

Gran Fondo della Versilia, 23rd Edition

May 12th, 2019

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Versilia's Gran Fondo 2019 is a cycling event organized by the non-professional sporting association (ASD) 'Gran Fondo della Versilia Cycling and Solidarity', under the auspices of the UISP CYCLING LEAGUE, starting in Lido di Camaiore (LU) on Sunday, 12 May 2019 at 8:00. The competition, which is part of the 'InBici Top Challenge' and 'Coppa Toscana On the Road' tour, consists of three courses: MARATHON km 123, CLASSIC km 90 and LIGHT km 60 (the route for the first 30km is the same for all three courses and participants may freely organize their return trip).

1. PARTICIPANTS

Participation is open to all female and male riders, born before or in 2001, with a valid F.C.I membership card or any other equivalent membership card issued by other sports entities recognized by C.O.N.I or by a foreign Cycling Federation.

Each participant must submit a certificate of eligibility for competitive cycling (art. 5 of D.M Health Protection Act for competitive sport activities, 18.02.1982). Foreign residents must submit a medical certificate of physical fitness as per form E – Health Certificate.

<https://www.granfondoversilia.it/app/download/13380882089/Certificato-per-soggetti-di-residenza-straniera.pdf>

It is mandatory that the medical certificate's expiration date does not precede the date of the race. The possession of a valid certificate of physical fitness will be thoroughly checked through the DATAHEALTH service (<http://www.datahealth.it/>).

It is therefore necessary to upload the required certificate on the above-mentioned website so that it can be collected and properly validated.

The registered participants who shouldn't proceed as stated above are requested to hand in a valid copy of his/her medical certificate on the race day: choosing this option will however result in a more complicated procedure to verify the requirements for participating in the event.

Please note that possession of a sport membership card alone will not be sufficient for registration in this event.

People born before 1955 can only participate in the Classic course. Participation in the Marathon course is only open to membership card-holders born between 1955 and 2001, who possess a valid certificate of physical fitness for competitive cycling provided by a registered sports medicine facility or alternatively his/her GP. This also applies to all the athletes who are members of any foreign cycling federation formally recognized by the UCI.

The eligibility for application requires that participants provide the aforementioned documentation and pay a registration fee.

Participation to Gran Fondo della Versilia is by invitation, therefore the Organizational committee maintains the right to reject or revoke one's eligibility to participate in the race at any given time and at their own discretion.

Granted that participation in the event of any rider who has served a ban or has received a sanction for a doping violation in the past is not appreciated, please note that any application to participate in the event by a rider who is currently serving a ban or has recently received a sanction or is under pending investigation for doping violations will be immediately rejected. The above applies to any and all members of any sports entities and any sporting federations. Any amateur rider who elects to ignore this regulation and willingly enters the competition will be excluded from the race and will not be refunded in the event he/she had paid a participation fee or any other fees; the Organizational committee maintains the right to inform a rider of his exclusion whenever and however they see fit.

CYCLE ATHLETES (*ciclosportivi*) / CYCLE TOURISTS (*cicloturisti*)

It is mandatory to be in possession of a membership card and a valid certificate of physical fitness for competitive sports activities issued by a registered sports medicine facility.

Foreign residents must submit a medical certificate as per form E – Health Certificate.

It is mandatory that the medical certificate expiration date does not precede the date of the race. Amateur membership card-holders will be allowed to participate only in the CLASSIC and LIGHT course with some restrictions: they will be excluded from individual ranking lists, they will start the race from the last grid, and they will be forbidden from altering in any way the regular conduct of the race.

Participants who choose the **LIGHT course** must:

- Notify his/her course selection upon registration
- Confirm to be a member of the F.C.I or of any other sports entities formally recognized by CONI or of a foreign Cycling Association, and to be in possession of a valid certificate of physical fitness for competitive cycling (see above)
- Respect the checkpoint at the feeding point in the San Carlo area, leave his/her racing number (the delivery time will be noted on it) and go back to the finish line of his/her own accord or escorted by a guide

Participants who choose the **CLASSIC course** must:

- Be equipped with an approved timing chip
- Wear the racing bib with the number clearly displayed as to allow their recognition and localization in an emergency or for disciplinary purposes; that notwithstanding, the amateur participation in the event will still be acknowledged as non-competitive and will not result in these participants being entered into official individual or merit ranking lists nor their related rewards.

However, participation of *ciclosportivi* and *cicloturisti* in the event will contribute to the overall Club Rankings. They will also be included in the raffle.

FORMER COMPETITIVE RIDERS – M/F

Former competitive athletes (both men and women), such as former Professionals, former Elite, former Under23 and Elite Women riders – given that they fall within one of the categories written below – are admitted to the event only by invitation by the Event Organizational committee, will be excluded from any individual and Club ranking lists, and must avoid at all costs altering in any way the regular conduct of the race.

- X Athletes whose last professional contract dates to 4 years ago
- X U23 athletes whose last sign-up for their relevant category dates to 2 years ago
- X U23 athletes whose last sign-up for their relevant category dates to 1 year ago
- X Elite athletes whose last sign-up for their relevant category dates to 2 years ago
- X Elite Women whose last sign-up for their relevant category dates to 2 years ago

2. MAIN FEATURES/CHARACTERISTICS

This event is both competitive and *cyclesportive*, depending on the experience of each participant; its competitive side is strictly limited to the “competitive” cyclists who will be enclosed between the “start-of-race” car that precedes them and the “end-of-race” car that follows them. The vehicular traffic during the ‘competitive’ event will be temporarily suspended, and will go back to normal once the “end-of-race” car will have passed; therefore, although cyclists who are not included in the ‘competitive’ group at the front of the race will have to carry out the competition under their own responsibility, according to the rules of the road, they must have the frame number clearly displayed on the handlebars and must wear their dorsal number at all times as a security measure.

All amateur cyclists are consequently advised to obey all traffic-control personnel, namely the law enforcement agency and the designated officers selected by the Event organizers in accordance with the local ordinance by the Prefect of Lucca.

3. GENERAL RULES

By submitting the application to participate, athletes confirm

- They have read and understood the event’s rules and regulations;
- They will meet all the requirements;
- They are fully aware of the Event’s details and are mentally and physically fit to take part in it;
- They will abide by the Event’s rules and follow the instructions of the event management and officials;
- They authorize the subjects involved in the event organization to use and disclose the personal data provided during registration or in other circumstances for purposes required for the conduct and promotion of the event or for statistical purposes;

- They authorize any legal use, commercial advertising included, of any photographs, moving images or recordings portraying them during the event;
- They waive and release the organizing society, its partners and suppliers, its officers and employees, its sponsors and partners from any and all actions or claims, known or unknown, arising out of their participation in the race and in any collateral events.

4. DISQUALIFICATION AND SANCTIONS

Disqualification: Wearing another rider's racing bib or number, giving one's own to others, starting in a grid prior to the assigned one or any other violation detected by the event's organizational committee will inevitably result in the exclusion from all the ranking lists and the disqualification from the event for two to five years. Littering is strictly forbidden, riders are to dispose of garbage in the designated garbage bins in the feeding zones. Applicants who test positive for prohibited substances or are found in possession of equipment that does not adhere to event regulations will face a fine of 30.000€ as a result of the potential damage caused to the public image of the event and its Organizational committee. The proceeds will then be forwarded to a charitable organization.

5. COURSES AND MAXIMUM JOURNEY TIMES

Those participants in the Marathon course who failed to reach the 90th kilometer mark by 1pm will be automatically transferred to the Classic course.

6. REGISTRATION

Individual registration can only be completed online through the ENDU digital platform that can be accessed from the following website: <https://www.granfondoversilia.it/iscrizioni/>

In case of Clubs/teams registration it is advised to use the ENDU4team website (<https://www.endu.net/it/endu4team>)

If you have any questions or need any further information: gf-versilia@mysdam.net – Tel. 8956060668

7. CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION

May 9th, 2019

After this date, registration to the event will only be possible on Saturday May 11th, 2019 from 10am to 8pm and Sunday May 12th, 2019 by 7:30am at the Event's office in the Dune Hotel Resort on Viale Colombo 259, Lido di Camaiore (LU). Applicants who choose to register using this method will be required to pay an additional charge of 10€ and will be excluded from the merit grids.

Please note that substitutions will not be accepted on race day.

8. PARTICIPATION FEE

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| - from Nov 6, 2018 to Nov 13, 2018 (early bird fee) | 30€ |
| - from Nov 14, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018 (discounted fee) | 40€ |

- from Jan 1, 2019 to Apr 21, 2019	45€
- from Apr 22, 2019 to May 5, 2019	50€
- From May 6, 2019 to May 9, 2019	55€
- May 21 and May 22, 2019	60€
- <i>Cicloturisti</i> not included in the ranking lists until Apr 21, 2019	20€
- <i>Cicloturisti</i> not included in the ranking lists after Apr 21, 2019	Full price minus a 10€ discount
- Individuals with disabilities	Free of charge

The participation fees include access to feeding points along the road, gadgets provided by sponsors, medical and mechanical assistance en route and a pasta party.

If an entrant cannot participate in the race, participation fees will not be reimbursed. However, if they promptly communicate their absence via email to gf-versilia@mysdam.net by 12pm on May 9th, 2019, their entrance to the event can be deferred to the same event in the following year, or alternatively can be transferred to another eligible individual from the same team. This process will require applicants to pay an additional administrative fee of 5€. In the event the race is canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to strikes, fires, natural disasters, war, sabotage, uprising, *factum principis* or others, the participation fee will not be refunded, and the Event organizational committee and the other subjects involved will not be held responsible.

9. COURSE CHOICE

Only participants who choose the LIGHT course will be required to communicate their course selection in advance. For all others there will be no need to do so.

10. DISTRIBUTION OF RACE PACKS

Race pack collection is organized at the convention hall of the **Dune Hotel Resort (Viale Colombo 159, Lido di Camaiore LU)** on the following days and times: Saturday March 11th, 2019 from 10am to 8pm and Sunday May 12th, 2019 from 7am to 7:30am.

It is MANDATORY to show a valid MEMBERSHIP CARD and a copy of a MEDICAL CERTIFICATION (in case it was not verified through the DATAHEALTH service).

11. STARTING GRIDS

All participants will be asked to respect the assigned starting grid/start order. The organizers will immediately disqualify any participant caught jumping the start grid or found in a grid that does not correspond to their racing number.

Grids will be organized as follows:

GRID	GUESTS	MERIT	1° GRID	2° GRID	3° GRID	4° GRID	5° GRID
By invitation	All						
Women		All					
Individuals w/ disabilities		All					
CoppaToscana 2018 (Cat)		1° - 5°					

GF Versilia 2017 (Cat)		1-5°					
InBici Top Challenge 2019 (Cat)		1°-3°					
Entrants to GF Versilia by 31/12/2018			All				
Coppa Toscana membership-card holders registered by 31/12/18			All				
InBici Top Challenge membership card holders 2019			All				
Coppa Toscana membership card holders after 31/12/2018				All			
Entrants to GF Versilia from 01/01/2019 to 28/02//2019				All			
Entrants to GF Versilia from 01/03/2019 to 30/04/2019					All		
Entrants GF Versilia after 30/04/2019						All	
<i>Ciclosportivi/cicloturisti</i>							All

12. TIMEKEEPING

The timing service will be provided by an Official Timer **MySDAM** based on MYLAPS ChampionChip software technology for mass events.

Each participant must be equipped with their own **personal timing chip**, or alternatively can **rent one** for the day.

For further information and terms and conditions of use please visit

<https://www.mysdam.net/timing/1095/chip-championchip.do>

PLEASE NOTE that the absence or the incorrect use of the timing chip will result in exclusion from all ranking lists and will prevent the athlete from receiving his/her racing time.

APPROVED TIMING CHIPS:

- **Personal MySDAM A-CHIP** (green, round chip) approved for cycling and MTB activities and valid for 2019
- Personal CHAMPIONCHIP YELLOW CHIP (yellow, round chip)
- ONE-DAY MySDAM CHIP for hire

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Upon registration, please specify your personal chip code on the application form
- Timing chips and/or relevant add-ons can be purchased at www.mysdam.net or at the race 'Timing Chip' stand.
- Athletes who do not possess their own timing chip can rent one at a cost of 5€ (VAT inclusive) alongside a refundable 10€ deposit. Athletes who return their timing chip to the stand up to 15 minutes prior to the end of the race will have their deposit refunded to them;
- Up-to-date prices and terms of use can be found at <https://www.mysdam.net/timing/1095/chip-championchip.do>
- Unless otherwise indicated, BlueChips and any other timing chip will not be admitted

- The absence or incorrect use of the timing chip will result in exclusion from all ranking lists and will prevent the entrant from receiving his/her racing time.

GPS TRACKING

- Smartrack Race Track. Live Tracking GPS is available on the free smartphone APP 'Never Alone' (<https://neveralone.site>)

13. CHECK POINTS

Check points are digitally operated and/or managed by Course Judges and authorized personnel. Spot checks may be conducted by Course Judges and Event organizational committee.

14. CATEGORIES AND INDIVIDUAL RANKING LISTS

Upon registration participants are requested to specify which of the following categories they belong to and to later verify that his/her personal data on the official entrants list is correct. Participants will not be permitted to change to a different category than that which was chosen prior to the event unless otherwise authorized by the Jury.

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| • ELMT | age 18-29 (born from 1990 to 2001) |
| • Master 1 | age 30-34 (born from 1985 to 1989) |
| • Master 2 | age 35-39 (born from 1980 to 1984) |
| • Master 3 | age 40-44 (born from 1975 to 1979) |
| • Master 4 | age 45-49 (born from 1970 to 1974) |
| • Master 5 | age 50-54 (born from 1965 to 1969) |
| • Master 6 | age 55-59 (born from 1960 to 1964) |
| • Master 7 | age 60-64 (born from 1955 to 1959) |
| • Master 8 | age 65+ (born before 1954) (Classic course only) |
| • D1 – Women | age 18-39 (born from 1980 to 2001) |
| • D2 – Women | age 40-49 (born from 1970 to 1979) |
| • D3 – Women | age 50+ (born before 1969) |
| • Individuals with disabilities | Single category |

The Marathon and Classic category ranking lists (Age Groups) will be compiled in accordance with the chronological order of arrival and with the recorded racing time provided by the ChampionChip System.

The first 100 participants of the Marathon and Classic Course to cross the finish line will be ranked according to their order of arrival and their race time which will be measured beginning from the official start of the race; from position 101° onwards rankings will be determined from the exact times at which participants cross the start line and the finish line (real time).

15. AWARD CEREMONY

a) CLUBS

The first ten teams will be awarded according to these criteria:

How to determine the Clubs' rankings score:

- ➔ 1 point for each participant registered in the SDAM electronic system
- ➔ 2 points for each participant ranked in the Classic Course
- ➔ 4 points for each participant ranked in the Marathon Course

b) CATEGORIES

The first three men and women classified for each category in the Marathon and Classic course will be given an award.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony which is held on the day of the event. Recipients must be present during said ceremony in order to receive any awards.

16. ASSISTANCE EN ROUTE

The Organizational committee will provide adequate medical and mechanical assistance, feeding points and other services along the route provided that the set time limit is not exceeded, as described in the information document in the race pack. Participants are only authorized to utilize the designated assistance points found along the route. Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in disqualification. The only exception is mechanical assistance between participants. Unauthorized vehicles providing assistance along the route will result in the disqualification of the whole team. With the exception of authorized vehicles, no team car will be permitted to travel at any point of the route between the start-of-race car and the end-of-race car. Refreshments will be provided at stationary points along the course, therefore they cannot be passed or thrown to riders in motion. Riders are also required to dispose of litter appropriately in designated areas.

17. MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

For the entire duration of the race it is mandatory for all participants to wear a type-approved helmet, to be in possession of a timing chip and to use it correctly and to display the race number on the bike's handlebars and the dorsal number on the back of their jersey. Moreover, upon entering the assigned starting grids, each participant is to have his/her membership card on their person alongside a puncture repair kit and a full water bottle.

18. JURY

The Jury is made up of judges appointed by UISP Cycling League and by the Event's Organizational committee.

19. INFORMATION PRIVACY

By registering and taking part in the event, entrants acknowledge that any information provided will be used in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Organizational committee's Data Privacy Regulations which can be found online at www.granfondoversilia.it. Furthermore, entry into the event will be taken as confirmation that participants have fully read and understood the Data Privacy Regulations mentioned above.

These regulations have been set out and defined by the data privacy administrator Del Pistoia Pier Luigi on behalf of ASD Gran Fondo della Versilia.

FOOTAGE

Gran Fondo della Versilia will capture live footage and photographs for promotional purposes throughout the course of the event which participants and other authorized individuals will then be able to purchase online from the websites of the Organizational committee or its partners. By taking part in the event participants authorize Gran Fondo della Versilia to utilize any footage of individual entrants in any future promotional materials or for other legal use in accordance with the regulations outlined within this document and the waiver of responsibility published online at www.granfondoversilia.it.

20. COMPLAINTS

Any complaints should be exclusively addressed to the Event's Jury in accordance with the terms and regulations set out by the UISP Cycling League alongside the required complaint fees.

21. RULES VARIATIONS

The organizational committee reserves the right to modify the Event's present rules and regulations. Any changes or additions made to the regulations will be available on the event's official website. The final regulations will be posted in the same area where race packs will be distributed.

22. GENERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations detailed within this document, participants will be expected to adhere to the general guidelines set out by the UISP Cycling League.