



RULES GRAN FONDO STRADE BIANCHE ESTRA 2026

ORGANIZATION: SSD RCS ACTIVE TEAM

DATE: 8 MARCH 2026

START: FORTEZZA MEDICEA, SIENA (SI)

FINISH: PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, SIENA (SI)

MEDIO FONDO – 93,3 KM

MEDIO FONDO SIGN-ON OPENING: 06.30

MEDIO FONDO START TIME: 07.30

TIME LIMIT: 5 HOURS

GRAN FONDO – 144,3 KM

GRAN FONDO SIGN-ON OPENING: 08.00

GRAN FONDO START TIME: 09.30

TIME LIMIT: 7 HOURS

PARTICIPATION

The Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA is a mass and endurance cycling event, agonistic and competitive.

Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA 2026 will comprise 2 distinctive events with 2 different routes: the Medio Fondo route and the Gran Fondo route. Participants are required to select the most suitable route based on their ability. This selection must be finalized by February 12, 2026, via the official registration platform.

GF Strade Bianche is open to all the Italian Cycling Federation (FCI) members aged 17 for the Medio Fondo course (calendar year) and aged 19 for the Gran Fondo course (calendar year).

GF Strade Bianche is open to all the Sport Promotion Bodies members that have signed the convention with F.C.I. for the year 2026 with a SPORT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR COMPETITIVE CYCLING attesting the health conditions and the daily License Card.

The GF Strade Bianche is open to all international amateur cyclists who hold a valid 2026 UCI license issued by their respective National Cycling Federation. Participants are required to present their regular 2026 Federation Membership License together with the SPORT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR COMPETITIVE CYCLING (ONLY in the English language), and conform to the template available on this link <https://tinyurl.com/4chm32hz> (certificates for other disciplines will not be accepted).



The Event is also open to all the amateur racing cyclists without a license. For those who do not have a Membership Card, a € 10,00 daily License Card will be issued by the Italian Cycling Federation (F.C.I.). It covers the insurance during the Event. For this License Card to be issued the participants need to submit the **SPORT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR COMPETITIVE CYCLING (ONLY in the English language)** template available on this link <https://tinyurl.com/4chm32hz>.

The Event is by invitation. 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.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

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

- F.C.I. members and 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 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://tinyurl.com/4chm32hz>

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.

Athletes who are amateur cycle member, that in the years 2024 and 2025 have been registered as Elite, Under 23, Elite Women, Under 23 categories but do not fall into the previous condition, 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 the event of a positive result in the doping controls carried out during the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche, or of a confirmed positive result within 6 (six) months following the event, the Organization reserves the right to take legal action against the offender for damage to its image.

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS 2026

The Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA expects approximately 8,500 participants, consisting of 6,500 participants registered online on <https://gfstradebianche.it/> and 2,000 registrations divided among: official Tour Operators of the GF Strade Bianche, Charity registrations, and invited guests.



ONLINE ENTRY FEE

The online registration to Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA 2026 will open on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 11.00 AM CET.

Online entry fee € 119,00 (onehundrednineteen euro)

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

Payment only online with credit card or SEPA bank transfer on the website. Participants will have to buy the daily license online during the registration process to avoid queues at the start number pick up.

The registration fee does not include the service charges applied by the website. The service charges are set at € 5,00 for each registration and are not included in the registration fee. Complimentary registrations are not subject to service charges.

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT 00.00

THE ENTRY FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

The organization reserves the right to close the registration at any time.

REGISTRATION FINALIZATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Participants have until February 12, 2026, to finalize their registration for the event; failure to meet this deadline will result in the automatic loss of the right to participate.

The registration will be considered complete and properly executed only upon submission of the following required information:

- **For LICENSED ATHLETES:** sport promotion body, club name, 2026 license number, medical certificate for competitive cycling
- **For NOT LICENSED ATHLETES:** medical certificate for competitive cycling

At any time, it will be possible to consult the registration website to check the acceptance status and your registration status. Please note that registration is considered fully completed only when the words **"LICENSE CARD COMPLIANT - MEDICAL CERTIFICATE COMPLIANT"** appear next to your name.

REGISTRATION FINALIZATION DEADLINE: February 12, 2026, at 00:00.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE

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 / Medal / Pasta Party



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 AND RACE KIT

The technical envelope containing the race numbers will be distributed Friday, March 6 from 10.00 to 19.00 and Saturday, March 7 from 8.30 to 18.00 at the Fortezza di Santa Barbara (Fortezza Medicea), Siena. To pick up the technical envelope with the race number you will need to show the registration confirmation, an identity document, the license and the medical certificate. **It will be possible to pick up the race kit only with the TECHNICAL ENVELOPE.**

It is possible to delegate a person for the pick-up of the technical envelope and the race kit. The delegation form can be downloaded from the event website, the form must be filled out and signed in all its parts and presented with an identity document at the start number pick-up. It will not be possible to collect the race numbers on race day. ANY UNCOLLECTED RACE KIT WILL NOT BE SENT HOME.

SUBSTITUTION OF REGISTERED ATHLETES

Any substitution between athletes is admitted only **until FEBRUARY 9, 2026**. In this case an extra fee of € 20,00 is required to pay the administration expenses. Please write to gfstradebianche@evodata.it to request the substitution. **It is not possible to transfer the entry to 2027.**

STARTING CORRALS

To facilitate the **start** and allow an orderly start of the race the Starting Corrals will be set up looking at the registration date and the 2025 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.

The starting grids are the same for both routes, Medio Fondo and Gran Fondo.

These are the starting corrals for 2026:

- **1st grid 1-350** (Tour Operators entries/guests /Charity Partner entries)
- **2nd grid 351-1000** (Tour Operators entries/guests /Charity Partner entries/merit grid)
- **3rd grid 1001-2000** (Tour Operators entries/guests/date of registration)
- **4th grid 2001-4000** (date of registration)
- **5th grid 4001-** (date of registration)



RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Each participant may freely choose the route that best suits their abilities between the Medio Fondo and Gran Fondo route. This selection must be made by February 12, 2026, through the official registration platform. Access to the other route will not be permitted during the event. If any check point is skipped, the participant will be excluded from the general rankings.

GF Strade Bianche is an Agonistic/Competitive racing cycling event. The two routes (Medio Fondo and Gran 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, 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 throw 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.

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.

CUT-OFF TIME

To ensure the safety of all participants, the Medio Fondo route has a time limit to transit through at Taverne d'Arbia feed station (km 66). Participants must leave the feed station by 10.50, based on an average speed of 20 km/h, including any stops. Riders who reach Taverne d'Arbia feed station after the designated time will not be allowed to continue to Presciano and will be required to withdraw from the event. Please note that the maximum transit time refers specifically to the departure time from the feed station, not the arrival time. For withdrawn participants, the organization will provide a transport service from the feed station to the finish area, including bicycle transport.

TIME LIMIT Medio Fondo: 5 hours – end of race by 12.30 / **Gran Fondo: 7 hours** – end of race by 16.30



AWARD CEREMONY

Awards on Sunday March 8:

- 10.15 - first three men and first three women Medio Fondo Course
- 13.45 - first three men and first three women Gran Fondo Course

Age group awards: 11.30 Medio Fondo and 15.00 Gran Fondo. Awards to the first of each male age category and each female age categories of the following: A Women (19/29), B Women (30/39), C Women (40/55) and D Women (over 55 yrs) for the Medio Fondo and Gran Fondo course.

The prizes of the overall category are not cumulative with the age group category prizes.

The three sport groups with most registered participants will be awarded a prize.

The prizes will be awarded only to those present. Uncollected prizes will not be sent home.

RANKING The ranking will be posted in the Event website <https://gfstradebianche.it/>

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

BREAKDOWN ASSISTANCE Support Service points along the route and motorcycles following the race.

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 5 along the route – 3 on the Gran Fondo course and 2 on the Medio Fondo course

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 Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA 2026, 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 Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA and/or sport events in general is a potentially risky activity. I also declare 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 anyone else, waive the Organizing Committee of the Gran Fondo Strade Bianche ESTRA 2026, 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 AND IMAGE RIGHTS

In the matter of personal data, the participant, by selecting the specific box of the online registration form, declares to have read the Privacy Policy pursuant to the EU Regulation 679/2016 ("GDPR") ("Privacy Policy") made available online during the registration process and to have been informed through the above-mentioned Privacy Policy that consent for the processing of data is strictly necessary for participation in the race is not necessary, when the processing is justified on a different legal basis of processing.

The provision of personal data is optional. Lacking the communication of such personal data, you will be prevented from completing the registration. For purposes other than those strictly necessary for the participation in the race, the processing will be carried out only subject to participant's consent which, however, can be revoked at any time by the participant.



The data must be complete, updated and legible also for insurance purposes. The data, as better explained in the Privacy Policy – which is an integral part of these Rules and which is intended here integrally referred to – may be communicated and processed also by third parties offering services regarding and connected to the race, such as, for example: those aimed at timing the race, prepare and announce the ranking and those with the purpose of photographing or filming the participants. Such subjects, having regard to those data processing outsourced and carried out on behalf of the Joint Controllers (as defined in the Privacy Policy), will act as external data processors. Some of these subjects, however, might act as Joint Controllers in respect to the communicated data, subject to a previous release of a suitable Privacy Policy, unless otherwise provided by law.

At the event, films and photographs will be taken and images, photos, videos, audio files of any kind, which may show the participant, as well as results and rankings may be communicated, published and/or divulged in any form. The athlete authorizes the Organizers, together with the entities entrusted to carry out the shootings/filming, to film the images of the event and to freely acquire the right to exploit them on any kind of support and for the maximum time limit provided by law. By reading the Privacy Policy, the participant acknowledges that the processing is strictly necessary to carry out the purposes explained in the Privacy Policy for which consent is not required. The link to download the complete Privacy Policy is available in the event 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 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.

JURISDICTION

Any disputes regarding the application and interpretation of these regulations shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Court of Milano.

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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