



GRAN FONDO 2024  
STRADE BIANCHE

## RULES GRAN FONDO STRADE BIANCHE 2024

**ORGANIZATION: SSD RCS ACTIVE TEAM**

**DATE: 3 MARCH 2024**

**START: FORTEZZA MEDICEA, SIENA (SI)**

**FINISH: PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, SIENA (SI)**

**GRAN FONDO STRADE BIANCHE – 138,5KM**

**MEDIO FONDO STRADE BIANCHE – 87 KM**

**SIGN-ON OPENING: 06.30**

**START TIME: 08.00**

### **PARTICIPATION**

The Gran Fondo Strade Bianche is a mass and endurance cycling event, agonistic and competitive. **There are 2 different routes in the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche 2024 (Gran Fondo route and Medio Fondo route).** Each participant is free to select the most suitable route based on their ability during the event, entirely according to their own judgement. GF Strade Bianche is open to all the Italian Cycling Federation (FCI) members aged 17 on the race day for the Medio Fondo course and aged 19 on the race day for the Gran Fondo course. There are no limits in participation for the M8 category as long as with a valid membership card or sport medical certificate and daily membership card.

GF Strade Bianche is open to all the Sport Promotion Bodies members that have signed the convention with F.C.I. for the year 2024 with a sport-medical certificate attesting the health conditions to practice competitive cycling and foreign amateur racing cyclists with their regular 2024 Federation membership card and the **SPORT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR COMPETITIVE CYCLING (ONLY in the English language)**, link for download <https://bit.ly/3nJ9W1C>

The Event is also open to all the amateur racing cyclists. For those who do not have a membership card, a 10 euro one-day F.C.I. card will be issued. It covers the insurance for 'third-party liability' during the Event. For this card to be issued the participants need to submit the **SPORT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR COMPETITIVE CYCLING (ONLY in the English language)**. Between January and February 2024, the new guidelines for Sport Promotion Bodies 2024 will be published.

The Event is by invitation only. At any time and with unappealable decision the Organizational Committee can decide whether to accept or not the entry or to exclude an entered participant in case the latter may damage the image of the Event.

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## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

The participation to the event is possible only when the following is fulfilled:

- F.C.I. members and the Sport Promotion Bodies members: sport medical certificate for competitive cycling (no other sports as triathlon, duathlon, athletics and so on)
- For participants resident in Italy but are not FCI members or Sport Promotion Bodies members: sport medical certificate for competitive cycling ex DM 18/02/82
- For participants foreign residents: sport medical certificate for competitive cycling in the English language from home country – link for download <https://bit.ly/3nJ9W1C>

The ownership of a membership card can be alternative to the verification of the possess of the medical certificate only in case the membership card has the DataHealth logo together with the date of validity of the medical certificate for competitive cycling.

## EX PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES (Elite with contract), Elite and Under 23

Professional athletes, Elite (Men and Women) and Under 23, are admitted exclusively for promotional purposes with the authorization of the sports club to which they belong to be shown to the Jury, they will not be able to participate in any way in the ranking.

According to the SAN FCI Rules in force, athletes who have been registered as Professional, Elite, Under 23, Elite Women, Under 23 categories, in the two years following their last membership in the category, amateur cycle members can participate but are excluded from the category rankings, they can only be included in the absolute ranking with the indication "cat. ASS".

## DOPING

In case of being tested positive during the anti-doping controls carried out at the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche, or in case of being tested positive in the 6 (six) months following it, the Organization reserves the right to ask for the compensation from the participant for the severe damages caused to the image of the event, requesting an amount of € 50,000.00 (fifty-thousand/00 euros) to cover the damages. If the participant belongs to a sport association, the latter will be jointly obliged to pay the sanction. The sum of money will be used to promote youth sport practice.

## ENTRY FEE

**The registration to Gran Fondo Strade Bianche 2024 will open on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 11 AM CET.**

Participants registered to the **Gran Fondo Il Lombardia** October 8, 2023 and **Giro d'Italia Ride Like a Pro Tenerife** November 18-19, 2023 will be granted access to the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche 2024 registration



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already from June 27, 2023 at 11 AM

THE ENTRY FEE IS **97€** (ninetyseven euro) **limited to 7,000 participants.**

**Only Online registration on <https://gfstradebianche.it/>**

The entry fee includes: race number / SPORTFUL Jersey / technical vest / official race bag / timing service / breakdown assistance (spares are not included) / medical care during the race / feeding zones / broom wagon service / Pasta Party

**THE ENTRY FEE CANNOT BE REIMBURSED.**

### **PAYMENT**

Online with credit card, direct bank transfer or Satispay on the website <https://api.endu.net/r/i/85013>.

Participants will have to buy the daily license online during the registration process to avoid long queues at the start number pick up.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT 00.00**

### **INSURANCE**

Civil liability insurance policy: Organizers and participants are covered for civil liability insurance policy, subscribed by the organizer, regarding injury or property damage accidentally caused to a third-party or to each other. This contract only offers coverage on the official route and during the race, for regularly registered participants and controlled at the start and the finish and at the official checking points (manually operated or timer mat) as evidence.

### **RACE NUMBER PICK-UP**

**Friday, March 1 from 13.00 to 19.00 and Saturday, March 2 from 8.30 to 18.30 at the Fortezza di Santa Barbara** (Fortezza Medicea), Siena. It will not be possible to collect the race numbers on the race day.

**ANY UNCOLLECTED RACE KIT WILL NOT BE SENT HOME.**

### **TRANSFER TO 2025**

It is possible to transfer the entry to 2025 free of charge. The participants need to request the transfer by email to [granfondo@rcs.it](mailto:granfondo@rcs.it) within midnight of **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**, the entry will remain valid for the year 2025. Before the 2025 registration open, each participant will receive instructions on how to pay the adjustment fee and confirm the 2024 entry.

**The entry is nominal and is not transferable to a third party and will be valid only for the year following the renunciation.** If the entrant does not participate in the Event, the paid fee will not be reimbursed.

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### SUBSTITUTION OF REGISTERED ATHLETES

Any substitution between athletes is admitted only **until FEBRUARY 8, 2024**. In this case an extra fee of € 20,00 is required to pay the administration expenses. Please write to [segreteria@sdam.it](mailto:segreteria@sdam.it) to request the substitution.

### STARTING GRIDS

To facilitate the **start** and allow an orderly start of the race the Starting Grids will be set up looking at the registration date and the 2023 race results. The organization will disqualify immediately who will enter a different grid and who will be in a different starting grid without the authorization from the organization. The start number determines the starting grid.

These are the starting grids for 2024:

- **1st grid 1-300** (guests of the organization/Tour Operators and Charity Partner entries)
- **2nd grid 301-1000** (merit grid/category winners/ guests of the organization/Tour Operators and Charity Partner entries)
- **3rd grid 1001-2000** (guests of the organization/ Tour Operators entries/date of registration)
- **4th grid 2001-3600** (registration transfer from 2023/date of registration)
- **5th grid 3601-4200** (date of registration)
- **6th grid 4201-500** (date of registration)

### RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The participant can freely choose the course that suits him/her best during the sport Event by respecting the check points placed along the routes. If any check point is skipped, the participant will be excluded from the general classification.

**GF Strade Bianche is an Agonistic/Competitive racing cycling event.** The two routes (Gran Fondo and Medio Fondo) are races that take place on roads with traffic temporarily closed between the "INIZIO GARA" vehicle and the "FINE GARA" (End of the race) vehicle, all those who are outside this stretch regulated by the temporary suspension of traffic are subject to compliance with the rules of the road, in accordance with the rules of cycling events of the FCI. **Therefore, the strict respect and observance of the Highway Code is to be applied. The riders who will be overtaken by the "Fine Gara" vehicle will continue the event as common cyclists on the road, keeping their body number on their back. It is mandatory to have the frame number clearly fastened on the handlebar and not rolled around the frame and to wear the body number, both given by the Organization.** These numbers cannot be changed in size.

To protect the environment, **it is absolutely forbidden to jettison any kind of waste along the route**, and it is mandatory to deposit it in the specially provided containers placed near the feeding zones and/or at the finish that are signposted as "Ecozone". Failure to comply with this rule will be sanctioned by the race commissaries, assisted by the staff of the organization, up to disqualification.

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**CHECK POINTS** Start, along the route, Finish

**TIMEKEEPING** Gran Fondo Strade Bianche uses the Official Timer EVODATA with a technology based on the use of "chip". Every participant must have a valid personal chip or a one-day chip for hire. Information and use conditions about the chips are posted on website <https://www.endu.net/it/regolamentochip>. The absence or the incorrect use of the chip will prevent the entrant from being part of the classification and from having his/her race time.

**TIME LIMIT 7.30 hours** – by 15.30 of MARCH 3, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE** The time limit to transit through Radi to ride the longer route (Gran Fondo) is 10.30. All the riders who will transit through Radi after this time, MUST ride the short route of 87 Km (Medio Fondo).

#### **AWARD CEREMONY**

11.30 Sunday 3 MARCH awards to the first three (3) men and first three (3) women of the Medio Fondo Course

12.30 Sunday 3 MARCH awards to the first three (3) men and first three (3) women of the Gran Fondo Course

Subsequently all other categories. Awards to the first of each male age category of the Gran Fondo and Medio Fondo course. The awards to the female age categories will be as follows: AW (19/29), B Women (30/39), C Women (40/55) and D Women (over 55 yrs) for the Gran Fondo and Medio Fondo course. The prizes will be awarded only to those present.

15.00 Saturday 2 MARCH awards will be given to the first three (3) sport groups with most registered participants.

**Uncollected prizes will not be sent home.**

**RANKING** The ranking will be posted in the Event website.

**MEDICAL CARE** Following ambulances, doctor's cars, doctors, and qualified paramedical personnel.

**BREAKDOWN ASSISTANCE** Following neutral support cars and motorcycles, and several mechanical support service points placed along the two routes.

**PRIVATE ASSISTANCE** Any following private assistance is forbidden during the race, under penalty of disqualification. Feeding is allowed in the feeding points made available by the Organization.

**RADIO ASSISTANCE** Throughout both courses and at the finish.

**FEEDING ZONES** 3 along the route

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### **BROOM SERVICE**

A broom wagon service will be operative at the back of the race.

We remind that the bicycles of the riders that are collected will be deposited in the Bike Park in the Fortezza Medicea as soon as the vehicles return. It will be possible to collect the bicycles based on the race number corresponding to the race number fixed on the bicycle and an ID document.

### **CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT**

If, due to circumstances beyond the Organization's control, the event will not take place, the entry fee is not going to be reimbursed.

### **MANDATORY EQUIPEMENT**

**OBLIGATION:** To guarantee safety and the smooth running of the Event, all participants must arrive at the start equipped with the following mandatory equipment:

- an approved hard helmet which must be worn for the entire duration of the Event;
- a hydration system (bottle or water bag)

**RECOMMENDATION:** To prevent any technical failures, participants are advised to carry a tire / tubular repair kit and 2 spare inner tubes

### **INTERDICTION**

To ensure the safety of participants, it is strictly forbidden to participate in the Event with the following:

- a bicycle equipped with any type of extension (bar ends or triathlon handlebars);
- an electric or electrically assisted bicycle
- a recumbent or prone bicycle
- a bicycle not officially recognized by the F.C.I.

Therefore, non-compliant bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, etc., on wheels and/or motorized vehicles, especially accompanying cars, are strictly prohibited on the course.

### **COMPLAINS**

Any complaints must be received by the Jury within the regulatory terms accompanied by the fee requested by the F.C.I.

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

By subscribing to the GF Strade Bianche 2024, the athlete declares to know and to oblige these rules and to entirely accept the following waiver of liability. "I am aware of the facts that participating in the GF Strade Bianche and/or sport events in general is a potentially risky activity. I also declare to having entered the race consciously and I assume responsibility for all risks arising from my participation like falls, contacts with vehicles, other participants, spectators or otherwise, any weather conditions including extreme heat, cold and/or humidity, traffic and road conditions, any type of risk well-known and evaluated by myself. Being aware of this, considering the acceptance of my entry application, I, for myself and on behalf of

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anyone else, waive the Organizing Committee of the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche 2024, S.S.D. RCS Active Team a r.l., the promoters, the Municipality of Siena, FCI, the Official Time Keeper, all the sponsors, the representatives, successors, officers, directors, members, agents and employees of the companies mentioned above, from all present and future claims for liability of any kind, known or unknown, deriving from my participation in the event.”

#### **PRIVACY POLICY**

The link to download the complete privacy policy is available in the event's online registration procedure.

#### **RULES**

No liability of any kind shall be referred to the Organization regarding damages deriving from accidents occurred prior, during or after the cycling Event to people, animals and things. All the participants are mandatorily to respect and observe the Highway Code. For whatever is not provided for in these Regulations, the F.C.I. Settore Amatoriale e Cicloturistico Nazionale is in force.

#### **FINAL WARNINGS**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify these regulations at any time for reasons it deems appropriate for a better organization of the event. Any changes to services, places and times will be appropriately communicated to the participants or will be posted on the website <https://gfstradebianche.it/>. In addition, the documentation containing the essential information for taking part in the event will be delivered by the organization together with the race number.

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