

RULES & REGULATION

« THE MAJESTICS »

GRAVEL

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Every participant in the cycling race of « The Majestics » gravel commits to adhering to the following Rules upon registration.

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ARTICLE 1 : PREAMBLE

The Majestics Gravel is a cycloportive event organised by the Association Villars Roule and R&D Cycling Sàrl (hereinafter the Organiser) offering the following routes:

- The Summit (105km): individual
- The Ridge (70km): individual

The event is supported by the resort of Villars and the canton of Vaud.

The event will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2026. All races are on roads open to traffic. Accordingly, participants must comply with the Federal Road Traffic Act ([LCR](#)) 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 : QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE UCI GRAVEL WORLD SERIES

Each event in the UCI Gravel World Series confers qualifying rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. The top 25% of athletes in their age group qualify for the UCI Gravel World Championships. This 25% is calculated in relation to the number of starts in each age group, and not the number of runners who have crossed the finish line.

In addition, the top three riders in each official age group automatically qualify for the World Championships, regardless of the number of starts in that age category. Riders must finish the race to qualify. A rider's age group is calculated based on their age on 31 December of the year of the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships.

The men's 19-59 and women's 19-49 categories will only be able to qualify by participating in the Summit (105km). The men's 60 and over and women's 50 and over categories will only be able to qualify by participating in the Ridge (70km).

ARTICLE 3 : CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to all, both licensed and non-licensed participants, provided that they are at least 19 years old on December 31 of the event year. Participants must be in good health and adequately trained. A license and/or medical certificate is not required to participate in cycloportive events in Switzerland. However, the organization strongly recommends that participants consult a doctor to confirm their ability to perform this level of physical effort.

Each participant must have their own insurance (accident and civil liability insurance) that covers bodily injury and material damage within Switzerland (see Article 3 on Safety and Responsibility).

Participation in The Majestics implies the express and unconditional acceptance of these rules by each participant.

ARTICLE 4 : 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 knowing that they will be riding in mountainous terrain with intense climbs and fast descents.

The Organizer will implement several devices aimed at securing the course: signposting, motorcycles, 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 security system of the event ends when crossing the finish line or at the time barrier.

The race will be held on a road open to traffic. Participants must always comply with the applicable highway code. However, a safety concept with safety motorcycles and volunteers will ensure the course.

At level crossings, participants must stop when the train is passing.

The roundabouts have been used exclusively on the right.

Participants must drive on the right side of the road.

Each participant who is the perpetrator or witness of an accident, or who notices a need for medical assistance, is obliged to provide assistance to others and to notify the emergency services by calling the emergency number written on his or her bib.

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.

Offenders will be reported to the police and participants who do not comply with the LCR and/or the instructions of the security staff will be eliminated immediately.

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.

ARTICLE 5 : EQUIPMENT

Each participant is solely responsible for the compliance with the standards in force of the equipment he or she uses as well as for its maintenance. To take the start, he undertakes to use a verified bike in perfect working order for the practice of Gravel.

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 bib with the emergency number,
- A frame plate and a bib
- A hydration system (hydration bottle or hydration bag).

In the event of adverse weather conditions (heavy rain or low temperatures), the organizer reserves the right to require each participant to carry a jacket and an emergency blanket. Each participant is responsible for having equipment appropriate for the conditions on the day of the event.

In the event of an accident and its consequences related to the non-compliance with the mandatory wearing of equipment by the participants, the organizer cannot be held responsible under any circumstances.

Participants are free to wear the jersey of their choice during the qualifying events.

Characteristics of the bicycles allowed:

For the two races, the following bicycles equipped with tyres with a minimum cross-section of 32 mm (recommendation of 42 mm) are allowed:

- Gravel specific bikes - equipped with round road handlebars
- Cyclo-Cross type bikes - equipped with a round road handlebar

Bicycles not allowed:

None of the following bikes, not suitable for Gravel, will be allowed at the start:

Mountain bike-hybrid bikes and any other type of bike with a flat handlebar or straight handlebars or Flat Bar.

- Unicycle
- Recumbent bike
- Time Trial Bike
- Fixed gear bike
- Folding bike
- Handbike
- Bicycles equipped with spoked wheels and/or lenticular wheels.

ARTICLE 6 : MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE

All riders must bring their own tools and spare tire or inner tube during the race. A pump and basic repair tools will be provided in the refreshment areas to give the riders the opportunity to solve other problems.

ARTICLE 7 : REGISTRATIONS

Until July 9, 2026, registrations for the event are made exclusively on the online registration platform accessible at the following address: <https://themajestics.ch>. Then registrations will be possible on site until the day before the race.

Prices are presented on the event's website: <https://themajestics.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.

Elite Start

A limited number of places are available in the Elite Start Corral. Participants wishing to apply must meet the conditions below and provide their UCI licence number by 25 June. Selected athletes will be notified by email in early July.

Conditions:

- Access is reserved for elite riders; the Organizer allocates a maximum of 25 places.
- Elite riders registered with a UCI-licensed team must compete in the Elite category.
- Elite riders holding a national licence may choose to race in the Elite category or in their age category (choice must be made before the race).
- Qualification for the World Championships is only possible in the category in which the rider is registered:
 - registered in Elite → may only qualify in Elite;
 - registered in an age category → may only qualify in that age category.
- Riders starting in the Elite corral but not qualifying in the Elite category cannot be reclassified into their age category, even if their finish time is within the top 25% of that group.

ARTICLE 8 : 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 and starting gifts are to be collected:

- At the Welcome Village in Villars (Centre des sports) on Friday 27 June from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Saturday 11 July from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- At the start at the World Cycling Centre in Aigle on Sunday 12 July from 06:30

Each participant receives a frame plate (to be attached to the front of the bike) and a bib number (to be worn on the lower back).

No bibs and gifts are sent by post.

ARTICLE 9 : 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 the choice of itinerary when registering. Thanks to this option, participants can, free of charge or justification, from the date of registration until July 2, 2026:

- Postpone registration to 2027 without proof
- 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.

Any requests made after race day will not be processed.

Without the ULTRA FLEX option, it is possible until June 18 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 10 : TIMING & RANKING

Timing is managed through an electronic detection system.

Each participant receives a frame plate (to be attached to the front of the bike) and a bib number (to be worn on the lower back).

Both the frame plate and the bib number serve to identify participants during the race. The timing chip, integrated on the back of the frame plate, records passage times at the various checkpoints.

To ensure proper operation, the frame plate must be securely attached, clearly visible, and neither folded nor damaged, and the bib number must remain clearly readable.

The detection system has been selected according to strict reliability standards. However, despite extensive testing, a small risk of non-detection remains. In the event of missing data, the official time of the concerned participant cannot be included in the results. The Organizer cannot be held responsible.

At the end of the event, a scratch ranking and a ranking by age categories will be established and available on the website of the www.mso-chrono.ch timing company.

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.

The Summit Men	19-34 years old	35-39 years old	40-44 years old
	45-49 years old	50-54 years old	55-59 years old
	60-64 years old	65-69 years old	70-74 years old
	75+ years old	Elite	
The Summit Women	19-34 years old	35-39 years old	40-44 years old
	45-49 years old	50-54 years old	55-59 years old
	60-64 years old	65-69 years old	70-74 years old
	75+ years old	Elite	
The Ridge Men	19-34 years old	35-39 years old	40-44 years old
	45-49 years old	50-54 years old	55-59 years old
	60-64 years old	65-69 years old	70-74 years old
	75+ years old	Scratch	

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	60-64 years old	65-69 years old	70-74 years old
	75+ years old	Scratch	

Qualifying categories for the World Final Championships:

The men's 19-59 and women's 19-49 categories will only be able to qualify by participating in the Summit (105km). The men's 60 and over and women's 50 and over categories will only be able to qualify by participating in the Ridge (70km).

Riders starting in the Elite corral but not qualifying in the Elite category cannot be reclassified into their age category, even if their finish time is within the top 25% of that group.

Departure:

The start of the race will be given by a pistol shot which will mark the beginning of the timing for the elite airlock. Only participants in this airlock can be classified as scratch. The first participant to cross the finish line will be the winner of the race.

The other airlocks will be timed with a chip. Timing will end when the finish line is crossed.

ARTICLE 11 : AWARDS & RANKING

The top three in each women/men age category as well as the top 25% in each category will be called at the time of the ceremony.

The Organizer reserves the right to establish the prize board. The first three in each category must present their bib and an identity document for the prize.

The prize must be collected on site on the day of the race.

ARTICLE 12 : TIME BARRIERS & ABANDONMENTS

Runners must comply with the neutralisation 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. By not passing the checkpoints before the times defined below, participants will be disqualified from the race and will not appear in the event ranking.

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.

Time barriers (valid for both routes):

- World Cycling Centre: 11:00
- Arveyes supply: 1:15 PM
- Col de la Croix: 3:00 PM
- Timed arrival Les Pâquiers, Villars-sur-Ollon: 4:30 PM

If a participant wishes to withdraw, he/she must register at one of the checkpoints set up by the Organizer. 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 director through the emergency number

indicated on the road book and on their bib. 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 and his or her bib. The limit switch device (broom car) will only take care of the cases authorised by the race direction. The participant supported by this mobile device will be disqualified.

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

ARTICLE 13 : 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 14 : ETHICS

The Organiser 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 engage in violent behavior or verbal proliferation that discriminates against anyone.

The Organiser 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 15 : RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In order 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 (e).

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 16 : 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 of the Organizer and all persons or entities involved in the organization, including but not limited to the organs and employees of the Organizer, agents, contractors, auxiliaries, including volunteers, is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Each rider expressly authorises the Organiser and their successors, such as partners and the media, to use the still or audiovisual images of the race, including the preparation phases and those after the race, on which he or she may appear, taken on the occasion of his or her participation in The Majestics, 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 authorisation of the Organiser, who will set the conditions.

The place of jurisdiction is Villars, Vaud.

ARTICLE 17 : DATA PROTECTION

Confidential data relating to Swiss citizens is regulated by the Federal Act on the new Data Protection Act (nFADP) in September 2023. In particular, the persons concerned have the right to access and rectify your personal data, which can be exercised at the following email address: 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 & the Villars Roule association process personal data for the following purposes:

- Registration, management of participants and the event at The Majestics
- Information and promotional newsletter
- Publication of results.

The legal bases for this processing are consent and legitimate interest in the organisation 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

ARTICLE 18 : ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

Participation in The Majestics implies the 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 Villars, February 20 2026.
Villars Roule and R&D Cycling Sàrl Association