

Regulations

Article 1 - Definition

The Recumbent World Championship (Campionato del Mondo Granfondo in Recumbent) takes place during a Granfondo event selected by the Recumbent World Tour Association (RWTA).

Participants in the World Championship compete representing their national teams, not their commercial or local teams.

The Recumbent World Championship is organized by the Recumbent World Tour Association (RWTA) in association with local organizers. These regulations apply to all participants and local organizers.

RWTA reserves the right to update or amend this regulation as necessary, with prior notice to all affiliated organizers.

Article 2 - Organization and Responsibilities

RWTA supervises compliance with this regulation. Local organizers are responsible for insurance, safety, logistics and timing operations in accordance with national regulations.

Article 3 - Eligible Athletes

Participation in the Recumbent World Championship is open to all non-professional athletes, licensed or unlicensed, of any nationality.

Unlicensed riders may request a daily license from the local organizer.

A professional athlete is defined as any rider who currently has, or has had during the current year, a contract with a UCI-registered team.

For all specific requirements, fees, deadlines, and registration procedures, the local organizer's regulations apply.

Each athlete must declare their participation in the Recumbent World Championship at the time of registration with the local organizers.

Article 4 - Eligible Bicycles

The regulations of the *Granfondo Città dell'Aquila* determine which types of bicycles are permitted to start and which are eligible for the race classification. For the purposes of the World Championship classification, only non-faired two-wheeled recumbent bicycles are allowed.

Permitted:

- Two-wheeled recumbent bicycles;
- Small saddle or frame bags for carrying tools, inner tubes, or food;
- Clothing and accessories that improve aerodynamic performance (socks, skinsuit, helmet, and glasses).

Not permitted:

- Recumbent tandems with two or more seats;
- Hybrid tandems (upright + recumbent) with two or more seats;
- Three-wheeled vehicles;
- Four-wheeled or multi-wheeled vehicles;
- Pedal-assisted or electric-assisted vehicles;
- Front and/or rear disc wheels;
- Full or partial fairings (front or rear), rigid or soft, attached to the frame, seat, pedals, or rider's body;

Verification procedures:

- A preliminary inspection takes place during registration. In case of non-compliance, the athlete will be asked to correct the issue before the start, otherwise they will be excluded from the competition.
- A final inspection takes place after the finish line. Any non-compliance detected results in disqualification: the athlete will not appear in the World Championship classification.

Article 5 - Classification

At the end of the races (Mediofondo and Granfondo), the official timing service will prepare a classification reserved for recumbent participants.

Categories:

- Mediofondo Men
- Mediofondo Women
- Granfondo Men
- Granfondo Women

Each category is divided into the following age groups:

19–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80 and over 80.

For age-group classification, the athlete's age as of December 31st of the current year is considered.

Article 6 - Complaints

For any appeals regarding the race result, athletes must contact the local event organizer within 1 hour after the publication of the official classification on the on-site results board.

Article 7 - Course Selection

Organizers of the World Championship offering more than two routes must clearly indicate which courses are valid for the Mediofondo and Granfondo classifications.

This information must be:

- Published on the event website;
- Announced during the pre-race briefing;
- Included in the race information materials distributed to riders along with their bib number.

Riders may choose their course during the race, unless otherwise specified by the local organizer.

Article 8 - Race Procedures

Regarding registration methods, registration deadline, participation requirements, start grid organization, feed zones, mechanical assistance and on-course safety, the official regulations of the local Granfondo organizer apply. All participants must be covered by accident and liability insurance provided by the local organizer.

Article 9 - Liability

Participation in the World Championship is at the athlete's own risk. RWTA and local organizers decline any liability for accidents, injuries, or damages occurring before, during or after the event.

Each participant is responsible for ensuring that their physical condition and equipment are suitable for competition.

Article 10 - Fair Play and Conduct

Athletes are required to compete in the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. Any form of cheating, drafting

behind unauthorized vehicles or any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification or exclusion from the race.

Article 11 - Doping and Ethical Standards

Any athlete found guilty of doping or ethical misconduct under national or international sport regulations will be disqualified and removed from the official classification.

Article 12 - Final Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony takes place immediately after the race.

Athletes ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category and age group are honored during the official podium ceremony. Awards are symbolic and consist of medals or trophies. No cash prizes are awarded.

- Athletes finishing 1st in their category and age group are awarded the World Champion medal and jersey. The World Champion jersey symbolizes excellence, inclusivity and commitment to the recumbent cycling discipline.
- Athletes finishing 2nd and 3rd receive a World Championship medal.

Article 13 - Brand and Media Rights

The use of the "Recumbent World Championship" name and logo is authorized exclusively for affiliated event.

By registering, participants authorize the use of images and data for communication and ranking purposes, in compliance with privacy regulations.

All rights are reserved by RWTA.

Article 14 - Interpretation and Disputes

RWTA is the sole authority for the interpretation of this regulation and the resolution of any disputes arising from its application. The English version of this regulation prevails in case of interpretation discrepancies.

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