

Information for all participants in a UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier

Congratulations for registering in a race of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series. In this race, you can qualify for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships (UCI amateurs and masters World Championships) in September in Perth, Australia.

What is the UCI Gran Fondo World Series?

The UCI Gran Fondo World Series is the official qualifier series for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. A total of maximum 15 events all over the World count as a qualifier event for this World Championships.

Calendar of qualifier events for the 2016 World Championships

11-13 Sep 2015	Poznan Bike Challenge	Poznan	Poland
13 Sep 2015	Amy's Granfondo	Lorne	Australia
18 Oct 2015	Amashova Durban Classic	Durban	South Africa
11-13 Mar 2016	UCI Gran Fondo World Series Perth	Perth	Australia
2 Apr 2016	Forrest Grape Ride	Marlborough	New Zealand
22-24 Apr 2016	Rhodes Gran Fondo Tour	Rhodes	Greece
6-8 May 2016	Gran Fondo Denmark	Helsingor	Denmark
26 May 2016	Road Brazil Ride	Botucatu	Brazil
27-29 May 2016	Grey County Road Race	Blue Mt. Village	Canada
29 May 2016	L'Albigeoise	Albi	France
4-5 Jun 2016	Tour of Cambridgeshire	Peterborough	UK
10-12 Jun 2016	Maraton Franja	Ljubljana	Slovenia
10 Jul 2016	Niseko Classic	Niseko	Japan
15-17 Jul 2016	La Leggendaria Charly Gaul	Trento	Italy
1-4 Sep 2016	UCI Gran Fondo World Championships	Perth	Australia

Qualification

- Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series event will grant participation rights for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. By the end of each race, the first 25% athletes of each age group, with a minimum of 3 riders per age group, will be awarded with guaranteed entry to the World Championships and be able to race for the World Champion title. The winners of the slots will be announced on the UCI Gran Fondo World Series website.
 - o Qualifier events hosting only a road race will grant participation rights for both the Road World Championships and Time Trial World Championships.
 - o Qualifier events hosting a separate time trial and road race will grant the participation rights for the Time Trial World Championships in the time trial qualifier and for the Road World Championships in the road race qualifier.
- In addition, riders who participate in 3 qualifier events during the season will also get their ticket to the World Championships. They don't have to finish in the first 25%.

- The UCI Gran Fondo World Series will keep records of the 50% first athletes of each age group to make a recall, in order to allocate the slots for the World Championships that were not taken by the first 25%.

Qualification medal

All qualified riders do get a qualifier medal right after the finish from the UCI Gran Fondo World Series.

Wildcards

There are also wildcards to participate directly in the World Championships without qualification

- All UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier events get 5 wildcards per organized discipline that they can use for riders who would normally have qualified but didn't make it due to circumstances (crash, mechanical problems...). These wildcards can be used for anybody.
- All countries not hosting a qualifier event get 10 wildcards (5 males/5 females) for their best riders. The wildcards are being distributed by the National Federations. These 10 wildcards can be used by 10 different riders who can use them to take part in the road World Championships, the time trial World Championships or both disciplines.
- All countries hosting a qualifier event can send their Masters National Champions (road/time trial) without qualification.

Licenses

Riders need a license from a UCI affiliated cycling federation in order to participate in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships

- Master license
- Amateur license
- Cycling for all license
- Elite license with exception of:
 - 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 championships or games, regional games, the Commonwealth games, or a World Cup during the current year.
 - c) Any rider has UCI points in any cycling discipline at the moment of the World Championships.

The license doesn't need to be an international license. A national license from a UCI affiliated Cycling Federation is valid. It's the rider's responsibility to check if his license is covering him for races abroad. As the rider has a race license, an additional medical certificate is not required.

What races are held in Perth - Australia

- Thursday 1st of September : Time trial on a 19km course which is more or less flat and windy
- Friday 2nd of September: A team relay with teams of 4 riders. All qualified riders (both in time trial and road races) can do the team relay. The Team Relay is not an official World Championships, but counts as a test event.
- Sunday 4th of September : Road Races
 - o There is a 142km and a 117km course. Male age groups above 55 and all females do the short distance, younger male (55-) age groups the longer distance

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