



STARS COME TO FIRST UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Van der Poel, Sagan, Ferrand Pevot,
Van Avermaet, Lutsenko, Cort, Štybar...

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The 559 riders of 39 different nationalities who have registered for this first edition include famous names. In the Women Elite category on Saturday, the multi-talented Pauline Ferrand Pevot from France, vying to win another world title.

The Men Elite race on Sunday sees all-rounder Mathieu van der Poel take on former MTB marathon World Champion Alban Lakata and road specialists Peter Sagan, Greg Van Avermaet, Alexey Lutsenko, newly crowned U23 road world champion Yevgeniy Fedorov, Magnus Cort Nielsen, Zdeněk Štybar, Davide Ballerini, Daniel Oss, Lilian Calmejane, Carlos Verona and Alessandro De Marchi...

They all battle with the specialists in gravel racing who have shown strong form during the 2022 UCI Gravel World Series.

The global gravel racing boom, visible in the success of races like Strade Bianche and events in the US Midwest, prompted the UCI to inaugurate the new UCI Gravel World Championships this year.

The first UCI Gravel World Championships will take place in Veneto this weekend with women elite racing on Saturday on a flat and fast 140km course while the men elite have a longer 192km race on Sunday, covering the same course plus two local laps of 27km. Start of the races are in Vicenza with finish in nearby Cittadella.

Uniquely, amateur and masters entrants ride in the same race as the pros, albeit starting in later waves, all battling for world titles in their respective categories, including age groups for 19-34, 35-39 and then going up in five-year increments. The women's and men over-50 age groups race on Saturday while men of the age groups 19 to 49 start behind the men elite on Sunday, doing one local lap in the end.

The course has a technical and challenging first 20 kilometres with a steep uphill in the start, but the majority of the race is flat and fast, following the borders of two big rivers. The last kilometre is then again technical for the explosive type of riders along the borders of the walled medieval city of Cittadella.

Where to watch?

Please find hereunder the to-date information regarding the coverage plans from our various takers around next UCI Gravel WCHs:

VRT/Belgium: live streaming on Sporza digital platform + News on Een or Canvas

RTBF/Belgium: News feed

L'Equipe/France: live streaming on L'Equipe digital platform

GCN/Eurosport (Pan Europe ex Denmark and Norway): live streaming on GCN and the 2 Highlights on Eurosport 1 on Wednesday October 12th end of afternoon

RAI/Italy: the 2 Highlights on RAI Sport (date time slot TBC)

TVP/Poland: live streaming on their web platform

TV2/Denmark: news coverage on TV2 Sport

NOS/Netherlands: news coverage on NPO channels

RTS/Albania: live streaming

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