

# QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2021 UCI GRAN FONDO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (BANJALUKA, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA)

*The UCI Management Committee approves the qualification system each year.*

## Individual Time Trial and Road Race

This document sets out the qualification system for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, as determined by the UCI Management Committee.

As a matter of introduction, it must be reminded that the participation in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships is excluded for:

- a) Any rider who has during the current year been a member of a team registered with the UCI.
- b) Any rider who has taken part in a World Championships, the Olympic Games, Continental games, regional games, the Commonwealth Games, or a World Cup during the current year.
- c) Any rider who scored UCI points in the year of the World Championships.<sup>1</sup>

Riders taking part in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships must hold a valid licence issued by their respective national federation (day licences being excluded), must hold a UCI ID and must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are held.<sup>2</sup>

### 1. Qualification through the UCI Gran Fondo World Series

Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series event of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons grants qualification rights for the 2021 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships<sup>3</sup>. Based on the results of each race, the first 20% of athletes in each age group will be qualified for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The 20% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, the first three riders of each official age category will qualify directly for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, independently of the number of starters in that age group. Riders must finish the race to gain qualification.

As per article 15.5.004 of the UCI Regulations, the age categories of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are:

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to article 15.5.011 of the UCI Regulations.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> It allows to take into account the current Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the 2020 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

<sup>4</sup> The percentage of 20% may be reviewed by the UCI Management Committee on a yearly basis, taking into consideration the participation in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, the number of events in the UCI Gran Fondo World Series calendar and the evolution of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series calendar.

- 19 – 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 44
- 45 – 49
- 50 – 54
- 55 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65 – 69
- 70 – 74
- 75 – 79
- Etc.

Age groups are defined by riders' age on December 31st of the year of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships<sup>5</sup>. At the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, medals and titles will be awarded for men and/or women as soon as 1 rider is registered in the respective 5-year age category.

Qualification for the individual time trial and road race is determined as follows:

- Qualifier events of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series hosting only a road race will grant qualification for both the road race and time trial at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.
- When qualifier events of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series host both a time trial and a road race, a rider takes part in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in each event for which he has obtained a qualification – i.e time trial and/or road race.
- Qualifier events of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series only hosting a time trial will grant qualification for the time trial only at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

*N.B: The names of riders having gained qualification through the UCI Gran Fondo World Series will be communicated on the [UCI Gran Fondo World Series](#) website and will receive an official email from the UCI inviting them to register for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships via the dedicated online registration portal.*

## 2. UCI Gran Fondo World Champions

The UCI World Champions of the last edition of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in the time trial and road race may take part in the first UCI Gran Fondo World Championships following their title, in both the time trial and road race.

## 3. Masters National Champions

All Masters national champions from the current year (in road race and individual time trial only) may enter the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, in both the time trial and road race, without

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<sup>5</sup> A rider who has changed age category between his qualification for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships and his participation in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, shall participate in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in his new age category.

qualification via the UCI Gran Fondo World Series. The Masters national champions in road race and time trial are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

#### 4. Masters Continental Champions

All Masters continental champions from the current year (in road race and individual time trial only) may enter the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, in both the time trial and road race, without qualification via the UCI Gran Fondo World Series. The Masters continental champions in road race and time trial are confirmed to the UCI by the respective Continental Confederation.

#### 5. National Federation of the country of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships

The National Federation of the country of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships may award an additional 20 wildcards (to 10 women and 10 men), which allow athletes to participate in both the time trial and road race. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

#### 6. Wild cards

The following wildcards allow riders to participate directly in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships:

- Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier event of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons may grant 5 wildcards to riders who participated in their respective qualification event – i.e time trial and/or road race. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by each UCI Gran Fondo World Series organiser.
- All countries not hosting a UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier event during the 2019-2020 or during 2020-2021 season may grant 10 wildcards (5 men / 5 women) to riders of their choice. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

## Team Relay

Riders can only take part if they are officially registered for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in the time trial and/or road race.

Teams are composed of 4 riders, all representing the same nation, as follows:

- One female rider of any age
- One male rider of any age
- One rider aged 40+
- One rider aged 50+

*N.B: The Team Relay is not an official World Championship; it is part of the side events programme.*

The maximum number of teams is 25. In principle, there will be a maximum of 1 team per country and 2 teams for the National Federation of the country of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

The official registration process and relevant deadlines will be communicated by the UCI to all National Federations and registered athletes.

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