



AUSCYCLING

2023 UCI Gran Fondo World Series Qualification

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Participation Rights

Riders taking part in the [UCI Gran Fondo World Series](#) must hold a valid AusCycling licence, must hold a UCI ID and, upon qualification, must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are held.

Elite licenced participants can enter with the exception of:

- Any rider who has during the current year been a member of a team registered with the UCI.
- 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.
- Any rider who has scored UCI points in the year of the World Championships.

1. Through the UCI Gran Fondo World Series events

Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series event grants qualification rights for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. Based on the results of each race, the first 25% of athletes in each age group will be qualified for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race.

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

The age categories of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are:

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

Age groups applicable to the UCI Gran Fondo World Series are defined by the rider's age on December 31st of the year of the qualifier event. Age groups applicable to the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are defined by the riders' age on December 31st of the year of the World Championships.

As qualification for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships starts as of September in the preceding calendar year, any riders who qualify before January 1st and who change age groups during the year of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships will qualify as per their age group during the year of the qualifier event but will be registered in their new age category for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

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.
- Qualifier events of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series hosting a time trial and a road race will grant qualification for each respective event at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships - i.e. time trial 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.

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. Outgoing UCI Gran Fondo World Champions

The outgoing UCI World Champions 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 without 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. 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.

5. Wild cards

Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier event may grant 5 wildcards to riders who participated in their respective qualification event (applications are to be communicated directly to the event organisers). These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by each UCI Gran Fondo World Series organiser.

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