



**2022 GRAVEL  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**VENETO  
ITALY**



**VICENZA – CITTADELLA  
8-9 OCTOBER 2022  
TECHNICAL GUIDE**



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# PROGRAM

## Thursday 6 Octobre

- 9.00 – 18.00 Race Registrations

## Friday 7 Octobre

- 9.00 – 18.00 Race Registrations
- 15.00 Meeting national coaches elite categories
- 17.00 Briefing riders age groups

## Saturday 8 Octobre

- 9.00 – 18.00 Race Registrations
- 13.00 WOMEN ELITE
- 13.15 MEN 50-54 and 55-59
- 13.20 WOMEN 19-34
- 13.25 WOMEN 35-39\*
- 13.30 WOMEN 40-44\*
- 13.35 MEN 60+ combined\*
- 13.40 WOMEN 45+ combined\*
- Age groups might be combined in one start, depending on number of registrations

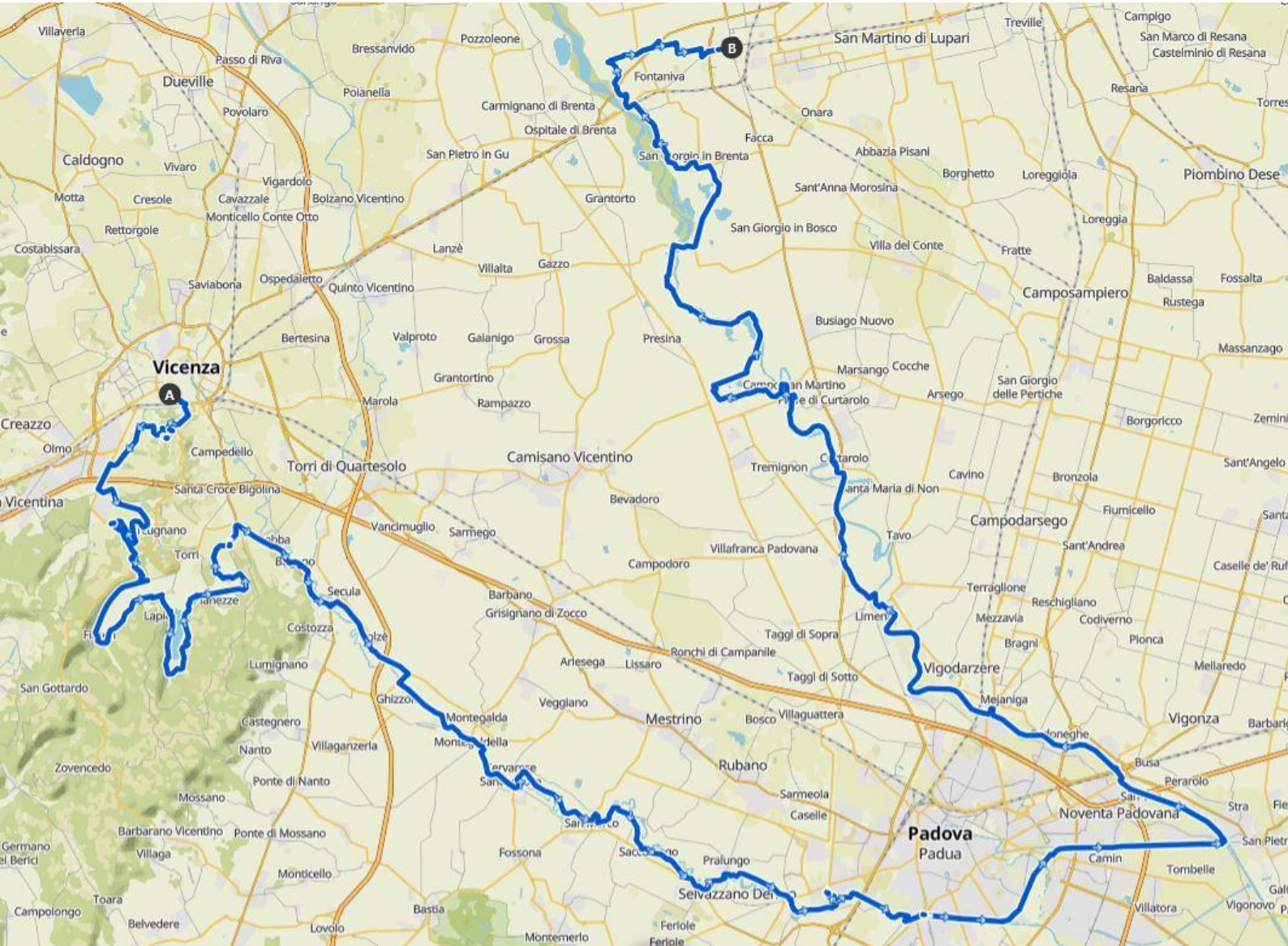
## Sunday 9 Octobre

- 12.00 MEN ELITE
- 12.10 MEN 19-34
- 12.15 MEN 35-39\*
- 12.20 MEN 40-44\*
- 12.25 MEN 45-49\*
- Age groups might be combined in one start, depending on number of registrations



## COURSES

Saturday 8 Octobre : 140 Km Course : <https://www.komoot.com/tour/925816380>



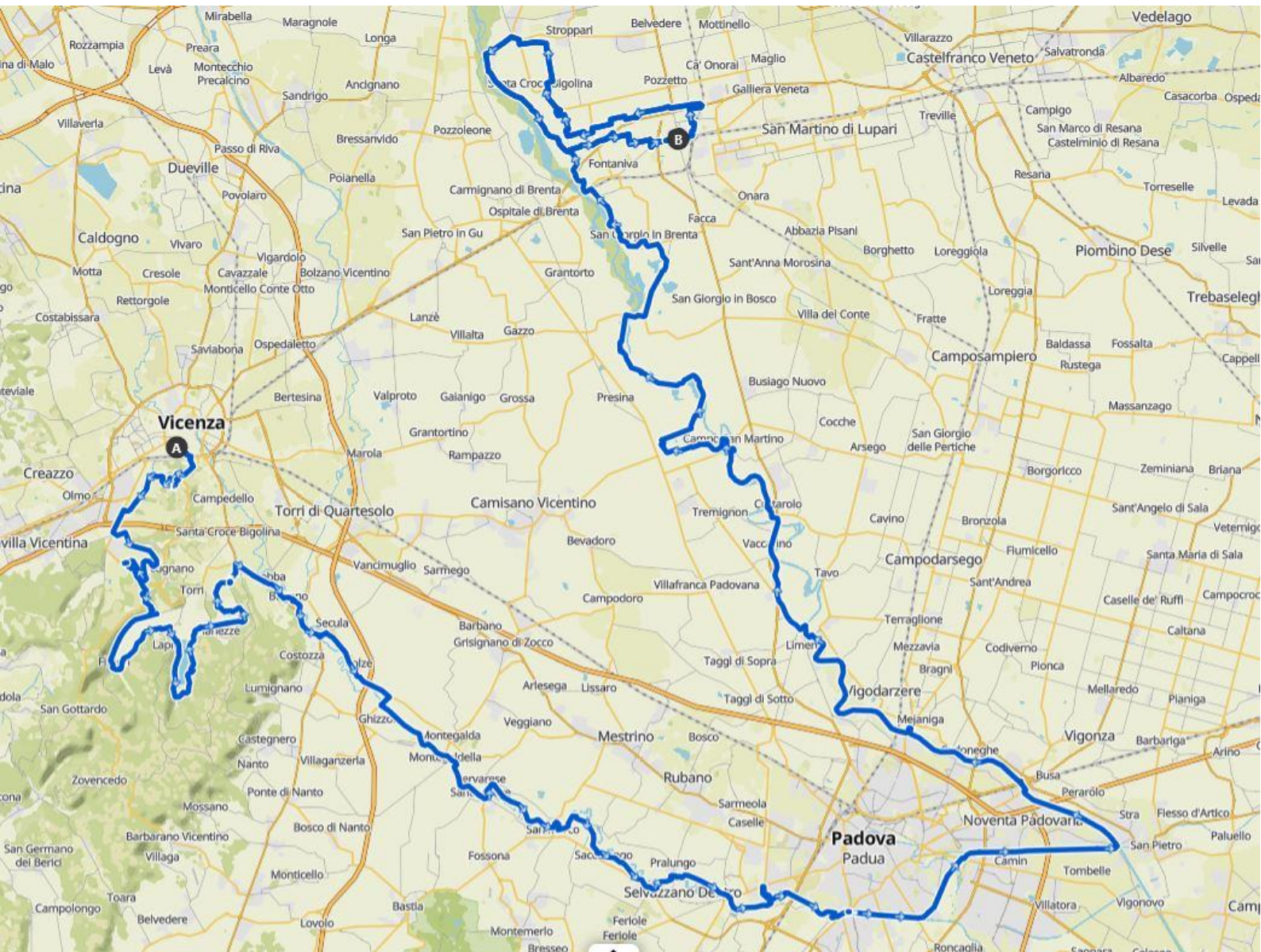
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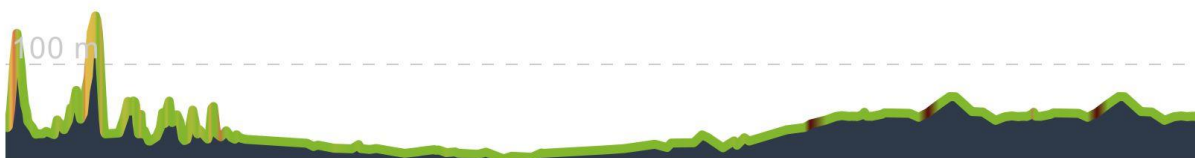


Sunday 9 Octobre : 194 Km Course : <https://www.komoot.com/tour/925610625> (men elite)

166 Km Course : <https://www.komoot.com/tour/925815787> (men 19-49)



200 m



200 m





All races start in Vicenza and finishes in nearby Cittadella. Riders have 2 minor hills in the first twenty kilometres leaving the city, but the majority of the course follows the Bacchiglione river until Padua and then the Brenta river to Cittadella where the riders on Saturday cross the finish line for a direct finish. Total distance is 140km with 700m of elevation.

The race has 32% unpaved roads, 24% hard gravel, 1% cobbles, 10% hard surface and 31% asphalt.

On Sunday, elite men ride the same course as on Saturday, but add 2 more laps of 27km for a total of 194km, totalling 800m of elevation

Men of the age groups 19-34, 35-39, 40-44 and 45-49 will also compete on Sunday with one extra lap in Cittadella for a total of 166km and 750m of elevation.

### **140 km**

- Women Elite
- Women 19-34
- Women 35-39
- Women 40-44
- Women 45-49
- Women 60-64
- Women 65-69
- ...
- Men 50-54
- Men 55-59
- Men 60-64
- Men 65-69
- ...

### **194 km**

- Men Elite

### **166 km**

- Men 19-34
- Men 35-39
- Men 40-44
- Men 45-49



## REGISTRATIONS

Riders can be selected in two different ways to participate in the UCI Gravel World Championships

- All riders qualified in their respective age group in the UCI Gravel World Series ([www.ucigravelworldseries.com](http://www.ucigravelworldseries.com)) by finishing in the top 25% of their age group
  - Every national federation gets **20 quotas** to give to their best riders with direct qualification for the UCI Gravel World Championships
- Every rider who is qualified through the UCI Gravel World Series will get a **private mail** with a **private link** to register for the UCI Gravel World Championships. In that mail we ask Elite riders part of a UCI registered team to contact [info@ucigravelworldseries.com](mailto:info@ucigravelworldseries.com) so that UCI can put them directly on the start list without any registration fee. Riders participating in the age groups will have to pay 100 EUR registration fee.
- For every rider nominated with a wildcard through his/her national federation, the national federation should send an excel list with wildcards and full details towards [info@ucigravelworldseries.com](mailto:info@ucigravelworldseries.com)
- Wildcard riders who race Elite will be put automatically on the start list by the UCI. They don't have to pay a registration fee
  - Wildcards who race in the age groups will also get an invitation mail and are invited to register themselves on the dedicated registration platform and pay 100 EUR registration fee

## ELITE CATEGORY – AGE GROUPS

Riders part of a UCI registered team must always race in the Elite category (Worldtour UCI team, Procontinental UCI team, Continental UCI team, UCI Mountain Bike Team, Cyclocross UCI team, Track UCI team). Their name should appear in this overview : <https://www.uci.org/riders/road-riders-teams/4uEfOersvL4hkRJriqkdiw>

Riders who are not part of a UCI registered team can be nominated by their respective national federation if the national federation considers them high level who belong in the elite category for Gravel. Mark "Elite" in the last column of the wildcard excel file.

Any rider who has a masters, amateur or cycling for all license should always take part in the age groups categories.

**IMPORTANT** : A national Elite license doesn't give automatic access to the Elite category! You then need to be nominated by your national federation!



## JERSEYS

Every rider should wear a jersey representing his/her nationality during the UCI Gravel World Championships

- Riders taking part in the Elite category should wear the official national cycling outfit of their country
- Riders taking part in the age groups should wear a jersey representing their nationality. They can have their own jersey made if it respects the colours and design of the original but can have private (club) sponsors on it.





## LOCATIONS VICENZA

### **Start**

Parco Marzio  
Viale Roma 16  
Vicenza

## LOCATIONS CITTADELLA

### **Registration room**

Palazzo Pretorio  
Via Guglielmo Marconi 30  
Cittadella

### **Briefing room**

Palazzo Pretorio  
Via Guglielmo Marconi 30  
Cittadella

### **Podium ceremony**

Open Air theatre Campo della Marie  
Stradella Posta Vecchia 11  
Cittadella

### **Press room**

Palazzo della Loggia  
Pierobon1,, Via L. Zurlo,  
Cittadella

### **UCI meeting room**

Palazzo Pretoria  
Via Guglielmo Marconi, 30  
Cittadella

### **Doping control location**

Palazzo Pretoria  
Via Guglielmo Marconi, 30  
Cittadella



## FEEDZONES – TECHNICAL ZONES

### Feedzones from the organization

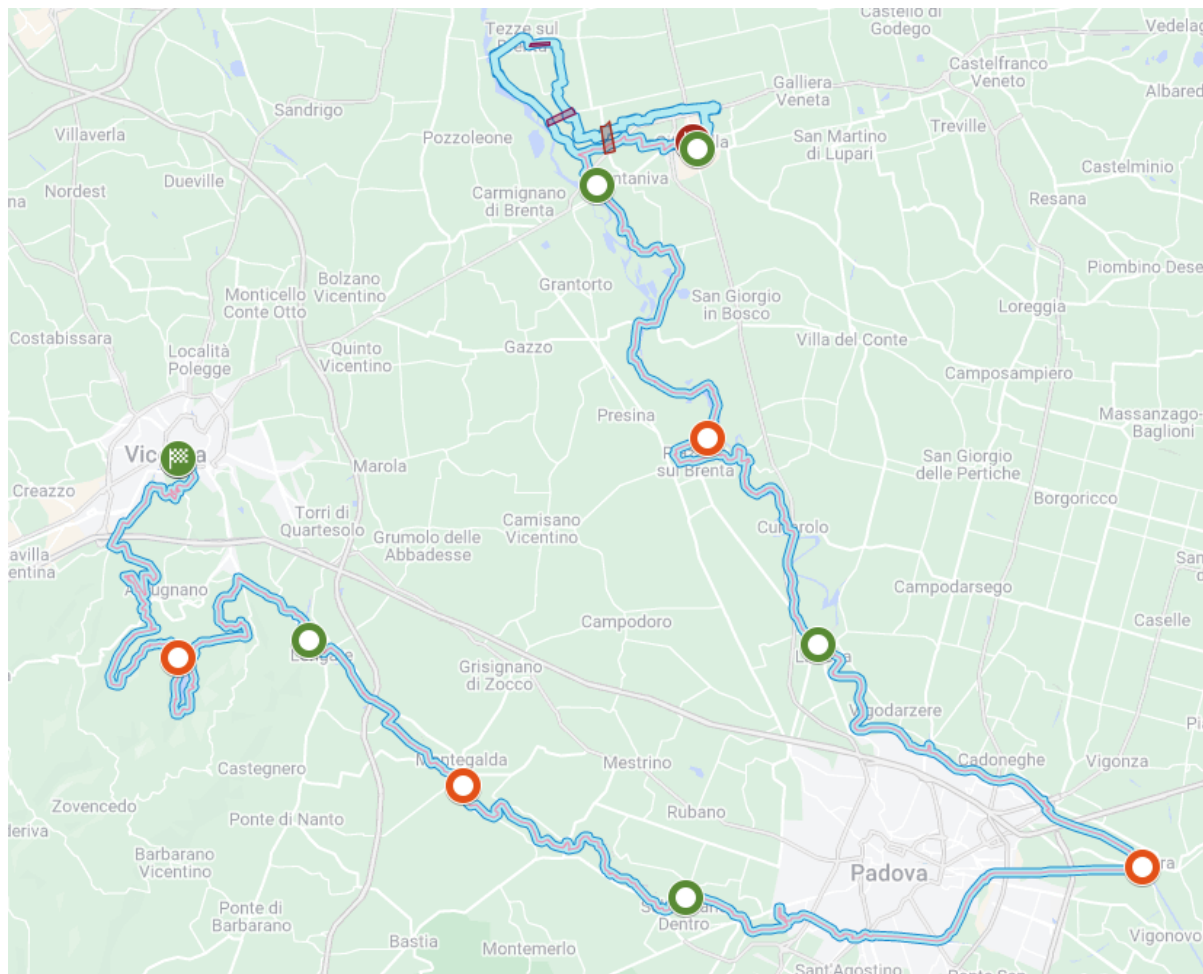
In this zone, the organisation will serve drinks and food to all participants. National teams/helpers can also serve drinks and food here and can give mechanical support

- 2 Official feed zone - km 38 - Longare 45.48349, 11.60192
- 4 Official feed zone - km 60 -Selvazzano Dentro 45.39853, 11.78004
- 6 Official feed zone - km 101 - Limena 45.48241, 11.84249
- 8 Official feed zone - km 131 "Parco Brenta Viva a Fontaniva" Via delle Zattere 45.63256, 11.73779
- 9 / 10 Official feed zone - km 140 / 167 - Riva IV Novembre 45.64608, 11.78542

### Intermediate points for coaches/helpers

In this point, national teams and private helpers of participants can serve food/drinks and can give mechanical support

- 1 Intermediate point - km 22 - Lago di Fimon 45.47794, 11.54067
- 3 Intermediate point - km 47 - SP16 Montegaldella 45.43545, 11.6751
- 5 Intermediate point - km 81 - Stra 45.40844, 11.99542
- 7 Intermediate point - km 115 Piazzola Sul Brenta 45.5505, 11.79005



GREEN is official feed zone / ORANGE is intermediate point

## PARKINGS VICENZA

Parking Teatro Nuovo – Via Battaglione Framarin

Parking Cattaneo – Via Carlo Cattaneo 60

Parking Fogazzaro – Contrada Pedemuro S. biagio

Parking Matteotti - Piazza Matteotti 25

Parking Verdi – Park Verdi

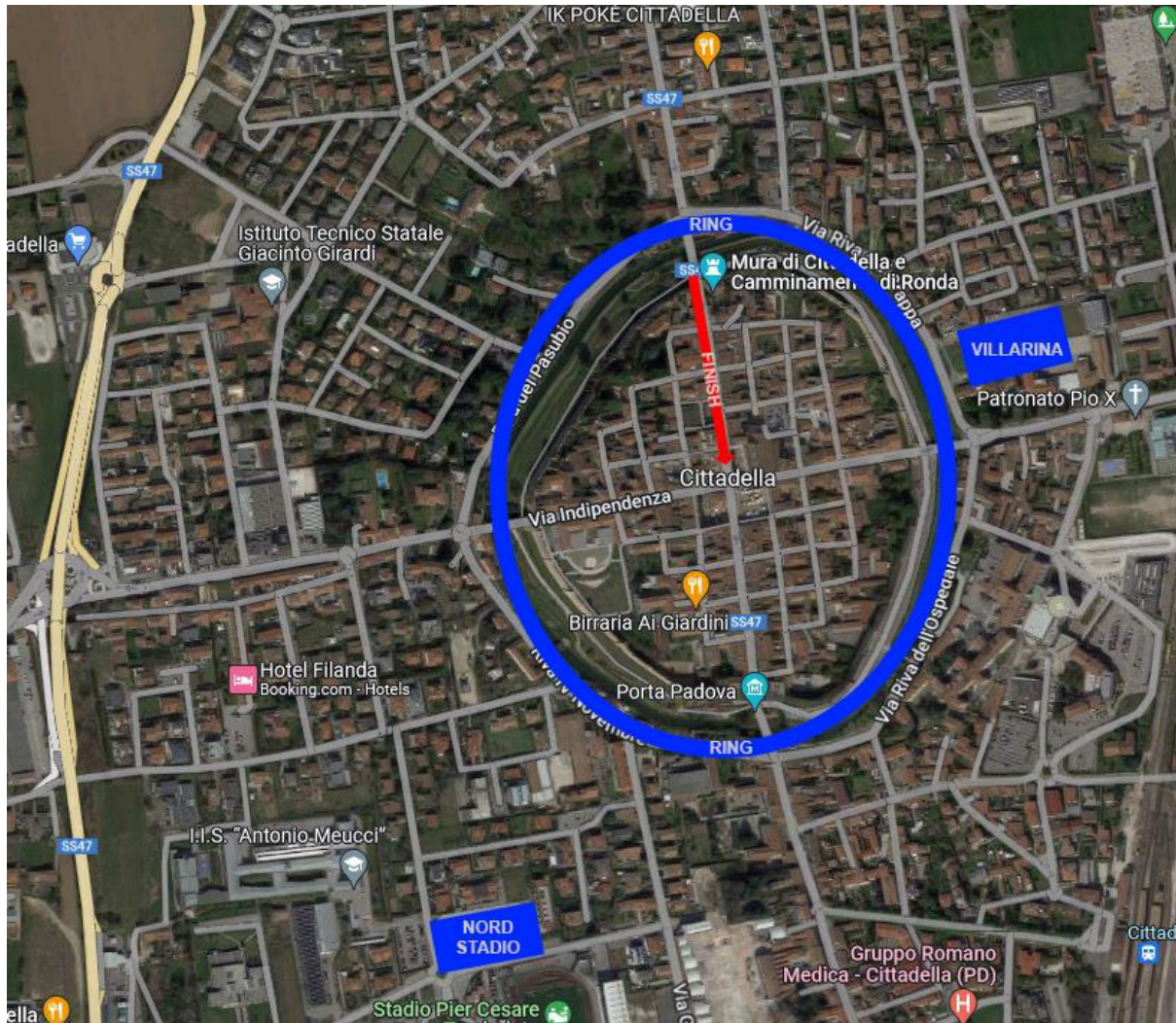


## PARKINGS CITTADELLA

Parking Nord Stadio – Via Angelo Gabrielli

Parking Villarina – Piazzale del Milite Ignoto

Parking along the walls





# REGULATIONS

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2022 UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Riders taking part in the UCI Gravel 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 Gravel World Championships are held as per article 15.6.013

### 1. Qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series

Each UCI Gravel World Series event grants qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. This is only related to one day UCI Gravel World Series events, multi day races part of the UCI Gravel World Series will not grant qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. Based on the results of each race, the first 25% of athletes in each age group will be qualified for the UCI Gravel 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 finish the race to gain qualification.

At the UCI Gravel World Championships there will be titles for elite riders (men and women) in an open category as well as age group riders (men and women)

The age categories of the UCI Gravel 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 are defined by riders' age on December 31st of the year of the World Championships. At the UCI Gravel 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.

The names of riders having gained qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series will be communicated on the UCI Gravel World Series website and will receive an official email from the UCI inviting them to register for the UCI Gravel World Championships via the dedicated online registration portal.



## 2. Outgoing UCI Gravel World Champions

The outgoing UCI World Champions may take part in the first UCI Gravel World Championships following their title. (not applicable in 2022)

## 3. Gravel National Champions

All Gravel National Champions from the current year may enter the UCI Gravel World Championships without qualification via the UCI Gravel World Series. (not applicable in 2022)

## 4. National Federation – Quotas

Each National Federation can enter 20 quotas in total for all categories across both genders.

## 5. National Federation of the country of the UCI Gravel World Championships – Quotas

The National Federation of the country of the UCI Gravel World Championships, can enter 40 quotas in total for all categories across both genders.

## 6. Wild cards

Wild cards can be given at the discretion of the UCI only.

### **OPEN CATEGORY**

Races will be split with an open category (men and women) followed by age groups starts. Only riders belonging to any UCI registered team can sign up for the open category. National federations can also nominate riders who don't belong to a UCI registered team to take part in the open category.

The age group categories for both men and women are the same as used during the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships and mainly focus on amateurs and masters riders.

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

From the moment that 1 rider registers in a certain age group, World titles will be awarded

Riders in the “open category” should wear the official national team outfit, riders in the age categories must wear a jersey representing their nationality, meaning that they are allowed to have their own jersey designed if it's in the same colours and design as the original, allowing club or team sponsors (cfr. UCI Gran Fondo World Championships).



## REQUIRED LICENSES

Riders qualified through the qualifier series or invited via their national federation must have one of the following licenses with UCI (11 digits code) to sign up for the event

- Elite license
- Masters license
- Amateur license
- Cycling for all license

Only riders holder of an elite license of a UCI registered team or who are nominated by their respective national federation can take part in the Elite category, other riders, even holder of an elite license, need to start in the age groups categories.

## COURSES

Gravel discipline is a form of cycling that combines elements of both road and mountain-bike disciplines and consisting mostly of distance riding over unpaved roads.

Gravel events shall have the following course characteristics:

- Gravel races shall take place on any type of unsurfaced roads and can include gravel, forest fire-roads, farm roads and tracks and cobbles.
- Tarmac surfaced roads should not total more than 40% (fourty percent) of the race distance.
- The course should avoid grass and meadows.
- Singletrack sections should be kept to a minimum and only be included in the course where required to link other sections and only where an alternative route for essential event vehicles (for example medical services) is available.

Course distances should be a minimum of 50 km and a maximum of 200 km, considering course difficulty and elevation gain. Race organisers can propose a shorter distance for older age categories. There shall only be one official distance per age category per event.

## SIGNPOSTING

Signposting is very important to allow those involved in the UCI Gravel World Championships to find their way around the competition venue easily.

Signposting must be put in place by the Tuesday at the latest to assist the various groups of people arriving at the World Championships.

All signposting bears the logo of the UCI Gravel World Championships. This reinforces the visual identity of the event.

Signs are written in the language of the host country and English.

Clear and accurate signposting is used at regular intervals, both outside the venue of the UCI Gravel World Championships (from the host town) as well as inside the site.

## FEED ZONES

The organizer must provide feed zones where participants have access to drinks and food every 25-30km.

All riders should bring their own tools and spare tire or tubular to the race. Tools have to be foreseen in the feed zones to give riders the opportunity to fix other problems.



## DISPLAY PANELS

In addition to standard signs warning participants about dangers along the course or indicating the direction to follow, specific panels must also be installed on both sides of the road as follows:

- Panels must be placed to indicate the last 50km, 25km, 10km, 5km, 1km, and 500m before the finish line.
- The presence of the next feed zone must be indicated 500m ahead of each zone
- All the technical characteristics of the climbs must be indicated at the bottom of all climbs; this includes: the average and maximum gradients and the length of the climb

## SPECIFIC RACE REGULATIONS

**Mandatory helmet:** The UCI takes a very hard stance on the use of helmets in competition. Wearing a helmet is mandatory for all competitions, throughout the whole race. Participants are informed in advance by the organization that they will be barred from the start or that their race number will immediately be withdrawn if they are caught by a member of the organization without their helmet. If any specific regulations apply in the host country, the LOC must inform the UCI in advance.

**Medical certificate:** To confirm the physical capability of a cyclist to take part in the event, the organizer must provide one of the following guarantees:

- Either that each participant holds a medical certificate of fitness to practice cycling, which has been issued by a doctor
- Or that the organizer stipulates, in the conditions for entry, that the participant attests to (and signs) the fact that he/she is in perfect health and fit for the physical effort required for such a cycling race.

**Accident and third-party liability insurance:** The organizer must ensure that all cyclists who take part in the event possess appropriate medical and third-party liability insurance.

Each rider is responsible for ensuring that they possess adequate medical insurance. This can be ensured either through an individual race license (from a National Federation affiliated to the UCI) covering races abroad or through a private insurance policy.

## STARTING PROCEDURE

Riders are placed in start boxes at the starting line, in accordance with their starting order and per start group. The entrance to each box must be placed at the back of each box, with riders entering from the side. The start boxes must be large enough to accommodate high numbers of participants (up to 500 riders).

**Elite start :** the Elite start will be organised on a first come-first serve base

**Age Group starts :** the first row of each start group will be reserved for the winners of the different UCI Gravel World Series qualifier events. These riders will be allowed to enter their start box from the side before each respective start, as per a detailed procedure to be agreed in advance between the LOC and the UCI.

The start boxes must be separated by tape or fences which may be removed a few minutes before the respective starts.

- After removal of the tape/fence, the next start group can move to the front to be aligned at the start line.
- The start time for all riders in a same start group is the gun-time of that specific group, and not the moment each rider crosses the start carpet.

The signs to indicate the start boxes for each category must be installed the day prior to the race to allow riders to understand where they need to be placed the following morning.





Different age groups start at different start times in the race. If age groups merge, they can ride together. The only exception in which a commissaire will interfere is when a rider specifically waits to help another rider in a later start group.

## **BIKES**

Any style of bike shall be permitted. E-bikes are not allowed.

Handlebars can be of any shape but must be of a one-piece construction with no bar ends or clip-on extensions allowed (triathlon handlebars and any other handlebars extension system are forbidden).

## **PARTICIPANTS RACE UNIFORMS (JERSEYS)**

The wearing of national team clothing is mandatory.

It is forbidden to wear the rainbow stripes or any variation of their design on the jersey (sleeves/collar), bike, helmet, shoes or overshoes during the UCI Gravel World Championships.

Riders in the Elite category should wear the official national team outfit, riders in the age categories must wear a jersey representing their nationality, meaning that they are allowed to have their own jersey designed if it's in the same colours and design as the original, allowing club or team sponsors (cfr. UCI Gran Fondo World Championships).

## **METRIC SIGNBOARDING**

All signage on the UCI World Championships course must be placed at least the Monday before the event to allow riders to train on the course. It is the organizer's responsibility to ensure the necessary authorizations are obtained to place these signs. A check of all signage must be undertaken the morning of the Gravel race in order to replace signs which may have been removed.

The course must be signposted to a very high standard.

The direction arrows should not leave any doubt about the direction to follow. Each course is signposted several days before the start of competition. The signposting must be checked by the Organising Committee every morning before official training and competitions.

As well as signage; where necessary the LOC should provide Marshalls with a yellow flag and a whistle to be positioned at appropriate distance before hazards to prevent incidents.

The direction arrows should not leave any doubt about the direction to follow. Each course is signposted several days before the start of competition. The signposting must be checked by the Organising Committee every morning before official training and competitions.

## **GPS DEVICE**

The organizer should provide to all participants the GPX file of the course so it can be downloaded to a GPS device as backup to follow the courses.

## **SAFETY**

All dangerous points must be protected (traffic islands, central reservations, bends, etc.) by straw bales (wrapped in plastic), mattresses or other appropriate safety padding.



Radio or mobile telephone links: Radio or mobile telephone support is essential during the event. The organization will therefore put in place a system which permits rapid and efficient communication between the people involved in the organization. For the well-being of the cyclists (who are increasingly prone to carry a mobile phone during the race), their families and also the marshals spread out over the race, an emergency number will be available (and made public) throughout the event.

### **TIMING**

The event is timed for all the participants, for the entire length of the course. The timekeeping provider must produce an overall ranking per age group and gender with a separate elite title for the elite category.

The timing of the event starts with the gun, and not when each individual rider crosses the starting carpet (GUN time principle).

### **Publication of results**

Organizers must use the official UCI names of the age groups in their communication and official results: ME (men elite), M19-34, M35-39, M40-44, M45-49, M50-54, M55-59, M60-64, M65-69, M70-74..., and for women WE (women elite), F19-34, F35-39, ..., F60-64, F65-69...

### **BRIEFINGS**

On the day before the first event, a briefing will be held in two sessions

- National team coaches : a briefing for national coaches of the men and women elite categories only
- Age groups riders : a briefing for the riders taking part in the age group categories. This briefing is not mandatory and the presentation will also be shared with all participants via mail.

### **REGISTRATION**

Qualified riders get an official invitation mail from [info@ucigravelworldseries.com](mailto:info@ucigravelworldseries.com) with a private link to register for the UCI Gravel World Championships age groups. Riders do need a license with a UCI ID to sign up (11 digits code)

Riders who are selected by their national federation (both elites as well as age groups) will be registered by their national federation

### **MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE**

Mechanical assistance is not provided. Riders are advised to bring their own spare tire or tubular to the race.

There will be mechanics in the feed zones. It's possible to change wheels in the feedzones/pit. There will also be intermediate zones where assistants can give food/drinks and give mechanical help.

It's allowed to have mechanical help during the event and change wheels, but a bike change is not allowed. The rider must finish with the frame he used at the start.