



# 2023 Gravel Blinduro Event Proposal

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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 the rules of any sporting authority unless the organizer decides otherwise.

## II. Date and Venue

1. Two-day race on September 2, 2023 and September 3, 2023.
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](http://www.sportsoft.cz)
2. Registration opens on December 1, 2022, at 12:00 noon 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 limit for the maximum number of participants is set at 450 persons unless the organizer decides otherwise. When the limit for the number of participants is reached, the organizer will allow registration on the waiting list.
3. Additional registration and on-site registration is not possible unless the organizer decides otherwise.



4. Only participants duly registered and 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 1.500 or EUR 65.
2. The non-refundable fee for signing on the waiting list is CZK 500 or EUR 25. If a wait-listed person is transferred by the organizer on the race entry list, the entry fee is reduced by the amount paid for the waiting list fee.
3. A duly registered participant is entitled to a refund of the entry fee, less the transaction fee, upon written cancellation delivered to the organizer at least 30 days prior to the race date. The transaction fee is 10 % of the entry fee.
4. The fee is 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 2003-2008)
  - 1.2. Gravel Men 21-29 (born 1994-2002)
  - 1.3. Gravel Men 30-39 (born 1984-1993)
  - 1.4. Gravel Men 40-49 (born 1974-1983)
  - 1.5. Gravel Men 50+ (born 1973 or earlier)
  - 1.6. Gravel Women 15-29 (born 1994-2008)
  - 1.7. Gravel Women 30-39 (born 1984-1993)
  - 1.8. Gravel Women 40+ (born 1983 or earlier)
  - 1.9. MTB Men 15+ (born 2008 or earlier)
  - 1.10. MTB Women 15+ (born 2008 or earlier)
  - 1.11. Overall standing (all participants except MTB categories)
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. If fewer participants are entered, they will be placed in the next higher age category.
4. Participant under the age of 18 is required to present a written consent of one parent or authorized representative containing his/her name, home address, ID number and signature at the Riders' Check-in.



## **VI. Event Schedule**

### **1. Timetable:**

Friday September 1, 2023:

20:00 – 22:00 Riders' Check-in

Saturday September 2, 2023:

08:00 – 09:00 Riders' Check-in

09:30 – 09:45 Riders' Briefing

10:00                Group A start time

18:30 – 19:00 Bunny Hop Battle

19:00 – 19:30 Snail Slalom

20:00 – 21:00 Gravel Talk

21:00                Music Concert

Sunday September 3, 2023:

08:30 – 08:45 Riders' Briefing

09:00                Group A 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 the 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 participant's category and 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. Participants of MTB categories need to start together in separate groups at the end of the starting field.

#### **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 each 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 the place specified by the organizer. Every 10 minutes a group of 20 athletes starts in order of race numbers.
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 participant.
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 SportSoft company using SportIdent Air+ or similar contactless chip technology.

#### **X. Mandatory Equipment**

1. The participant is obliged to wear a helmet certified for cycling and properly fastened on the head while cycling at all times 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 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 area during the race. The participant shall carry all the necessary equipment for the whole race.

## **XII. Violations and Penalties**

1. The participant violates the rules:
  - 1.1. in the case of an incorrect or incomplete entry form;
  - 1.2. in the 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 unsporting behavior, especially towards officials. Each participant should behave according to the principles of fair-play, courteous, considerate and not endangering the health and life of himself or other participants;
  - 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. 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 Paramedic rescue team s.r.o.
5. Participants are advised to take out their own accident insurance.
6. The race is held 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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5. Official communication channels:
  - 5.1. <https://www.facebook.com/gravel.blinduro>
  - 5.2. <https://www.facebook.com/events/860083495144346>
  - 5.3. <https://www.sportsoft.cz>
  - 5.4. <http://blinduro.com>

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