

The team race represents a separate competition with a separate ranking and is thus independent of the individual race. Teams register in the two categories "4-person" or "6-person" depending on their team size. Team membership is independent of age and gender. The admission criteria are to be taken into account.

Rankings and results

Individual race / day result:

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

Individual race / overall ranking:

Participants who take part in and finish all individual races will be listed in an overall ranking with the corresponding age group ranking.

Team race / day result of individual time trial:

In the individual time trial on 13 June 2015, one result is eliminated per team in the team race. In 4-person teams, this means that the times of the three quickest team members are added together; in 6-person teams, the times of the five quickest team members are added together and ranked.

Team race / day result of road race:

For the road race, all teams start out in two start blocks depending on their size and in each case as a mass start with a block time:

- all 6-person teams -> block behind the last start block in the individual race
- all 4-person teams -> block behind the 6-person teams

For 6-person teams, the result of the fifth team member passing the finish line is used for the results. In 4-person teams, the result of the third team member is used. The times of the other team members are not relevant and will not be shown in the result.

Each team will be entered in a daily ranking in the respective category based on its result. Teams that take part in and finish all team races with the same line-up will also be listed in an overall ranking.

Timing

Times are recorded using a timing transponder by the timing partner of the Tour de Suisse Challenge. The transponder is issued upon accreditation along with the start documents. It is integrated into the handlebar number. Times are recorded at the start, at checkpoints on the route and at the finish. Timing and the preparation of results normally takes place based on the gross time. The exception is the individual time trial, where the net time is recorded and ranked.

Minimum speeds

For each race, except the individual time trial, relevant average or minimum speeds apply. 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.

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 or text message, 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.

Start block allocation for road races

For all starters, the start block allocation for the road race is based on the average personal speed to be expected as stated by the participant when registering. Start block allocation is noted in the starter lists. They are handed over upon accreditation and published on the Internet in advance.

Drawing of lots and registration

Due to the limited number, starting places for all competitions in the Tour de Suisse Challenge are allocated exclusively by drawing of lots. The time of registration for participation in the draw is not relevant. Participation in the draw is only possible via the registration page on our homepage www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge.

The draw is held in several stages, which are published on the website www.tourdesuisse.ch/challenge. All winners are notified by e-mail and have the opportunity to register definitively within a period of 14 days following receipt of the e-mail in return for payment of the entry fee. This registration is only possible using the registration link sent by e-mail and the associated code.

Cancellation of participation

Free cancellation is possible at any time up to two weeks after registration by means of a written statement by post or e-mail. Cancellation after this time is not possible and the full entry fee is owed. If the entry fee has been paid already, it will not be refunded. To cover this risk, it is recommended to take out cancellation insurance, as described below.

Cancellation insurance

As part of the registration process, cancellation insurance covering non-attendance due to illness or accident can be taken out with the insurance partner of the Tour de Suisse Challenge. Precise information on the insurance can be found at this link: [Travel insurance](#)

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 e-mail to all participants.

All required start documents will be issued out upon accreditation on presentation of the original registration confirmation or an identity card or passport.

Services

The following services are covered by the entry fee:

- Cycling jersey
- Timing using an individual transponder system
- Start numbers and safety pins
- Brochure and start information
- Starter bag with products and give-aways
- Toilets, showering and changing facilities
- Race refreshments before, during and after the race
- Technical emergency service before and during the race
- Medical service
- Motorbike escorts
- Lost property office
- Refreshment voucher (meal and drink at festival stand)
- Text message/e-mail results service
- Online results service and PDF documents for download

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.

(4) All supplementary instructions, information and specifications in the call for entries/rules (accessible as a PDF download at 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. 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 participant has the opportunity to take out cancellation insurance for non-participation with the insurance partner of the Tour de Suisse Challenge. Cancellation insurance is not a service provided by the organiser. The General Conditions of Insurance apply for the cancellation insurance.

(3) A subsequent change from the individual race to the team race and vice versa is possible. In the event of a change to the team race, the participant has to pay the resulting difference. A processing fee of CHF 15 is due for every change.

(4) The rules in paragraphs 1 to 3 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.

(5) 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. 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 of an amateur cycling road race are known to him or her.

(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 event.

(2) The participant provides his or her consent to the relevant data cited in the registration being recorded by 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 data recorded according to the previous paragraph 2 and to his or her name and start number being published on the event homepage, the homepage of the official timekeeper and on the homepage of the official photo partner.

(4) The participant provides his or her consent to the personal details taken in connection with the event being used for marketing purposes and to photos, films and interviews being published without a right to remuneration and to them being transferred to partners for use.

(5) The participant agrees that his or her data may be used for event-related mailings.

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