



2026 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 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 2026 September 5, and 2026 September 6.
2. The venue is Alber (Nova Bystrice), Czech Republic and the region of 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 2025 December 1 at 12:00 PM and closes when the rider limit is reached, or no later than June 30, 2026, unless the Organizer decides otherwise. The maximum number of riders is 500, unless the Organizer decides otherwise. Once the rider limit is reached, the Organizer may open a waiting list.
3. Neither additional registration nor on-site registration is possible unless the Organizer decides otherwise.
4. Only registered riders with the event's race number visibly attached to their bicycle are permitted to participate in the event.



IV. Fees and Payments

1. The entry fee for one person is CZK 1.900 or EUR 85.
2. The fee for joining the waiting list is CZK 500 or EUR 25. If the Organizer offers a place to a person on the waiting list, they shall pay the entry fee reduced by the amount already paid for the waiting list, in accordance with the Organizer's instructions. If the Organizer does not offer a place by no later than 7 days before the event, the waiting list fee will be refunded in full within 30 days after the event. The waiting list fee will not be refunded if the person on the waiting list declines the place offered by the Organizer by no later than 7 days before the event and/or fails to pay the remaining entry fee by the due date.
3. A duly registered rider is entitled to a refund of the 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 rider is entitled to a refund of the 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 rider 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. Riders are divided into the following categories:
 - 1.1. Gravel Men 15-20 (born 2006-2011)
 - 1.2. Gravel Men 21-29 (born 1997-2005)
 - 1.3. Gravel Men 30-39 (born 1987-1996)
 - 1.4. Gravel Men 40-49 (born 1977-1986)
 - 1.5. Gravel Men 50+ (born 1976 or earlier)
 - 1.6. Gravel Women 15-29 (born 1997-2011)
 - 1.7. Gravel Women 30-39 (born 1987-1996)
 - 1.8. Gravel Women 40+ (born 1986 or earlier)
 - 1.9. MTB Men 15+ (born 2011 or earlier)
 - 1.10. MTB Women 15+ (born 2011 or earlier)
 - 1.11. Overall standing Gravel Men (born 2011 or earlier)
 - 1.12. Overall standing Gravel Women (born 2011 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 riders. In case of fewer entries, the riders concerned will be placed in next higher age category.
4. Riders 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 2026 September 4:

20:00 – 22:00 Riders' Check-in

Saturday 2026 September 5:

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 2026 September 6:

08:30 – 08:45 Riders' Briefing Online

09:00 First group's start time

17:00 cca Award Ceremony

2. The organizer is entitled to change the event schedule if circumstances so require. The organizer shall inform riders 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 riders 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 rider 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 rider is given a plastic plate with the assigned start number to attach to the handlebars.
3. Each rider 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 riders 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 riders from the finish of one SS to the start of the next SS. Riders 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, riders are given a time bonus based on their ranking in the SS. The organizer will notify the riders 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 riders 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 riders of all categories.
9. The organizer may set a time limit for completing the race. Riders 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 rider 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 riders have exceeded the original time limit.
10. The route may begin with either a transit section or a SS.
11. Riders start the first transit section from a location designated by the Organizer, in groups according to the start list and at predetermined intervals.
12. Into each SS, riders 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 rider 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 riders will be counted for ranking purposes, except for those riders who have withdrawn from the race for other reasons.
15. The route is marked with marking tape, flag gates, and directional signs. Sections of the route where the proper conduct of the event requires obstacles to be marked or the direction to be defined shall be marked with flag gates on both sides of the route, or at least on the inside of corners. Riders must pass all flag gates marking the inside of a corner with both the front and rear wheel on the outside of the gate. Corners, obstacles, and other sections of the route marked with flag gates on both sides must be ridden with both wheels passing between the gates. If a rider leaves the route, they must rejoin it at the point where they left it and must not endanger or impede other riders.
16. The rider is obliged to stick to the natural line of the path or trail. The rider 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 rider 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 rider 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. Riders are responsible for repairing their own bicycle and equipment. Riders may receive assistance from another rider, a representative of the Organizer, or a representative of the partner operating the neutral service zone.

XII. Violations and Penalties

1. The rider violates the rules:
 - 1.1. by submitting an incorrect or incomplete registration;
 - 1.2. by shortening the route, missing a waypoint, or receiving assistance from third parties, including mechanical assistance, except within the neutral service zone;
 - 1.3. by behaving in a rude or unsportsmanlike manner, especially towards event officials. Every rider shall act in accordance with the principles of fair play and show courtesy and consideration towards others, without endangering themselves or other riders;
 - 1.4. by failing to use the mandatory equipment or by failing to properly display the race number and/or wear the timing chip. Failure to use the mandatory equipment will result in disqualification;
 - 1.5. by using prohibited substances or methods as defined by WADA;
 - 1.6. by receiving assistance from another person in the form of technical assistance, pushing, pulling, or a bicycle replacement.
2. Riders must respect the environment. Littering outside designated waste disposal areas is prohibited.



3. If a rider withdraws from the event for any reason, they must notify the Organizer without delay.
4. It is prohibited to alter the shape of, deform, or modify the race number plate, cover or remove sponsor logos, or attach any additional advertising or promotional material to it. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the event. Riders must ensure that the race number plate remains clearly legible throughout the event. If the race number plate is damaged during the event, the rider must notify the Organizer without delay.
5. Options for penalization for breaking the rules:
 - 5.1. Verbal warning
 - 5.2. Time penalty
 - 5.3. Disqualification
6. The Race Director shall decide on any penalty imposed on a rider. The rider will be informed of the penalty by the Race Director or the Organizer.
7. A disqualified rider must immediately withdraw from the event and leave the course. Ignorance of these Regulations shall not be accepted as an excuse.

XIII. Protests

1. Only the rider concerned may submit a protest regarding the event results to the Race Director, no later than 30 minutes before the start of the award ceremony on the day of the event. Any protest submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

XIV. Other Provisions

1. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Regulations.
2. Any amendments or additions to these Regulations, as well as information and results published through the Organizer's official communication channels, shall be deemed official.
3. Riders take part in the event at their own risk. Participation requires a high level of physical and mental effort. Riders are advised to undergo a medical examination before the event and must not participate if they are aware of any medical condition that could pose a health risk.
4. Medical services are provided by an external contractor.
5. Riders are advised to obtain personal accident insurance.



6. The event takes place on roads open to public traffic. Riders must comply with all applicable traffic regulations.
7. Riders are required to familiarize themselves with these Regulations and agree to comply with them.
8. Riders are required to attend rider briefings and follow the Organizer's instructions.
9. Along the route, the Organizer, in cooperation with its partners, provides complimentary basic technical support at the neutral service zone.
10. Along the route, the Organizer, in cooperation with its partners, provides one complimentary feed zone.
11. The Organizer does not provide accommodation for riders. For accommodation options and contact information, please visit the Organizer's official communication channels.

XV. Event Organizer

1. Organized by:
Polis z.s., Na Jarove 48, 130 00 Prague 3, Czech Republic, ID: 67675786
2. In association with:
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 - 2.2. Zdenek Pol, Prokopa Velikeho 356, 28002 Kolin 3, CZE, ID: 43093311
 - 2.3. Blindurista s.r.o., Pokorneho 866/19, 198 00 Prague 9, CZE, ID: 10905391
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3. Contact person:
Mr. Zdenek Pol, Phone: +420 725 928 450, E-mail: polzdenek@gmail.com
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/4304777356467448>
- 5.3. <https://www.sportsoft.cz>
- 5.4. <http://blinduro.com>

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