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Regulations Algarve Granfondo 2026

REGULATIONS

THE EVENT

The 10th Edition of the Algarve Granfondo will officially start on 21st February 2026 (Saturday) at 8:30am in LAGOS, location of the Saturday arrival stage of Volta ao Algarve.

The Granfondo route will be approximately 130Km and the Mediofondo 90Km.

Boxes open at 07:30am and close at 08:20am;

Once started there will be around 2kms of controlled route;

The finish control or arrival at the finish line closes at 2pm.

According to the General Rules of the National Cycling Programme, the Algarve Granfondo is defined as a long distance route with a single stage and a squad finish, free cycling at least 95% of the route with limited time and non official classification. Road Rules and specific regulations must be respected. The Granfondo integrates the activities of the “Volta ao Algarve em Bicicleta” programme. This sports event does not have a competitive character, it will be a leisure event and of turistic, cultural and social interest.

The Algarve Granfondo is not a competition event. It is denominated as an “Open Event” in which participants cycle at their own pace the whole extension of the route but electronically clocked (chip), the time taken to complete the total route or segments thereof will be announced before the event by the organization.

The Granfondo is registered in the National Calendar, and will be organized by the Algarve Cycling Association, ordering the participants as follows:

- Individual timesorting;
- Individual sorting by place of arrival;
- Attribution of Prizes, monetary or in specie, according to the time obtained, cycling distance or finishing order.

In the Algarve Granfondo athletes with sports licences for competitions can compete, federated athletes in the Cycling for All componente as well as non federated athletes of portuguese nationality or any other, age 19 years or superior (for the 2026 season, athletes born until 2007 inclusive are considered apt) in the Granfondo; age 17 years or superior (for the 2026 season, athletes born until 2009 inclusive are considered apt) in the Mediofondo.

Professional athletes can only participate if invited by the Organization, not entering the time sorting and not receiving any prizes.

PARTICIPATION

CLASSES FOR BOTH ROUTES ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

Sub 23 M/F (19 to 22 years)

Elite M/F (23 to 29 years)

Master 30 M/F (30 to 39 years)

Master 40 M/F (40 to 49 years)

Master 50 M/F (50 to 59 years)

Master 60 M/F (60 years or more)

Paracycling C or H (single category)

Athletes have to participate in the route they registered.

Non federated minor athletes must present a declaration from their tutors authorizing their participation in the event.

Athletes can wear clothing of their choice, nudity, use of slipper/sandals or other accessories are not permitted.

The use of a approved helmet is compulsory. The non-compliance of this rule may exclude the athlete from the event.

Participation in the event is voluntary and exclusive responsibility of each participant who assume all the risks in participating (without prejudice of being covered by a specific Insurance Policy).

To participate, it is the athletes responsibility to have his licence in order as a federated athlete at the Portuguese Cycling Federation in the “Cycling for All” and competitive classes. For the rest of the athletes the organization guarantees the subscription of a Policy for Personal Accidents and Civil Responsibility with the demanded legal covers, policies that cover all participantes.

Civil Responsibility

Capital covered by associate.

Accident and annuity **50 000.00 Euros**

Athletes with sanctions of their respective Federations for use of doping substances can not participate.

Only two wheeled vehicles and adapted bicycles for paracycling without motors are permitted in the event.

Personal Accidents

Death or Permanent Invalidity by accident **32 437 Euros**

Accident treatment **5.190,00 Euros**

Funeral Expenses **2 700,00 Euros**

Insurance deductible per person **90,00 Euros** (supported by insured athlete)

EVENT AND ROUTE

The event will have a total extention of approximately **130kms** and **2213m(D+)** of accumulated on the route Granfondo and **90Kms** and **1375m(D+)** of accumulation on the Mediofondo route disputed as follows:

The start will be given in group, with controlled progress by the vehicle in front of the Platoon, circulating at a speed of approximately 25Kms/h.

Approximately 2Kms the route takes place as free movement.

The time limit to finish the route is 05h30min, considering the close of the control at 2pm.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to a maximum of 1500 participants summing up the two distances. To this total there may be 100 registrations attributed by invitation by the organization.

Registrations are made directly on the Stop and Go website (www.stopandgo.net.pt) until 23h59 on the 16/02/2026 or when the maximum limit of participants are reached respecting the chronological order of the electronic registrations.

The pick up of documentation will be made at registration desk on local to be defined, from 6pm to 10pm on the 20/02 and at 07am to 08am on the 21/02.

To pick up the documentation it is necessary to present a identification document (Identity Document) and regulated federated licence if not registered as affiliated. Documents can be picked up by someone else as long as originals or copies of identification documents are legible.

When registering the participant subscribes the Responsibility Statement furnished by the organization where he/she declares and assumes the risks in participating in a event open to traffic. In this declaration the athlete excludes the possibility of making responsible the organization for any accident in participating in the event. However all participants are covered either by the annual insurance of the Portuguese Cycling Federation or the subscribed daily membership.

No registration can be confirmed or accepted after 0h00 on the 16/02/2026.

After payment is made, in case of cancellation until 22/01/2026 the participants can recover 50% of the value of the registration fee. After this date the registration is considered definite.

FEES

Participation in the event is subject to the following registration fees:

FEES AND CATEGORIES

1st Phase of registration – Until 31 DEZ

40.00€ (Federated Athletes with a valid UCI licence)

45.00€ (Non-Federated Athletes)

2nd Phase of registration – 01 JAN to 16 FEV

45.00€* (Federated Athletes with a valid UCI licence)

50.00€ (Non-Federated Athletes)

*Includes a one day licence issued by the Portuguese Cycling Federation which includes Personal Accident and Civil Responsibility Insurance.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Participation in the Mediofondo or Granfondo
- Supply of liquids and solids
- Bid
- Insurance
- Medical Assistance
- Mechanical Assistance (during the event)
- Baths
- Finisher Medal
- Official gifts
- Lunch

After registration the athlete will receive a payment reference. Those that register as federated when collecting the participant kit do not have to prove the he/she is federated for the season 2026 will have to pay a additional fee of 10€

The participant assumes that the data that he/she filled in for his/her registration is correct and true, that the e-mail furnished is preferencial to be communicated and furnished with all importante information. Therefore considered informed.

All contacts with the organization must be made via e-mail to geral@acalgarve.pt. During the 20th and 21st February contacts can be made personally at the secretariat.

ATRIBUTION AND UTILIZATION OF DORSALS

Each athlete will participate with a dorsal furnished by the organization which is atributed after confirmation of payment of registration.

All participants must place the dorsal in front of the bicycle in the correct position, on the handle bar área so that it is visible. All athletes that do not comply with the rule will be excluded from the event, not being bound by its organization. It is strictly prohibited to alter the graphic contents of the dorsal or add any type of message or image.

The chip must not be removed or the position altered advised by the timing company or organization.

CLASSIFICATIONS AND PRIZES

A general classification will be defined (in the categories M/F) and a class classification.

The absolute winners M/F in the Granfondo route will receive a leader shirt, identical to the yellow shirt of the “Volta ao Algarve”.

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The first three classified in each class will receive a trophy.

The participation at the Protocol Ceremony is compulsory. In case of not being presente the athlete losses the right to the prize and can encure in disciplinary sanctions except in cases justified by the athlete and accepted by the organization.

EVENT DYNAMIC

The start for the Granfondo and Mediofondo is given simultaneously with the participants being distributed by start boxes with the following order and designation:

Premium Box – Guests (limited to 100 athletes)

Box 1 – Dorsal 101 to 199

Box 2 – Dorsal 200 to 399

Box 3 – Dorsal 400 to 599

Box 4 – Dorsal 600 to 799

Box 5 – Dorsal 800 to 999

Box 6 – Dorsal 1000 to 1199

Box 7 – Dorsal 1200 to 1400

The event will take place on roads open to traffic. All participants must respect the traffic rules with special attention to circulate on the right and respect the priority rules at intersections. Failure to respect these rules the athlete will immediately be banned from the event and will not be allowed to participate in future Editions.

Assistance to athletes by vehicles that are not linked to the organization is prohibited. Accompanying vehicles are also restricted in the middle of cyclists participating.. The organization will furnish information relating to places where guests can watch and support the athletes. Security forces will prevent the circulation of support vehicles in the middle of cyclists to assure the rules of the road.

The event will have Security Forces composed by elements of the GNR, belonging to Territorial Corporations and Traffic Brigade who will guarantee the traffic norms by all the elements involved in the event and the rest of the vehicles circulating.

The timing of each athlete will be made electronically by the use of chips. The use of the chip is compulsory, the athlete must comply with the rules for the correct position and utilization. The incorrect use of the chip or non use of same will entail the failure to register the passing at the passing controls stipulated by the organization, causing disqualification of the athlete with the consequences of not being in the final timing list and the lose of a participation diploma. The passing and collection points will be situated at the start and finish line and other points along the route. The timing score is the arrival at the finish line and not the timing of the chip.

To ensure the integrity and safety of the athletes, there are control points which stipulate time limits. Athletes who arrive at these control points after the stipulated time limit will be obliged to abandon the event, being collected by a vehicle of the organization to the finish line. Participants arriving at the points mentioned after the indicated time or circulating at a speed inferior to 20Kms/h in the Granfondo will not be allowed to proceed and can opt to be collected by the organization. Participantes who opt to continue on their own have to hand over at the timing control point or a elemento of the organization the dorsal, assuming at his/her own risk their destination.

The athlete that quits during the event should head to the members of the organization personally or telephone announcing that they quited. When a athlete is detected missing rescue means can be triggered. The disrespect of this norm will hold the athlete that did nnot communicate responsible for the costs of the rescue means. He/She will also be sanctioned by not being able to participate in future Editions.

Athletes must scrupulously respect the timetable, specifically the starting time depart before the organization vehicle. Close of starting control (0km) – 08h30.

The organization will arrange medical assistance, with various medical teams and ambulances. If necessary participantes must request help to the organization staff.

The organization will arrange mechanical assistance throughout the route who will help solve mechanical problems capable of being solved at the scene. In case of breakdown, labour is free, but substitution of spare parts will be charged to the athlete. Assistance by the mechanical teams to repair flat tyres are excluded. The mechanical assistance is composed of mobile teams who will circulate on the route, however due to event dynamic reasons or position difficulties this service may not be assured to all participants. The existence of the mechanical assistance does not clear the participantes of preparing their bikes, assuring that they are in good condition when alining at the starting point. The organization is not responsible for the abandonment of a athlete due to failure of mechanical assistance.

Athletes must guarantee the transport of food and liquids for replenishment and hidration. However the organization will set up at various locations food and drinks. The locations will informed before the event.

For security reasons it is prohibited to use earphones as acessories to listen to music or phone during the event.

The organization has the right to alter the route if needed without having to compensate participantes.

ECO RESPONSIBILITY

Participantes have to behave responsibly in respect of cleanliness and preservation of the environment during the route and the start/finish area. Litter is prohibited to be thrown on the ground before, during and end of the event. Participantes must keep food and drink litter during the event. At the end of the route and food supply áreas will have bins available to throw litter away. If this rule is disrespected the athlete will immediately be excluded from the event.

IMAGE RIGHTS

The registration in this event and consequente agreement of this regulation implies the authorization of participantes to allow the organization to record totally or partially their participation using the images freely to disclose and promote on television, radio,press,internet, posters,and flyers photos and vídeos, without the right to receive any economical compensation from the organization.

DATA PROTECTION

The organization of the Algarve Granfondo fully respects the law of Data Protection in Effect. The athlete acknowledges and authorizes the introduction and treatment of their personal data in the organization files, for use in administrative management and commercial activities. The Private Policy however allows any athlete to request alteration or removal of their data via e-mail (geral@acalgarve.pt)

SANCTIONS

Not respecting the rules of the road, although the roads are open to transit.

Not respecting orders and indications of Security Forces and members of the organization.

Not passing through exit control, finish line control or other existing control points along the route.

Litter or deteriorate the route or other areas used in the event.

Being helped by self support vehicles circulating in the route and getting in the way of other cyclists.

Unsporting conduct, irregular ways to obtain advantage in the final timing.

Against the regulations behaviour during the event.

In case of withdrawal not communicating such withdrawal to the organization.

SANCTIONS THAT CAN BE APPLIED

Exclusion of the event, without the right of classification and diploma.

Inclusion in the list of sanctioned athletes, published after the event

Constrained of participating in future Editions

Sanctions imposed by Police Authorities, if violations are detected by the Authorities and considered worthy of sanctions.

DISCLAIMER ALTERATION

When validating the registration, all participants accept the present rules, in case of doubt or of a unforeseen situation, the Organization should be informed and enquire in writing.

When clicking the box, you agree to all the terms and conditions of the registration and participation in the event with all the conditions of the regulation, declaring the following:

You read and agreed to the Official Rules of the Algarve Granfondo, at your disposal on www.algarvegranfondo.com

You are aware of your state of health and confirm the physical and mental requirements to participate in the event.

You are aware of the contents, namely the conditions and covers of the existing Insurance Policy.

In participating in the event you authorize the organization and its partners to use your image totally free and without restrictions. You concede all image rights, namely photographs and videos captures during the event, not having the right to claim any gains resulting of the Broadcast of images.

It is of your free will to participate in this event, exempting the organization, its partners, director, associates and other companies associated to the event of any responsibility, resulting in your participation, before, during and after the event (Ex. loss of personal objects through theft, damage or other circumstances). You are aware of the event cancellation conditions, which you accept.

OTHERS

The organization is not responsible for any loss or malfunction that can affect the bikes or other equipment.

Unforeseen circumstances may force the organization to suspend or delay the event. In this situation the organization cannot be held responsible, not having to compensate economically or in any other way any athlete, person or entity.

Upon registering and validating the registration in the Algarve Granfondo, the participants acknowledge and accept without reserve this regulation, renouncing to any legal procedure against the organization resulting from participating in the event.

The organization will constitute a Event Jury, composed of five elements of the organization who will decide the sanctions to be applied and relevant matter of the event which were object of the regulations or bad interpretations of the present regulation.

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THANK YOU!

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