



Regulations Single Time Trial / Team Time Trial

Conditions of Participation

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All amateur and professional athletes are eligible to participate in Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festivals's Single and Team Time Trial races. Only teams with four riders will be allowed at the Team Time Trial.

2. Minimum Age

Participants of the Single or Team Time Trials have to be at least 18 years old. The Time Trial's respective start date constitutes the cut-off date.

3. Health

All participants are obliged to make sure that they meet with the fitness requirements of the Single and Team Time Trials and, if necessary, seek medical consultation to ensure that they do.

4. Equipment

Only racing bicycles (even with time trial handlebars or other handlebar attachments) are permissible in the Single and Team Time Trials. The following equipment is strictly not permissible:

- Drinking bottles made from non-deformable materials such as glass, aluminum, etc.

All participants are obliged to make sure their bicycles are operating properly, especially with regard to brakes and other parts relevant to safety. In case of technical shortcomings a participant may be disqualified from the Single or Team Time Trials.

Rules and Regulations

1. General Rules

The Single and Team Time Trials take place on roads closed for traffic. Slipstreaming is strictly prohibited at the Single Time Trial. At the Team Time Trial you may only ride in the slipstream of one of your own team members. Instructions by the police, race marshals, and the race marshals are to be followed at all times.

2. Ranking

Participants of the Single Time Trial will start in 20-second intervals. The teams of the Team Time Trial will start in 1-minute intervals. At the start and finish line all participants of the Single Time Trial have to pass the transponder loops in the ground in order to be considered for ranking. In the Team Time Trial the time of the team's third placed rider will be used for ranking.

The following categories apply for the Single and Team Time Trials (cut-off date being the start date of the Single or Team Time Trial):

Categories Single Time Trial

- Men (ages 18 – 39)
- Women (ages 18 and over)
- Masters (Men ages 40 - 49)
- Grand Masters (Men ages 50 - 59)
- Senior Grand Masters (Men ages 60 and over)

Categories Team Time Trial

- Men
- Women
- Mixed (2 women and 2 men)

3. Start Numbers

All participants have to attach their start numbers to their bicycles (handlebar) and jersey (on the back) in such a way that they are clearly visible at all times of the race. Advertisements on the start number tags must remain visible during the race. Participants must keep their transponders properly attached to their bicycles or bodies, otherwise an individual timing will not be possible. The participant is personally liable for lost transponders.

4. Bike Check

Prior to the start of the Single and Team Time Trials random bike checks will be performed. Bikes with technical shortcomings may be disqualified from the start. The bike check will be done prior to the start.

5. Registration Control

Registration control prior to the start of each stage is mandatory for all participants.

6. Start

All participants of the Single and Team Time Trials must assume starting positions 30 minutes before the official starting time given in the starter-list. Starting positions will be determined by the order in the starter-list, a starting block will be assigned to each participant.

7. Timing

Time will be recorded by a transponder chip which, depending on the transponder-system used, has to be mounted on the bicycle, the start number tag, or the participant's body. Net timing will be applied to all participants, which means the individual's start time will be taken when he or she passes the transponder loops at the start/finish line. After the starting signal all participants must commence the race and leave the starting ramp. At the Team Time Trial, the starting time of the first team member to pass the transponder loops in the ground will be recorded for the team.

8. Course

The Single and Team Time Trials take place on roads closed for traffic, which are signposted and staffed with course marshals.

9. Signposting and Course Marshals

The complete course of the Single and Team Time Trials is signposted with Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival signs at main junctions and intersections especially on the way through a town. The signs have the Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival Logo printed on them and indicate the driving direction by a shining red arrow.

Additionally, there will be police officers and race marshals with high visibility vests positioned at main junctions and intersections to guide participants with flags. Participants must abide by any and all instructions from police officers and race marshals. All participants are responsible for making sure they are on the right track.

10. Finish

At the finish each participant must pass the transponder loops in the ground. At the Team

Time Trial the first three participants of a team must pass the transponder loops in the ground. Participants of the Single and Team Time Trials who withdraw from the race due to exhaustion, defective equipment, or injury, will be ranked in the result list as DNF (did not finish)

11. Withdrawal from the race

Participants that decide to withdraw from the race for whatever reasons have to unregister with the organizer immediately (race office, control points, or finish). All expenses that may result from a failure to do so (e.g. retrieval of a transponder system, search and rescue operations, etc.), will have to be paid for by the negligent participant. Participants who would like to end the Single or Team Time Trial prematurely also has to unregister with the race office at the finish and return the transponder system.

12. Food and Drinks

During the Single and Team Time Trials participants are solely responsible for their food and drink supply. The organizer will offer Water and sports drinks at the finish.

13. Bad weather gear

Participants must wear clothing appropriate to the current weather conditions.

14. Technical Service

The organizer does not offer any technical service and support during the Single and Team Time Trials.

15. Important Rules

The Single and Team Time Trials take place on roads closed for traffic.

1. Slipstreaming is not allowed at the Time Trials. At the Team Time Trial you may ride in the slipstream of one of your team partners. Riders or teams overtaking other riders have to keep an adequate distance to the rider being overtaken. The Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival marshals will oversee this from their motorcycles.
2. Slower riders / teams have to clear the way for riders overtaking them.
3. Wearing a helmet is mandatory throughout all of the race.
4. Littering is strictly prohibited. It is especially prohibited to throw away wrappings or drinking bottles during the race.
5. Accompanying vehicles for teams or individual riders are not permitted at the Single and Team Time Trials. The Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival marshals will oversee this from their motorcycles.
6. Each participant must exercise caution in difficult-to-see sections of the course and be prepared to brake at any time in downhill sections.
7. Defective equipment must be repaired at the side of the track.
8. During the finish spurt it is not allowed to change lanes.
9. The organizer reserves the right to cancel or call off the race or certain stages at any time. Reasons for this can be, among other things, force majeure (e.g. bad weather) and extraordinary/unforeseeable situations. In these instances, participants do not have a claim to a refund of the entry fee in part or full or any other damages.

16. Marshals, Time Penalties, Disqualification

Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival marshals on motorcycles will enforce the above mentioned rules throughout the entire event. The marshals will issue clear cautions for not obeying the rules and report the respective case to the jury. The jury reserves the right to disqualify participants or impose penalties for:

- Littering, pollution of the environment
- Noncompliance with the rules
- Gross unsportsmanlike behavior, misconduct
- Technical shortcomings of the equipment

- Health problems of a participant
- Doping

The jury has the right to impose penalties for offenses that are not among the ones mentioned above.

17. Doping

The organizer reserves the right to carry out doping tests. Everyone guilty of doping will be disqualified without exception

18. Help from the Outside

Participants of the Single and Team Time Trials may not accept help from the outside, such as pushing, towing, and riding in the slipstream of others. Exceptions of this rule are the passing of food, drinks, clothing items, or spare parts by a companion standing on the side of the road, or medical assistance by the Gerolsteiner-Radsport-Festival Medical Service.

19. Appeals and the Jury

All participants have the right to protest against offences of other teams or appeal against decisions of the Racing Committee at the Race Office within one hour after the finish. A three-member jury (Head of the Racing Control Committee, Head of the Race Organization, Head of the Timekeeping Department) will deal with the appeal immediately and make a decision prior to the bestowal of the awards. The fee is €50 and will be kept by the organizer in case of a lost appeal.

20. Liability

All participants are responsible for their own safety. Under no circumstances shall the organizers, hosts, or sponsors be liable for any direct or indirect damages, including, but not limited to, personal damages or damages to property. Participants have to give their express consent that they assume all risks arising out of or are in any way connected with taking part in this event and will not make any claims against persons, institutions, or companies that carry out or have carried out this event.

Important: These rules and regulations are subject to change