



# "FONDOS" REGULATIONS

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**Any participant in the cycling race on the "Tour des Stations" courses undertake to comply with the following Rules when registering.**

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## ARTICLE 1: PREAMBLE

The Tour des Stations is a cyclo sportive event organised by the Association du Tour des Stations and R&D Cycling Sàrl (hereinafter the Organiser) offering the following routes:

- Ultrafondo: individual, in teams of 3 (Team Ultrafondo Raiffeisen)
- Superfondo: individual
- Marmot Granfondo: individual
- Mediofondo: individual

The event is supported by the resorts of Verbier, Crans-Montana, Nendaz, Ovronnaz, Anzère, Vercorin, Nax, Saint-Martin, Hérémece, Thyon 2000, Veysonnaz, La Tzoumaz, Conthey, Savièse, Saxon, Sion and Sierre.

The 9th edition will take place on Saturday, August 29, 2026 on roads open to traffic. As a result, participants must comply with the Federal Road Traffic Law ([RTL](#)) and comply with the instructions of the race management, officials and staff.

These Rules are subject to change until the day of the event in the interest of the runners and their safety. In this case, participants will be notified by electronic means (emails, the Organizer's website and social networks) of important changes.

## ARTICLE 2: CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to all, licensed and non-licensed, if they are at least:

- 18 years old on December 31 of the year of the event for the Ultrafondo, Superfondo and Marmotte Granfondo courses
- 16 years old on December 31 of the year of the event for the Mediofondo course with parental permission

Participants must be in good health and properly trained. A license and/or medical certificate is not required to participate in cyclo sportive events in Switzerland. However, the organization strongly recommends that participants consult a doctor to confirm their ability to perform this type of effort.

Each participant must have his or her own insurance (accident and civil liability insurance), covering bodily injury and property damage on Swiss territory (see Art. 3 Safety and liability).

Participation in the Tour des Stations implies express and unreserved acceptance by each competitor of these Rules.

## ARTICLE 3: SAFETY & LIABILITY

The practice of cycling in general and competitive cycling in particular is a risky physical activity. Every participant in the event must commit to knowing that they will be riding in mountainous terrain with intense climbs and fast descents.

The Organizer will implement several measures aimed at making the routes safer: signposting, motorbikes, flags indicating dangerous areas, signs indicating passages requiring special attention.

Throughout the course, participants must comply with the safety instructions and instructions of the race staff (civil protection, motorcyclists, volunteers, etc.). The safety system of the event ends when crossing the finish line.

The roundabouts have been used exclusively on the right.

Participants must drive on the right side of the road.

Any participant who causes or witnesses an accident, or who notices a need for medical assistance, is obliged to assist others and to alert the emergency services by calling the emergency number printed on their race number.

The participant remains solely responsible for any incident, accident or breach of the rules of the event. All costs that would arise from medical care (ambulance, doctor, hospitalization, etc.) are the responsibility of the participant concerned. The liability of the Organizer, its employee bodies and other auxiliaries for direct or indirect damage suffered by a participant in connection with or in connection with his/her participation in the event is expressly excluded, whether in the event of accident, theft or damage of any kind. Registration constitutes confirmation that the participant is the beneficiary of these assurances and waives any legal action against the Organizer.

Motorized assistance or private following vehicles on the course are strictly prohibited.

Any participant who does not respect the sportsmanship and fair play of the event, who is guilty of fraud (non-compliance with the starting area, early departure, non-compliant route, use or assistance of vehicles, hare service, etc.) or adopts irresponsible or dangerous behaviour (disrespectful or insulting remarks, incivility, use of doping products, throwing waste or objects, etc.), dangerous driving, traffic violations, etc.) may be sanctioned depending on the seriousness of the facts: time penalty (from 5 minutes to 2 hours), downgrading, exclusion from the event or, if applicable, from subsequent editions.

By registering, each participant confirms that he or she has read all the information, particularly those relating to safety, and undertakes to comply with it.

Any participant who fails to respect the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play of the event, who is guilty of fraud (failure to comply with the start gate, early start, non-compliant route, use of or assistance from vehicles, pacemaking, etc.) or engaging in irresponsible or dangerous behaviour (disrespectful or abusive language, incivility, use of performance-enhancing drugs, throwing rubbish or objects, dangerous driving, violation of traffic regulations, etc.) may be penalised according to the seriousness of the offence: time penalty (from 5 minutes to 2 hours), disqualification, exclusion from the event or, where applicable, from future editions.

#### **For the Ultrafondo course:**

- Female participants competing for the women's scratch classification must take part in the start at 02:30am on Saturday.
- For those aiming for a race time of more than 14 hours, the start at 02:30am on Saturday is recommended.
- Participants aiming for a race time of less than 14 hours or aiming for the men's scratch classification, as well as teams aiming for the scratch classification, must take part in the 05:00am start.

### **ARTICLE 4: EQUIPMENT**

Each participant must have with him/her throughout the course and throughout the duration of the event:

- a rigid helmet, with chin strap attached,
- a mobile phone with a charged battery,
- a frame plate and a road book with the emergency number,
- lighting: white front headlight and red rear headlight
- a hydration system (hydration bottle or hydration bag).

In the event of unfavourable weather forecasts (heavy rain and cool temperatures), the organization reserves the right to carry a jacket and a survival blanket for all routes.

Changing bikes is forbidden during the race. Time trial bikes, extensions, lenticular wheels and e-bikes are also strictly prohibited. Only road bikes are allowed.

Motorized assistance or private following vehicles on the course are strictly prohibited. Offenders will be reported to the police.

Mechanical assistance on the course is planned. However, it is the responsibility of each participant to have repair and spare equipment with them so that they can get back on the road quickly. It is also possible to stop at bike shops on the route for repairs and then start the route again where it was left.

All costs arising from technical support (including spare parts) are the responsibility of each participant.

## **ARTICLE 5: REGISTRATIONS**

If places are still available, registrations for the event are made exclusively until Wednesday, August 20, 2026, on the online registration platform, accessible at the following address: [www.tourdesstations.ch](http://www.tourdesstations.ch). On-site registrations are possible (if there are still places) only on Friday 28 August 2026. No registration or change of course on site is possible on Saturday 29 August 2026.

Prices are presented on the event's website: [www.tourdesstations.ch](http://www.tourdesstations.ch).

The Organizer will not issue any refunds in case of accident or illness. For postponements due to illness or accident, please refer to Art 9. Registration fees remain with the organization whatever happens. As a bib is allocated and reserved, no refund will be made in the event of absence, withdrawal of the participant, due to postponement, cancellation or neutralization of the event, and for any reason whatsoever.

Any person who returns his or her bib to a third party without informing the organization may be held responsible in the event of an accident occurring or caused by the latter during the event.

The Organizer reserves the right to refuse the registration of a competitor.

## **ARTICLE 6: BIB COLLECTION**

Each participant must come and collect his or her bib in person. Exceptionally and if the registration is complete, the group leader (club president) or a colleague may collect the bib by presenting the registration confirmation letter and a copy of the identity document of the person concerned. Any bib assignment is firm and definitive.

Bibs for the Ultrafondo, Superfondo, Marmotte Granfondo and Mediofondo courses:

Bibs and starting gifts can be collected at the TDS Village at the Ermitage car park in Verbier on Friday 28 August 2026, from 10:00am to 08:00pm.

Bibs can be collected late at the Espace Saint-Marc in Le Châble on Saturday 29 August 2026 from 04:00am and no later than 30 minutes before the start.

The bibs for the Ultrafondo start on Saturday at 02:30am are to be collected exclusively on Friday, between 10:00am and 08:00pm.

No bibs and gifts are sent by post.

## **ARTICLE 7: POSTPONEMENT, CANCELLATION OR CHANGE OF ITINERARY**

Each participant can choose the route that suits them best and this choice must be indicated during registration.

The ULTRA FLEX option is a guarantee of flexibility in choosing the route during registration only. Thanks to this option, participants can, free of charge or justification, from the date of registration until Wednesday, August 13, 2026 at 11:59pm local time, either:

- Change the bib holder
- Change the route by adding the possible difference with the new route chosen if the price is higher. There is no refund, if the new route chosen has a lower rate
- Postpone registration to 2027 without proof (until Wednesday 20 August)

Any requests made after these deadlines will not be processed. Only one of these options can be argued. They are not cumulative.

Without the ULTRA FLEX option, it is possible until July 10, 2026 to:

- Postpone registration until 2027 on presentation of a medical certificate for an amount of CHF 35.-
- Change the bib holder for an amount of CHF 15.-
- Change routes for an amount of CHF 15.- adding any difference with the new route chosen if the fare is higher. There is no refund, if the new route chosen has a lower rate.

After this date and without the UltraFlex option, no more changes are possible. The registration fee will not be refunded, and the Welcome pack will not be sent.

Any registration considered valid for the following year is strictly personal and cannot be transferred to a third party. If the person is unable to participate a second time, the registration fee will be forfeited.

## **ARTICLE 8: TIMING & RANKING**

Timing is carried out with an electronic detection system. All registrants will have a timing chip, stuck to the back of their frame plate.

This chip, detected by the various antennas placed on the course of the event, will allow a control of the regularity of the race and the establishment of the results and rankings of the event as well.

To allow normal operation, the chip must not be bent or damaged. In addition, the bib must be attached to the front of the bike to ensure its readability. The electronic detection system is selected according to strict reliability criteria. Despite the tests carried out by the manufacturers and the excellent experiences gained, there is still a very low risk of non-detection. The absence of data resulting from this non-detection will not allow the Organizer to include the official time of the participant concerned in the ranking. The Organizer cannot be held responsible for this.

For the men's Ultrafondo course in individual or team, it is imperative to start at 05:00am to participate in the scratch ranking. For women, it is imperative to take the start at 02:30am to participate in the women's scratch ranking.

At the end of the event, several rankings are established:

Men's Ultrafondo	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Women's Ultrafondo	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Team Ultrafondo Raiffeisen	Scratch			
Men's Superfondo	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Women's Superfondo	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Men's Granfondo Marmot	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Women's Marmot Granfondo	Scratch	18-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Men's Mediofondo	Scratch	16-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old
Women's Mediofondo	Scratch	16-29 years old	30-39 years old	40-49 years old
		50-59 years old	60-66 years old	67+ years old

The first three finishers in each category are rewarded at the prize-giving ceremony.

Age categories are determined based on the participant's age on December 31 of the event year, not their age on the day of the race.

## **ARTICLE 9: PRIZE-GIVING**

The Organizer reserves the right to establish the prize board. The top three finishers in each category must present their bib and an ID for the prize.

Prizes and prizes must be collected on site on the day of the race. They are neither exchangeable nor modifiable (size, model, color, etc.).

Any proven cheating, including non-compliance with the course, use of unauthorized equipment, fraud registration or non-compliant external assistance, will result in the immediate disqualification of the participant concerned, without the right to the reward.

## ARTICLE 10: TIME BARRIERS & ABANDONMENTS

Runners must comply with the neutralization times, for safety reasons. These time barriers correspond to the times from which it will no longer be possible to continue the race from the checkpoint concerned. Failure to pass the checkpoints before the times set out below will result in the participant being disqualified from the race and will not be included in the event leaderboard.

If he wishes, by signing a waiver, he can still continue the race under his own responsibility. His time will be timed, but not classified.

Points de contrôle	Conthey	Crans-Montana (Ycoor)	Vercorin	Les Collons (Bif. Des Reynards)	Nendaz	La Tzoumaz	Col Croix-de-Cœur
<b>Ultrafondo</b>	08h30	12h00	14h30				
<b>Superfondo</b>	10h00	N/A		16h30	18h45	19h30	20h30
<b>Marmotte Granfondo</b>	N/A						
<b>Mediofondo</b>				N/A			

If a participant wishes to withdraw, he/she must register at one of the checkpoints set up by the Organizer (Conthey, Crans-Montana, Vercorin, Hérémente, Nendaz or La Tzoumaz). He then had to contact the head of the station, who collected his bib and indicated the means of repatriation. Any person abandoning outside the checkpoints must immediately report their abandonment to the race direction through the emergency number indicated on the road book. Any failure to do so may result in costs that will be borne by the competitor.

Any participant who is the victim of a fall, mechanical breakdown or physical failure and who is unable to reach the repatriation points by his or her own means is required to immediately report his or her abandonment to the race management through the emergency number indicated on the road book. The limit switch device (broom car) will only take care of the cases authorized by the race direction. The participant supported by this mobile device will be disqualified.

The medical service, made up of doctors and first aiders, may decide to disqualify a participant for medical reasons.

## ARTICLE 11: SPECIAL PROVISIONS TEAM ULTRAFONDO RAIFFEISEN

The category is open to all riders who meet the rules of the Tour des Stations. The participants in the Team Ultrafondo category race in teams of three riders. The team members are divided into the following relays:

- Relay n°1: Le Châble – Mayens-de-la-Zour (79km – 3168m D+)
- Relay n°2: Mayens-de-la-Zour – Saint-Martin (95km – 3080m D+)
- Relay n°3: Saint-Martin – Verbier (68km – 2600m D+)

Composition of the team: a team is made up of 3 participants, running one of the 3 sections specified above. Teams can be mixed (men + women)

Naming of the teams: each team registers with the name of its choice.

Designation of a team leader: a competitor in each team must be designated (first and last name) as the contact person during registration.

Change in the composition of the team: In the event of the defection of one of the three riders during the preparation of the Tour des Stations, the teams are entitled to a change. They can register a replacement in accordance with Article 3: Safety & Liability free of charge. The change must be reported by the team leader who will follow the procedure for changing registration (see Article 7: Postponement, Cancellation or Change of Itinerary).

Ranking: the race time is taken when the 3rd relay runner crosses the finish line and determines the team's time.

In the event of a participant's withdrawal, the relay runner may continue the course following the announcement of the abandonment to the management and their possible authorization to continue. The team will not be ranked, however.

## **ARTICLE 12: COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

Any complaint may be the subject of a protest to be lodged in writing with the racing office, no later than fifteen minutes after the ranking has been established. The protest must be justified.

It will be accompanied by a deposit of CHF 100.-. This amount will be refunded if the protest is allowed. Protests will be judged by the race jury (race director, timing manager). The decisions of the race management are final.

## **ARTICLE 13: ETHICS**

The Organizer places a high priority on the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect, which are the cornerstone of fair and sustainable sport. Participants must treat other competitors, members of the organization, volunteers and spectators with respect. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants who act violently or verbally proliferate discriminatory against anyone.

The Organizer is subject to the "Doping Statute" of Swiss Olympic. Anti-doping controls can therefore be carried out. By registering for and participating in this competition, athletes submit to the anti-doping provisions of Swiss Olympic and acknowledge the exclusive jurisdiction of its "Disciplinary Chamber for Doping Cases" and that of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), to the exclusion of any other ordinary court. They will also have to assume the consequences (suspension/denunciation).

## **ARTICLE 14: RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

To respect the environment and the natural spaces crossed, it is strictly forbidden to leave waste (paper, plastic packaging, tubes containing energy gels, etc.) on the route. Bins and "collection areas" will be installed and signposted at each refreshment station along the route. They must be used by the participants.

Participants must keep waste and packaging until the places indicated by the Organizer to dispose of them.

The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants who voluntarily throw their waste outside the demarcated areas.

## **ARTICLE 15: LEGAL PROVISIONS**

Participation in the race is the sole responsibility of the runners, with waiver of any recourse against the Organizer regardless of the damage suffered or caused.

In the event of an accident, any liability on the part of the Organizer and all persons or entities involved in the organisation, including but not limited to the Organizer's bodies and employees, agents, contractors, auxiliaries, including volunteers, is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Each rider expressly authorizes the Organizer and their beneficiaries, such as partners and media, to use the still or audiovisual images of the race, including the preparation phases and those following the race, on which he or she may appear, taken on the occasion of his or her participation in the Tour des Stations, on any media including promotional and/or advertising documents, worldwide and for the longest period provided for by law, regulations or treaties in force, including any extensions that may be made to this period.

Participation in the race does not confer any right to use the race for promotional or commercial purposes. Any communication about the event or use of images of the event is excluded subject to the express written authorization of the Organizer, who will set the conditions. "Tour des Stations" is a registered trademark.

The place of jurisdiction is Sion, Valais.

## **ARTICLE 16: DATA PROTECTION**

Confidential data concerning Swiss citizens is governed by the Federal Act on Data Protection (nFADP), which came into force in September 2023. In particular, data subjects have the right to access and rectify their personal data, which can be exercised at the following e-mail address: [info@rd-cycling.com](mailto:info@rd-cycling.com)

Personal data concerning European citizens is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) dated April 27, 2016 and entered into force on May 25, 2018.

R&D Cycling Sàrl & Association Tour des Stations process personal data for the following purposes:

- Registration, management of participants and the Tour des Stations event
- Information and promotion newsletter
- Publication of results.

The legal bases for this processing are consent and legitimate interest in the organization and proper conduct of the event. The information collected will be communicated exclusively to R&D Cycling. You can access your data, rectify it, request its revocation or exercise your right to limit the processing of your data. To exercise these rights or for any questions about the processing of your data in this system, you can contact [info@rd-cycling.com](mailto:info@rd-cycling.com)

## **ARTICLE 17: ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

Participation in the Tour des Stations implies express and unreserved acceptance by each competitor of these Rules. In the event of any discrepancy between the texts of the different versions of the Regulation, the French version of the Regulation shall prevail.

Done at Sion, February 20 2026.  
Association du Tour des Stations and R&D Cycling Sàrl