



Regulations

Article 1 - Definitions

The Recumbent World Series is an international circuit composed of selected amateur Granfondo events. The World Series is organized by the Recumbent World Tour Alliance (RWTA). This regulation governs all events included in the official World Series calendar for the 2026 season. These regulations apply to all participants and local organizers. RWTA reserves the right to update or amend this regulation as necessary, with prior notice to all affiliated organizers.

Article 2 - Organization and Responsibilities

RWTA coordinates the World Series calendar, manages the international rankings and supervises compliance with this regulation. Local organizers are responsible for insurance, safety, logistics and timing operations in accordance with national regulations.

Article 3 - Eligible Athletes

Participation in the World Series is open to all non-professional athletes, licensed or unlicensed, of any nationality. Unlicensed riders may request a daily license from the event organizer. A professional athlete is defined as anyone who currently has, or has had during the current year, a contract with a UCI-registered team. For all specific participation requirements, the regulations of each local Granfondo organizer apply. Upon registration, each athlete must inform the event organizer of their participation in the Recumbent World Series.

Article 4 - Eligible Bicycles

The regulations of each Granfondo determine which types of bicycles are permitted to start the event and which bicycles are eligible for the event’s official classification. For the purposes of the World Series ranking, only unfaired two-wheeled recumbent bicycles are permitted.

Permitted:

- Two-wheeled recumbent bicycles;
- Small bags for carrying tools, inner tubes, or food;
- Clothing and accessories designed to improve aerodynamic performance (e.g. socks, skinsuits, helmets, glasses).

Not permitted:

- Tandem recumbents with two or more seats;
- Hybrid tandems (upright + recumbent) with two or more seats;
- Tricycles (three-wheeled vehicles);
- Quadricycles or vehicles with more than four wheels;
- Pedal-assisted or electric-assisted vehicles;
- Front and/or rear disc wheels;
- Full or partial fairings (front or rear), rigid or soft, attached to the frame, seat, pedals, or rider’s body;
- Rigid or soft bags placed at the front, sides, or rear of the bicycle.

Verification procedures:

- A preliminary check is carried out during the registration process. If a non-conformity is found, the rider must make the necessary adjustments before being allowed to start; failure to comply will result in exclusion.
- A second check is conducted at the finish line. In the event that non-compliance is detected at the finish line, the athlete is excluded from the World Tour classification and no points are awarded.

Article 5 - Final Ranking

Athletes who complete at least one race included in the official calendar are eligible for the World Series ranking. After each Granfondo, the timing service shall prepare a dedicated classification for World Series participants and promptly send it to the World Series Secretariat. RWTA publishes provisional rankings after each event and the final global ranking after the last event on the calendar.

Categories

- Mediofondo Men
- Mediofondo Women
- Granfondo Men
- Granfondo Women

Each category is divided into the following age groups:

19–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80 and over 80.

For age group classification, the athlete’s age as of December 31st of the current year is taken into account.

Scoring Table

Position	Points
1st	100
2nd	80
3rd	60
4th	40
5th	30
6th	20
7th	10
8th	8
9th	6
10th	4

In the event of a tie in total points, the higher position is awarded to the athlete who has participated in a greater number of World Series events.
If the tie persists (equal points and equal number of races), the ranking is determined by the total cumulative elevation gain covered.

Article 6 - Complaints

For any appeals regarding an individual race’s results, athletes must contact the local event organizer within 24 hours after publication.
For appeals related to the World Series ranking, athletes may contact the World Tour Secretariat within 5 days after publication.

Article 7 - Course Selection

Organizers of Granfondo events offering more than two routes must clearly indicate which courses are valid for the World Series classification.
This information must be:

- Published online on the event website;
- Announced during the pre-race briefing;
- Included in the information materials provided to riders with their race number.

Athletes wishing to earn World Tour points must choose the same race format (Granfondo or Mediofondo) for all events in which they compete.

Article 8 - Race Procedures

Regarding registration methods, registration deadline, participation requirements, start grid organization, feed zones, mechanical assistance and on-course safety, the official regulations of each Granfondo organizer apply. All participants must be covered by accident and liability insurance provided by the local organizer.

Article 9 - Liability

Participation in the World Series is at the athlete’s own risk. RWTa and local organizers decline any liability for accidents, injuries, or damages occurring before, during or after the events.
Each participant is responsible for ensuring that their physical condition and equipment are suitable for competition.

Article 10 - Fair Play and Conduct

Athletes are required to compete in the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. Any form of cheating, drafting behind unauthorized vehicles or any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification or exclusion from the World Series ranking.

Article 11 - Doping and Ethical Standards

Any athlete found guilty of doping or ethical misconduct under national or international sport regulations will be disqualified and removed from the World Series ranking.

Article 12 - Final Awards Ceremony

The World Series Awards Ceremony takes place during the Recumbent World Championship event.
Prizes are given to athletes ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the global ranking of each category and age group. Awards are symbolic and consist of medals or trophies. No cash prizes are awarded.
All qualified athletes will receive an official invitation from the organization well in advance of the event.

Article 13 - Affiliation of Local Events

To be included in the World Series calendar, local organizers must submit an affiliation request to RWTa and agree to comply with this regulation and branding guidelines.

Article 14 - Brand and Media Rights

The use of the “Recumbent World Series” name and logo is authorized exclusively for affiliated events.
By registering, participants authorize the use of images and data for communication and ranking purposes, in compliance with privacy regulations.
All rights are reserved by RWTa.

Article 15 - Interpretation and Disputes

RWTa is the sole authority for the interpretation of this regulation and the resolution of any disputes arising from its application. The English version of this regulation prevails in case of interpretation discrepancies.

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