



2024 Gravel Blinduro Event Regulations

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I. General Provisions

1. The official name of the race: Gravel Blinduro. Alternatively, and fully, the name may be used in conjunction with the name of the General Partner and/or the year of the event. Hereinafter referred to as "the race".
2. Gravel bikes and cyclo-cross bikes are allowed in "Gravel" categories. Mountain bikes are allowed in the MTB categories only. MTB category riders do not count towards the overall race standings.
3. The race is organized as an independent event. Race results do not count towards any race series standings.
4. The race is not governed by rules of any sporting authority unless the organizer decides otherwise.

II. Date and Venue

1. Two-day race on 2024 September 7, and 2024 September.
2. The venue is Stare Mesto pod Landstejnem, Czech Republic and the region referred to as Ceska Kanada.

III. Registration

1. Registration for the race is possible exclusively through the online form on the website at www.sportsoft.cz
2. Registration opens on 2023 November 11 at 11:11 and closes no later than 30 days before the race date, or when the limit for the number of participants is reached unless the organizer decides otherwise. The number of participants is capped at 500 unless the organizer decides otherwise. A registration for waiting list is open after the limit is reached.
3. Neither additional registration, nor the on-site registration are not possible unless the organizer decides otherwise.



4. Only participants duly registered with the race number visibly fixed on the bike may participate in the race.

IV. Fees and Payments

1. The entry fee for one person is CZK 1.800 or EUR 75.
2. The fee for registration on the waiting list is CZK 500 CZK or EUR 25. When a waitlisted candidate is moved from the waiting list among the registered participants by organizer's decision, such candidate will pay the entry fee less the amount already paid for registration on the waiting list, according to the organizer's instructions. If the organizer does not offer inclusion on the start list to a waitlisted candidate at least 7 days before the race date, the organizer shall refund the candidate full fee within 30 days after the race date. The fee will not be refunded if a candidate refuses to be moved from the waiting list to the start list offered by the organizer no later than 7 days before the race date and/or fails to pay the entry fee by the due date.
3. A duly registered participant is entitled to be refunded by entry fee, less the transaction fee, under condition of a written withdrawal received by the organizer via e-mail at least 30 days before the race date. The transaction fee is 10 % of the entry fee.
4. A duly registered participant is entitled to be refunded by entry fee, less the cancellation fee, under condition of a written withdrawal received by the organizer via e-mail no later than 14 days before the race date of the race. The cancellation fee is 50 % of the entry fee.
5. A duly registered participant is not entitled to be refunded by entry fee if he/she withdraws from the race less than 14 days before the race date.
6. All fees can be paid by credit card or via bank transfer.



V. Categories

1. Participants are divided into the following categories:
 - 1.1. Gravel Men 15-20 (born 2004-2009)
 - 1.2. Gravel Men 21-29 (born 1995-2003)
 - 1.3. Gravel Men 30-39 (born 1985-1994)
 - 1.4. Gravel Men 40-49 (born 1975-1984)
 - 1.5. Gravel Men 50+ (born 1974 or earlier)
 - 1.6. Gravel Women 15-29 (born 1995-2009)
 - 1.7. Gravel Women 30-39 (born 1985-1994)
 - 1.8. Gravel Women 40+ (born 1984 or earlier)
 - 1.9. MTB Men 15+ (born 2009 or earlier)
 - 1.10. MTB Women 15+ (born 2009 or earlier)
 - 1.11. Overall standing Gravel Men (born 2009 or earlier)
 - 1.12. Overall standing Gravel Women (born 20089 or earlier)
2. The age reached in the year of the race is decisive.
3. The condition for the announcement of separate ranking of a given category is the registration of at least three participants. In case of fewer entries, the participants concerned will be placed in next higher age category.
4. Participants under the age of 18 are required to present a written consent of their parents or authorized representative containing their name, home address, ID number and signature at the Riders' Check-in.

VI. Event Schedule

1. Timetable

Friday 2024 September 6:

20:00 – 22:00 Riders' Check-in



Saturday 2024 September 7:

08:00 – 09:00 Riders' Check-in
09:30 – 09:45 Riders' Briefing
10:00 First group's start time
18:30 – 19:00 Bunny Hop Battle
19:00 – 19:30 Snail Slalom
20:00 – 21:00 Gravel Cinema
21:00 Music Concert

Sunday 2024 September 8

08:30 – 08:45 Riders' Briefing Online
09:00 First group's start time
17:00 cca Prize-giving Ceremony

2. The organizer is entitled to change the event schedule if circumstances so require. The organizer shall inform participants of the changes made at the meeting before the start of the race and/or through official communication channels.

VII. Prizes and Award Ceremony

1. The three top ranked participants of each category will receive product prizes.
2. Prize-giving ceremony takes place after the end of the race according to the time schedule.
3. Except for medical reasons, if a participant does not attend the prize-giving ceremony, he/she will forfeit his/her entitlement to the prizes.

VIII. Race Numbers

1. The organizer assigns race numbers at its own discretion, mainly based on his/her respective start group.
2. At the riders' check-in, each participant is given a plastic plate with the assigned start number to attach to the handlebars.
3. Each participant can sign him/her-self in any start group via the online form according to the instructions provided by the organizer.



IX. Race Processes and the Race Course

1. All participants race without prior knowledge of the race course (on-sight).
2. Training on the race course is forbidden.
3. Unless otherwise specified by the organizer, the race consists of a total of ten special stages (timed segments; hereafter referred to as SS) divided into two days and each other connected with untimed transit sections. The organizer will confirm the number of SS at the Riders' Briefing at the latest.
4. Transit sections are to get participants from the finish of one SS to the start of the next SS. Participants may move in groups, but always on their own without the use of outside help.
5. The organizer may include a mass start special stage. In this case, participants are given a time bonus based on their ranking in the SS. The organizer will notify the participants of the key for converting the ranking into a time bonus at the Riders' Briefing at the latest.
6. The SS are mostly routed on forest roads, dirt roads and natural trails of varied surfaces. The route is not extremely riding skills demanding. Transit sections may be routed on public roads.
7. The SS and transit sections are spread out over a loop of about 70 km long, which the participants complete once each day of the race. On day two the loop is ridden in the opposite direction.
8. The route is the same for participants of all categories.
9. The organizer may set a time limit for completing the race. Participants shall be informed about the time limit at the Riders' Briefing at the latest. The countdown starts with the start of the first SS and ends when crossing the finish line of the last SS of the day. If a participant exceeds the limit, the time over the limit will be added to the sum of the times from SS. The race director is allowed to extend the limit if more than 20 % of participants have exceeded the original time limit.
10. The route may begin with either a transit section or a SS.
11. If the race begins with a transit section, participants start in groups according to the start list from a place specified by the organizer, at a pre-determined interval.
12. Into each SS, participants start individually in the order of their own choice in intervals of 20-30 seconds following the marshal's instructions.



13. The ranking is determined by the sum of the times achieved by each participant in all SS.
14. In case of force majeure, the organizer is entitled to terminate the race early. Only the times achieved in the SS completed by all participants will be counted for ranking purposes, except for those participants who have withdrawn from the race for other reasons.
15. The race course is marked with marking tape, mini flags, and directional signs. Those parts of the race course where the regularity requires marking of obstacles or direction change, those shall be marked on both sides of the race course, at least on the inside of the turn. The participants must ride around the outside of all mini flags marking the inside of a turn with both front and rear wheels. Turns, obstacles and other places of the race course marked by mini flags on both sides of the race course must be ridden by the participants with both wheels between the mini flags. If a participant goes off the track, he/she must return to the race course at the nearest possible point and must not endanger or restrict other participants.
16. The participant is obliged to stick to the natural line of the path or trail. The participant is responsible for following the race course and for any his/her mistakes made on the race course.
17. Timekeeping and race results processing is provided by an external supplier using contactless chip technology.

X. Mandatory Equipment

1. The participant is obliged to wear a helmet certified for cycling and properly fastened on the head always while cycling during the race.

XI. Bicycle

1. The bicycle for the "Gravel" category must be equipped with "drop bars" type of handlebars.
2. The bicycle must be powered solely by human power. The use of pedal assist bicycles is prohibited.
3. The bicycle must be equipped with independent and functional brakes on both front and rear wheels. The use of metal studs protruding above the tire surface is prohibited.
4. A participant may use only one bicycle during the race. The bicycle must be in perfect technical condition. The organizer is entitled to check the technical condition of the bicycle at any time during the race.



5. All repairs of the bicycle and its equipment are done by the participant either on his/her own, with the help of another participant, or a representative of the official neutral technical support partner. The participant may not accept outside technical assistance outside the official neutral service zone during the race. The participant must carry everything he/she needs him/herself throughout the race.

XII. Violations and Penalties

1. The participant violates the rules:
 - 1.1. in case of an incorrect or incomplete entry application;
 - 1.2. in case of shortening the route, not passing the waypoint, and using other people's help, even mechanical, except in the neutral service zone;
 - 1.3. in case of rude and unsportsmanlike behaviour, especially towards official representatives. Each participant should behave in accordance with the principles of fair play, courtesy, consideration, and not endanger the health and life of himself or other competitors;
 - 1.4. failing to wear the mandatory equipment, properly placed and correct race number and/or a time chip. Failure to wear the mandatory equipment will result in disqualification from the race;
 - 1.5. in case of use of prohibited doping substances (according to WADA regulations);
 - 1.6. if he/she accepts assistance from another person in the form of technical assistance, pushing, pulling, changing the whole bike, to achieve his/her result.
2. The participant must behave in an environmentally friendly manner. It is forbidden to litter outside the designated areas.
3. If a participant withdraws from the race for any reason, he/she must immediately report this fact to the organizer.
4. It is forbidden to alter the shape or deform the race number plate, to cover or remove sponsors' logos or to place any other advertising signs on it. Violation of this regulation is penalized with disqualification from the race. The participant must ensure that the race number plate is in good shape for the duration of the race. If the race number plate is damaged during the race, the participant must immediately inform the organizer.
5. Options for penalization for breaking the rules:
 - 5.1. Verbal warning
 - 5.2. Time penalty
 - 5.3. Disqualification



6. The race director decides how to penalize a participant. The race director or the organizer shall inform the participant of the penalty.
7. A disqualified participant shall immediately withdraw from the race and leave the race course. Ignorance of the rules shall not be accepted as an excuse.

XIII. Protests

1. Claims for race results can only be made by a participant concerned to the race director on the race day no later than half an hour before beginning of the prize-giving ceremony. Later claims will be disregarded.

XIV. Other Provisions

1. The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the regulations.
2. Any changes and additions to the regulations, information and results published through the official communication channels are considered official.
3. Participants take part in the race at their own risk. Participation in the race requires a great mental and physical strain on the participants. The participant should undergo a professional examination by a sports doctor before the race and know his/her current state of health. A participant may not participate in a race if he/she is aware of a medical condition that would make his/her participation in the race a health risk.
4. Medical assistance is provided by an external contractor.
5. Participants are advised to take out their own accident insurance.
6. The race is run in full road traffic. Participants are obliged to obey the traffic rules.
7. Participants are obliged to familiarize themselves with the regulations of the race, which they undertake to comply with.
8. Participants are required to attend Riders' Briefings and follow the organizer's instructions.
9. Along the route, the organizer in cooperation with its suppliers provides one cost free neutral bicycle repair zone.
10. Along the route, the organizer in cooperation with its suppliers provides one cost free feeding zone.



11. The organizer does not provide accommodation for participants. For accommodation availabilities, please visit the official communication channels.

XV. Event Organizer

1. Organized by:
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2. In association with:
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 - 2.3. Blindurista s.r.o., Pokorneho 866/19, 198 00 Prague 9, CZE, ID: 10905391
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3. Contact person:
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4. Race director: Mr. Michal Prokop

5. Official communication channels:
 - 5.1. <https://www.facebook.com/gravel.blinduro>
 - 5.2. <https://www.facebook.com/events/322639126792976>
 - 5.3. <https://www.sportsoft.cz>
 - 5.4. <http://blinduro.com>

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