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1. Presentation

- 1.1** ANDALUCIA BIKE RACE is a mountain bike stage race (UCI Mountain Bike - Hors Catégorie), made up of five (5) marathon stages (XCM) and one (1) time trial (XCT).
- 1.2** ANDALUCIA BIKE RACE belongs to the UCI SHC.
- 1.3** ANDALUCIA BIKE RACE is an event organised by Octagon Esedos S.L.
- 1.4** ANDALUCIA BIKE RACE is a competition in pairs, made up of two (2) members.
- 1.5** The competition takes place from Monday, February 26 to Saturday, March 2, 2024.
- 1.6** The competition is held in the provinces of Jaén and Córdoba, Andalusia (Spain).
- 1.7** The competition follows the International Cycling Union (UCI) technical and sport regulations.

2. Registration

- 2.1** Any person who wishes to take part in this competition must register through the official website: www.andaluciabikerace.com. For the registration to be valid, it's compulsory to complete all the required details that are requested on the form and to pay the registration.
- 2.2** The registration period ends on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 13:00h (GMT+1) or when the 800 entries available are sold-out.
- 2.3** Those registered within the last week (from February 9 to 16) cannot be guaranteed the personalized race number or medal, nor can they have the requested size of the Gobik gift.
- 2.4** The entry fee per rider is:

DATE	ENTRY FEE
Until December 12, at 23:59h	700 €
Until February 16, at 13:00h	800 €

100% of the amount must be paid at the time of registration.

2.5 Registration includes:

- On-line and race site customer service.
- Right to take part in the competition.
- Personalised plate and back numbers (for those registered until February 8 included).
- Stage profile stickers.
- Race Pack.
- Race Guide.
- Finisher gift (if achieved).
- Electronic timing and live tracking.
- Electronic timing control device.
- Course marking and marshals.
- Sweep vehicles.

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- Liquid and solid feed zones.
- Medical aid.
- Mechanical service on route.
- Bicycle washing area.
- Guarded bicycle parking.
- Cloakroom.
- Changing rooms, toilets and showers.
- Other free services at the paddock.
- Special gift.

2.6 The entry fee is not refunded if a rider is disqualified or withdraws from the competition.

2.7 Cancellation policy and changes:

DATE	CANCELLATION FEE / PARTICIPANT
Registration starts – 31.12.2023	Transfer to 2025 edition
01.01.2024 – 19.02.2024	Penalty of 40% per participant
17.02.2024 – 26.02.2024	Non refundable

Cancellations or changes must be requested to registration@andaluciabikerace.com.

Registration transfers will only be valid for one edition, otherwise the entry fee will be lost.

If the next edition's entry fee increases, it will be compulsory to pay the difference in order to transfer the registration.

There is the possibility of changing the name of the registration of a participant of the couple in case of injury and impossibility of competing in the event with medical proof, as long as it is notified before February 9, 2024, date prior to the allocation of the race numbers.

3. Participants

3.1 All riders must be at least 19 years of age on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place.

3.2 Riders must hold a competition cycling license, issued by a national federation approved by the UCI.

3.3 Touring licenses are not accepted. Neither are licenses from other sports.

3.4 Those riders who do not have an annual racing cycling license, must issue a temporary license, valid only for the race and approved by the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC). It is possible to purchase such a temporary license through the registration platform.

3.5 This temporary license allows to compete in the category that corresponds according to age, considering the particular specifications of the federation to which it is subject.

3.6 Both members of a team wishing to participate in the Elite UCI women's or men's category must hold a UCI annual license for competitive cycling. If both have a UCI Elite license, they compete for UCI points and prize money, but must also strictly comply with UCI regulations.

3.7 Riders can register in any of the following categories:

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UCI Elite Men.

Two men that must be 19 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved UCI license, strictly obey the entire UCI regulations, will compete for UCI points and prize money.

Elite Men.

Two men that must be 19 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place.

UCI Elite Women.

Two women that must be 19 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved UCI license, strictly obey the entire UCI regulations, will compete for UCI points and prize money.

Elite Women.

Two women that must be 19 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place.

Master 30 (men).

Two men that must be 30 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved Master license for competition. Those holding Elite category license cannot compete in this category.

Master 40 (men).

Two men that must be 40 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved Master license for competition. Those holding Elite or Master 30 category license cannot compete in this category.

Master 50 (men).

Two men that must be 50 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved Master license for competition. Those holding Elite, Master 30 or Master 40 category license cannot compete in this category.

Master women.

Two women that must be 30 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold an approved Master license for competition. Those holding Elite category license cannot compete in this category.

Mixed.

A woman and a man that must be 19 years or older on the 31st of December of the current year in which the competition takes place. Both must hold a license approved for competition.

3.8 These categories will only be established if at least five teams start in each category.

3.9 If a participant does not pair up with another of the same age group and/or license category, the team must enter the category that corresponds to the youngest and/or highest-level category.

3.10 There is also the option of registration and participation in the **solo OPEN modality**. This option allows you to participate in the event individually with Men's and Women's classification of stages and overall, without podiums nor prizes, and also with a finisher's medal in case of finishing all six stages. This modality has a price of €400 per cyclist and maintains the same cancellation policies as the Pairs-Competition modality.

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4. Verification

- 4.1** Verification and start number pickup are the day before the competition starts from 16:30 to 19:30.
- 4.2** For security reasons, it is necessary to select one of the 4 specific time slots during registration to collect the race number. No race numbers will be delivered outside the selected time slot. Each cyclist will be responsible for collecting their own number, without exceptions. To do this, you must show the original ID / passport and UCI 2024 license.
- 4.3** Race numbers are assigned according to each category and:
- According to the individual UCI XCM classification when the organization assigns numbers.
 - According to the individual UCI XCO classification when the organization assigns numbers.
 - Participants with annual cycling license.
 - Order of jersey size and registration.
- 4.4** During verification an identification bracelet is handed out to each rider, who has to wear it during all the competition. This bracelet allows access to the rider areas, allows to pick up the bike from bicycle parking and is also necessary as a safety measure.

5. Teams' meeting

- 5.1** There is a teams' meeting the day before the competition starts, compulsory for all Team Managers. Any rider is also welcome but isn't forced to attend.
- 5.2** There will be team meetings, mandatory for Team Managers, after each stage.
- 5.3** Any changes are announced on the race's news board, official website, social media and/or e-mail, having the riders the responsibility of keeping themselves informed.

6. Race procedure

- 6.1** The competition follows the general UCI rules and the UCI's specific mountain biking regulations.
- 6.2** Stage results, overall classification and start list of the following stage are released daily.
- 6.3** There are different start grids according to the competition's overall classification, which will be published the afternoon before each stage.
- 6.4** The start grids open twenty (20) minutes before the stage's start time.
- 6.5** Five (5) minutes before the start time it's banned to enter the start grid is banned, being placed at the back of its corresponding starting group.
- 6.6** No rider is allowed to start once the official start has been given, unless a Commissaire allows it. Riders starting after that time shall be considered DNS (Did Not Start).
- 6.7** The start of a time trial stage (XCT) is carried out in inverse order to start number according the categories: Master Women, Mixed, Master 50, Master 40, Master 30, Elite Women and Elite Men. Riders must be at the call-up area at least five (5) minutes before their starting time.
- 6.8** Team members must complete the whole competition together with a maximum time difference of

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two minutes between them at any point of the route

- 6.9** For the classifications, the official time of the second cyclist to cross the finish line will be taken into account.
- 6.10** If a team reaches the end of a stage, any check point or is seen by a Commissioner at any point of the course with an interval of more than two (2) minutes of difference between its members, they receive a penalty of five (5) minutes added to the time of the member who finished second. In case of repetition, there will be a penalty of ten (10) minutes on the second warning, fifteen (15) minutes on the third warning and disqualification of the team on the fourth warning.
- 6.11** Completing the route using other methods other than those regarding the participant's individual physical effort and his own bicycle, leads to the team's disqualification. Team members can push or pull each other, if there is no physical/mechanical element connecting them or their bicycles and they are of the same competition category.
- 6.12** Any help outside the technical zones entails a penalty of 1 minute at the first warning with a 50 FR (Swiss Francs) fine and disqualification (DSQ) and a fine of 100 FR at the second warning.
- 6.13** After the first stage, the start grids will be set according to the overall standings:
- Box 1: UCI Elite men.
 - Box 2: UCI Elite women.
 - Box 3 and successive: 100 riders (men or women).
 - Last box: Did not start (DNS) / Did not finish (DNF) + OPEN category.
- 6.14** Each way point, cross section, feed/aid station, start and finish have a maximum time allowance, at which the service is closed. The time to reach these points is released on the official website.
- 6.15** Once the maximum time is exceeded, the organizer has the right to force the participant to leave at that stage. The rider could be able to keep riding next stages, starting from the last start box and being out of classification.
- 6.16** Fair play. It involves competing fairly, under the same conditions, and enjoying sport over the ambition of winning, obeying the rules, without cheating, tricking or pretending to confuse the opponents or Commissaires. Assuming defeat with dignity and celebrating victory with simplicity and respect.
Riders must show an honest, respectful and polite behaviour to their opponents, Commissaires, or anyone involved in the race. Show sportsmanship and ethics, avoiding unnecessary, illicit, ugly, aggressive or disobedient behaviours.
- 6.17** The Commissaires have the right to disqualify any rider that does not respect fair play, expelling him/her from the competition without any possibility to continue taking part in it.
- 6.18** Riders that are no longer officially classified can continue taking part in the event in a recreative/leisure way, and when they do not influence/interfere with the competition nor its result, so he/she must occupy a place in the last starting box. Not obeying this rule leads to the expulsion of the race, without the chance of continuing.
- 6.19** Any rider can be subjected to an official antidoping test following the UCI, ITA, CELAD, etc., regulations or any other authorised body.

7. Neutralised starts

- 7.1** For safety reasons the start of any stage can be neutralised. The Course Director leads the riders on an official race vehicle. Once the stage is started by the Course Director the riders must begin to

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race.

- 7.2** Once the official race vehicle has reached the end of the neutralised section, it will stop aside and indicate the end of the neutralisation.
- 7.3** During the neutralised section it is banned and could be penalized overtake the Course Director's vehicle.

8. Neutralised finishes

- 8.1** For safety reasons, the finish line can be advanced before reaching a road section. If this is so, a time period will be set to complete the distance from the finish line to the paddock. Any delay in reaching the paddock will have a (1) minute penalty per delayed minute. It's compulsory to cross the control set at the paddock.

9. Road book

- 9.1** Each stage has a road book detailing the distance, altitude, way points, cross sections, feed/aid stations and time closure for each service.
- 9.2** The road book also reports if the start or finish are neutralised, the distance of the neutralised stretch and the time allowance between the finish line and the paddock, if the stage has a neutralised finish.
- 9.3** This road book is purely informative and is not required to follow each stage.

10. Route

- 10.1** The competition will be raced in six (6) days:

STAGE	FORMAT	DATE	VENUE
STAGE 1	XCM	26.02.2024	Jaén
STAGE 2	XCM	27.02.2024	Jaén
STAGE 3	XCM	28.02.2024	Jaén
STAGE 4	XCM	29.02.2024	Córdoba
STAGE 5	XCM	01.03.2024	Córdoba
STAGE 6	XCT	02.03.2024	Córdoba

- 10.2** The route is properly marked with signs, specially at trouble spots, such as cross sections, road crossings or streets.
- 10.3** The route is open to traffic but properly under control. The riders must obey the traffic authorities and/or marshals and ride with caution. On Spanish public roads, riders must remain on the shoulder of the right lane. It is also recommendable to stay on the right-hand side on unpaved roads.
- 10.4** The route includes demanding climbs and technical downhill sections. It is the rider's responsibility to decide if it is rideable. The organisation is not responsible for accidents concerning each rider's skills, fitness or health.
- 10.5** During the route there are two kind of controls: way points (CP) and cross section (CI).
- 10.6** Abandoning the route marked by the organization or omitting a passage control entails a penalty

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10.7 All riders must stay within the trails' natural limits, without taking shortcuts nor cutbacks.

11. Feed and tech zones

11.1 Feed and aid zones are properly sign posted all along the route. These have everything necessary to cover the riders' food and hydration needs during the stage.

11.2 Feed zones match team's aid stations otherwise noted.

12. Marking

12.1 The course is arrowed with red, blue or yellow signs (depending on the day). White signs with a cross of the stage's colour, indicate the wrong direction. No electronic device is needed to follow the route.



12.2 Every ten kilometres and the final five kilometres to the finish line are indicated.



12.3 The organization will publish on its website the GPX track file the day before the stage, but it will be informative only. Arrows always prevail.

13. Unrideable sections

13.1 If by unexpected circumstances a section of the route is unrideable and impossible to clear, the Commissaires, Course Director and Race Director may decide to divert the route along other points foreseen by the organisation.

13.2 If it is not possible, the finishing time is taken where the last timing control is placed.

14. Withdrawing

14.1 A rider who withdraws must report it to the organisation as soon as possible.

14.2 Not reporting a withdrawal leads to the expulsion from the competition.

14.3 In case of an accident or an emergency, and bearing in mind the riders' health and safety, the organisation has the right to withdraw a rider from the competition.

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15. Results

- 15.1** The results of each stage are arranged according on the time required to complete each one, plus time penalties.
- 15.2** The total time of the stages completed and the total time penalties, establish the overall classification.
- 15.3** The following results are established:
- Overall.
 - Elite Men.
 - Elite Women.
 - Master Women.
 - Master 30 (men).
 - Master 40 (men).
 - Master 50 (men).
 - Mixed.
 - Open Men
 - Open Women
- 15.4** There is a result list for UCI Elite Men and UCI Elite Women, in order to award these riders with UCI points and prize money.
- 15.5** Any rider who officially does not complete a stage, is out of the result list and not considered a Finisher.
- 15.6** Any participant who completes the test in a regulatory manner, including individually, is officially considered a Finisher. This participant cannot have been disqualified or abandoned at any stage. You must have completed all the stages.
- 15.7** All riders carry a disposable chip to register their times and be able to keep track of them. The Commissaires must approve these times for the results to be considered valid.
- 15.8** The organisation has the right to requise any rider's electronic device in order to check that s/he has followed the official route, without taking shortcuts nor cutbacks.

16. Awards

- 16.1** Each stage has an award ceremony for each category, except for the Open modality..
- 16.2** The first three (3) teams of each category and the corresponding race leaders, have podium ceremony which is attendance is compulsory.
- 16.3** At the final award ceremony, the top three (3) overall ranked teams of each category, are immediately called up to the podium once all of them have crossed the finish line.
- 16.4** Prize money and UCI points are awarded to UCI Elite categories.
- 16.5** Prize money: *(pending update of the 2024 Financial Obligations document by the UCI)*
- UCI Elite men & UCI Elite women *(amount per team)*

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
STAGE 1	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
STAGE 2	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
STAGE 3	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
STAGE 4	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
STAGE 5	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
STAGE 6	250 €	200 €	150 €	125 €	100 €	90 €	80 €	70 €	60 €	50 €
OVERALL	1.500 €	1.200 €	900 €	750 €	600 €	450 €	375 €	300 €	225 €	150 €

16.6 Prize money is paid through bank transfer once the event is over.

16.7 After the event, the organization will ask the prized riders, via email, all the documentation required to make the payment. If the organization does not receive a response from the prized within a period of 6 months from the last day of the event, it is understood that the participant waives the corresponding prize money.

17. Bicycle

17.1 The bicycle must satisfy the UCI regulations, both technical characteristics and safety measures.

17.2 Riders are allowed to change their bicycle each stage but cannot be completely swapped nor changed during a stage.

17.3 Bicycles left at the official race bicycle parking can only be taken out by riders whose bracelet matches the bicycle's number plate.

17.4 Tandem bikes are not allowed. Neither are bicycles with assisted pedaling or ebikes.

18. Equipment

18.1 It is compulsory to compete with the number plate and back number provided by the organisation. The number plate must be properly placed on the front of the bicycle, on the handlebar. The back number must be on the rider's back. Both must be clearly visible and cannot be modified. The electronic timing control device cannot be modified and must be placed where the organisation indicates it.

18.2 XCM World Champions and XCM National Champions must wear their respective XCM Champions Jersey at UCI SHC races, unless they coincide in overall lead.

18.3 All category race leaders must wear the leader's jersey provided by the organisation. It has a blank space on the front and back to place the rider's sponsors.

18.4 It's the rider's responsibility to place their sponsors in the space provided on the leader's jersey.

18.5 For safety reasons it is recommended to carry a mobile phone, making use of it only to contact the organization in case of emergency. Route signs, race numbers and participant bracelets have a SOS telephone number printed on them, which should only be called in case of an emergency. It's not a customer service number!

18.6 It is also recommended (but not mandatory) that the members of a team maintain uniformity in their clothing during all stages.

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- 18.7** Carrying some warm clothes (rain jacket, arm and leg warmers, etc.) during certain stages might be necessary. The organisation does not provide these to the riders and is not responsible for each rider's choice.
- 18.8** The organization is not responsible for any object left loose or incorrectly stored in the cloakroom service.
- 18.9** The organization is not responsible for any object lost or forgotten along the route or during the race by any participant. Any object found will be kept in the Race Office.
- 18.10** The organisation is not responsible for any bicycle's breakdowns, failures nor repairs that might happen during the event.

19. Sport and nature

- 19.1** Our sport, mountain biking, is a competition or leisure activity that takes place in nature and its impact in this environment is a responsibility for all riders and sport organisers. Any participant who throws garbage along the route, is not respectful of the environment (rolling off the roads, taking shortcuts that damage the vegetation, etc.), is not careful with the animals, leave a spare, etc. may be penalized by the Commissioners. It will only be allowed to get rid of the remains of bars or gels in the technical and feed zones.
- 19.2** The trails on which the competition takes place are assigned only and exclusively for the days of the race, therefore it is not allowed to spread the route's GPX tracks.
- 19.3** The Commissaires have the right to disqualify any rider that does not respect the environment or the private properties that are crossed during the race, expelling him/her from the competition without any possibility to continue taking part in it.
- 19.4** It will be mandatory to mark the bars and gels with the race number before starting each stage. There will be random checks to control this.

20. Considerations

- 20.1** Any participant can be subjected to an official antidoping test following the UCI rules.
- 20.2** All riders assign their image rights to the organisation, being able to use any photograph or video where they appear. The images can be taken both by conventional photo or video cameras, such as sports action cameras or even from aerial drones.
- 20.3** Participant must be always aware the of the drone's localization, especially if it flies at low altitude and under NO circumstances approach it. In the rare event that the drone fell to the ground, please stay away from it and do not touch it. At take-off and landing, participants should not be no closer than 10 meters. All pilots will be easily identifiable and will to be able to warn you or be warned of any unusual circumstance.
- 20.4** The organisation is not responsible for the expenses nor debts that a rider might incur during the race.
- 20.5** If necessary and under major circumstances, the organisation has the right, without previous notice and in order to guarantee the event's proper development and safety (riders, Commissaires, staff, etc.), to delay a start time, change its program, and/or modify or cancel a stage or the competition.

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20.6 The Commissaires have the right to disqualify any team that does not respect these considerations, expelling it from the competition without any possibility to continue taking part in it.

20.7 The organisation has the right to modify these rules without previous notice nor consent.

21. Claims

21.1 Claims must be formally presented to the Commissaires and processed by them in accordance with UCI regulations or, failing that, RFEC technical regulations.

22. Paddock

22.1 No rider or team assistant can camp nor stay overnight at the paddock.

22.2 The organisation does not provide water nor electricity to the teams at the paddock, which must be self-sufficient, unless hired to the organisation.

REGISTERING FOR ANDALUCIA BIKE RACE IMPLIES ACCEPTING AND ACCOMPLISHING THESE RULES. IT ALSO IMPLIES THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CANCELATION & MODIFICATION POLICY, DATA PROTECTION LAW AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY.

LSSI General information clause

In accordance with the right to information established in article 12 of the same RGPD and based on article 11 of the LOPDGDD, all information about the processing of your personal data is provided at the following URL: [Labor Information Group](#).