

## **RULES & REGULATIONS SCHLECK GRAN FONDO 2019**

The Schleck Gran Fondo is a Cyclosporitive held in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg, on Saturday, 25 May 2019. The Schleck Gran Fondo is a road race with two distances. The cyclosporitive is part of the Luxembourg Cycling Federation's national calendar and is open to licensed and non- licensed riders. The event is organized by Schleck X-Perience in cooperation with the cycling club ACC Contern.

The Schleck Gran Fondo 2019 is a qualifier for the UCI World Gran Fondo Championships held in Poznan (Polen) 2019.

**Article 1:** All participants acknowledge and accept these rules and regulations in its entirety, and accept the usual and frequent competitive cycling risks, such as individual or collective falls.

**Article 2:** The Schleck Gran Fondo is open to all participants, license-holder or not, over the age of 18. Minors over the age of 17 may participate on the shorter course upon presentation of parental consent at the packet pickup. All license-holders will have to show the original or copy of the license at the packet pickup. Those participants with either no license or a license other than a FscI license, will have to sign a paper which states that there are no contra indications for the rider to practice cycling in a competition. During the registration, all riders can sign an individual accident insurance that accords them the same protection as FscI licensed riders.

**Article 3:** The authorization of the Ministry of Transport foresees that all the riders having more than a two-hours delay to the first rider, will be informed by the official car: "voiture 2h, fin du parcours sécurisé" that the surveillance of the crossroads will shortly come to an end. All the riders declare to respect the Luxembourg traffic regulations and ensure their own safety and speed control. **At any time, the roads are open to traffic!**

**Article 3a:** Cyclists may not be followed by back-up cars or vehicles (the organizer refuses to accept any responsibility in case of accident caused by or with this vehicle). Littering is strictly prohibited. Equipment used by the participants must conform to the general regulations that govern road races. Triathlon-type handlebar extensions are not allowed. Rigid bicycle helmets are mandatory for all participants throughout the event.

### **Article 4: 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 (application of the Civil Code articles 1382-1386). This contract only offers coverage on the official route and during the race, for lawfully registered participants and controlled at the start and the finish, official checking points as evidence.

**Physical injuries, individual accident insurance:** The organizers emphasize that participants subscribe to an insurance contract which covers physical injuries they might suffer during this event. Participants must ensure to protect themselves any type of injury related damage. License-holders have to find out from their Federation if they are sufficiently insured for physical injuries caused in cycling events. Otherwise, it is highly recommended to license and no license-holders, in subscribing to the insurance on offer from the organizer or getting guarantees on their own insurance covers.

**Property damage and responsibility:** Organization and insurer are not liable for participants' property damage such as damage caused during a fall, damages due to theft or any other damage. Each participant must insure themselves against these kinds of damages with their own insurance provider. Participants acknowledge that organizers are not liable for watching their belongings and cannot be held responsible in case of loss or theft. Objects, accessories or bikes delivered to a third party during the event (organization's members or not) will be under the responsibility of the participant.

By signing the registration form, all participants acknowledge familiarity with the guidelines set forth by the organizer on the registration form. The organizer declines all responsibility in case of an accident or incident before, during, or after the event. Likewise, all race organization collaborators, assistants, and team members will not be held responsible before, during, or after the event.

**Article 5:** A security and care system is provided (vehicles, bikers, traffic control persons, talkie-walkies...). The event has a first aid service and medical care, ambulances and rescuers, in addition to public and conventional rescue service. Other expenses for medical care, surgery, hospitalization, evacuation and repatriation are in charge of the participants. The race course is entirely signposted and has to be followed strictly. Please respect the entire race regulations and traffic laws. A "broom wagon" and/or "end of course" vehicle will close the race course.

**Article 6:** Per international and national sporting rules, participants may be subject to medical controls at the finish of the event. An infraction at these controls, or a refusal to participate, will result in immediate disqualification of the participant concerned, along with legal consequences.

**Article 7:** An Emergency phone number will be given to all participants. This number should only be used in case of a problem where the participant requires medical or safety assistance.

**Article 8:** In case of an accident which can involve the organizer's responsibility, a statement will have to be made in writing and sent by registered post, less than 48 hours after the accident. This statement will have to state accurate and detailed circumstances of the accident, including all documentary proof, in order to establish a file, and be accepted by the insurance companies.

**Article 9:** All participants commit to have their equipment checked and in perfect condition (brakes, new tires) before starting the race, and provide spare parts (inner tubes are required), and wear race appropriate attire. A technical assistance service may or may not be provided at the start, and at service points along the ride (billed parts, free labor costs). This service cannot be responsible for accident or falls following the service. Equipment and bike accessories must be fixed properly so as to avoid any accident or fall risk, breakage or loss on the road. Any negligence from the participant will involve his entire responsibility.

**Article 10:** The foreseen course of the race might be altered, the event delayed, or canceled without notice, as seen appropriate by the race director. The times could be reevaluated depending on the conditions of the moment. Each participant will be informed of any changes when they pick up their race packet.

There will be time limits established for completion of the event. The finish line controls will close when the "end of course" vehicle completes the course. This vehicle will travel at

an average of 22 km/hr. All participants who are passed by the closing vehicle are considered out of the supervision of the race and complete the course entirely under their own responsibility. They have to hand their BIB number to the official sweep car and, if need be, go inside the car or stop. Any rider who continues will not be covered by the organization, and the organization will deny all responsibility.

**Article 11:** Designated commissioners can punish, even exclude, and remove the BIB number to any competitor who does not respect the race rules (littering, dangerous ride, disrespectful of the road's code). Moreover, the medical staff is also allowed to suspend and evacuate all participants who are taking risks with their health and life.

**Article 12:** In case of breach, the faulty participant will be solely responsible at his own risk in a penal law procedure, but also, he will be solely responsible civilly for accidents in which he is the offender or the victim, directly or indirectly. The participant acknowledges that the timed or untimed cycling practice on a road open to traffic involves risks and agrees that he always adapts his speed to the traffic and road conditions. He is perfectly conscious of his vulnerability and accepts risk of slide, accident and particularly falls.

**Article 13:** All commitment involves a prior payment of registration fees. The registration is not valid until the organizer has all the required documentation (license, parental authorization). The registration for the Schleck Gran Fondo can be carried out on the official website [www.schleckgranfondo.com](http://www.schleckgranfondo.com). Online registration closes on 15 May 2019. Last minute registrations can be made on Friday 24 May (03.00pm - 07.30pm) and Saturday 25 May (07.00am - 08.30am) at the race office, with the complete file.

**Article 14:** Registration is personal and can be neither exchanged, nor transferred. Cancellation policy.

- 90 days before the event: 90 % of the registration fee will be refunded
- between 89 and 30 days before the event: 50 % of the registration fee will be refunded
- 30 days before the event: no refund

A bib number is given and reserved, therefore no refund will be issued, in case of the event's adjournment or cancellation.

**Article 15:** The Schleck Gran Fondo takes place under the auspices of the Luxembourgish Cycling Federation (Fscf) and the sporting rules are those technical regulations published for the conduct of Cyclosporives. The event is a qualifier for the UCI World Granfondo Championships, so the UCI categories listed below take effect. The Age Categories for Men and Women are as follows:

Cat M1/W1: 19/34 y Cat M2/W2: 35/39y Cat M3/W3: 40/44y Cat M4/W4: 45/49y Cat M5/W5: 50/54y Cat M6/W6: 55/59y Cat M7/W7: 60/64y Cat M8/W8: 65/69y Cat M9/W9: 70-74y, Cat M10/W10 :75y+

The men in categories M1,2,3,4,5,6, have to ride the long course of 155km to qualify. All women categories W1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 as well as M7,8,9,10 have to ride the short course of 85km to qualify.

There will be no age classifications for women cyclists and men over 60 years old (categories M7,8,9,10) who want to ride the long course.

There will be no M1,2,3,4,5,6 age classifications for men in the short course.

As a qualifier for the UCI World Granfondo Championships, the age category M1 is defined by the UCI regulation for riders of the age +19 years (born before 01.01.2001). By consequence only the participants older than 19 years can qualify for the World Championships. The different categories will be defined according to the age of the cyclist in December 31st of this year.

All men and women cyclists who have not accumulated any UCI points will be eligible to be classified. Men and women cyclists who have UCI points may participate but will not be classified. Active professionals are admitted upon invitation but will not be classified.

**Article 16:** The award ceremony of diplomas, rewards and trophies will take place on the same day of the race. Rewards are given by partners to winners and by random draw. No gift will be neither exchanged, nor refunded, nor sent. No reward will be handed in cash.

**Article 17:** Competitors must respect the sport spirit and fair play of the race. If they are caught committing fraud (not in the right start zone, anticipated start, disrespect for the route, use or help from vehicles...), or are guilty of misbehavior, or dangerous activity (disrespectful or abusing words, incivility, use of doping substances, throwing objects, documents or littering, dangerous ride, road traffic offenses, etc.) will be punished. Any participant who is violating the Luxembourg traffic regulations will be excluded systematically from the next race.

**Article 18:** All participants authorize organizers and also right-holders such as partners and medias, to publish and use the race results, as well as fixed and audiovisual images in which he may appear during the event, including for promotional documents and advertisement, on a global scale and for the longest duration allowed by the Law, rules and treaties. UCI also shall be fully entitled to use and exploit the names and images contained in any picture, video - or on any other support - taken during the race.

**Article 19:** All interpretation or claim about the event, the rules or application have to be sent to the organizer in writing.

**Article 20:** These general rules can evolve; the organizer reserves the right to modify them depending on contexts. These rules can be consulted and downloaded from the race registration websites. All registered participants promise to know and abide to the rules. For their interpretation and execution, Luxembourg law and the rules of the road are the legal and official basis.

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