



STABIO CRIT – RACE REGULATIONS

1. Event

The Stabio Crit is a road cycling criterium held on a closed, paved circuit in the industrial area of Stabio, Switzerland.

The event is organised by Velo Club Mendrisio and includes the following races:

- Kids Tour races;
- Women's Crit – Open and Frauen B;
- U17 race;
- Open Category race, consisting of two qualifying heats and an A Final.

2. Schedule

Time	Activity
09:00–12:00	Kids Tour races
12:15	Women's Crit – Open and Frauen B: 30 km (18 laps)
13:15	U17 race: 36 km (21 laps)
14:20	Open Category – Qualifying Heat 1: 15 km (9 laps)
14:50	Open Category – Qualifying Heat 2: 15 km (9 laps)
16:00	Open Category – A Final: 50 km (30 laps)

The organiser reserves the right to change the schedule when necessary for safety or organisational reasons.

OPEN CATEGORY

3. Eligibility

The Open Category is open to riders from the year in which they turn 17, whether or not they hold a racing licence.

All participants must be physically fit and adequately prepared to take part in a high-intensity cycling competition.

By registering, each rider confirms that they have read, understood and accepted these regulations.

4. Maximum Number of Participants

The Open Category is limited to 50 participants.

For safety reasons, no more than 25 riders may be on the circuit at the same time. Participants will therefore be divided into two qualifying heats, with a maximum of 25 riders in each heat.

5. Qualifying Heats

Two qualifying heats will be held. Each heat will cover 15 km, corresponding to 9 laps.

Qualification for the A Final will be determined as follows:

- the first 12 riders in each heat will qualify automatically;
- the rider finishing 13th in the fastest qualifying heat will also qualify;
- a total of 25 riders will advance to the A Final.

The fastest heat will be determined by comparing the finishing times of the winners of the two heats.

The organiser and race jury may change the composition of the heats when necessary for safety or organisational reasons.

6. A Final

The A Final will cover 50 km, corresponding to 30 laps, and will have a maximum of 25 starters.

The final will be contested as a points race. The winner will be the rider who accumulates the highest total number of points.

7. Standard Lap Points

On every lap other than an intermediate sprint lap, points will be awarded to the first two riders crossing the finish line:

- 1st place: 2 points;
- 2nd place: 1 point.

8. Intermediate Sprints

Intermediate sprints will take place on laps 10, 20 and 30.

A bell will be rung one lap before each sprint to inform the riders.

At each intermediate sprint, points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 10 points;
- 2nd place: 8 points;
- 3rd place: 6 points;
- 4th place: 4 points;
- 5th place: 2 points.

On sprint laps, these points replace the standard lap points.

9. Gaining or Losing a Lap

A rider who gains one complete lap on the main field will receive 20 points.

A rider who loses one complete lap to the main field will receive a 20-point penalty.

A lap will be considered gained or lost only after official confirmation by the race jury. The corresponding points will be awarded or deducted for every complete lap gained or lost.

10. Final Classification

The rider with the highest total number of points after 30 laps will be declared the winner.

The classification will take into account:

- standard lap points;
- intermediate sprint points;
- points awarded for gaining laps;
- points deducted for losing laps.

If two or more riders finish with the same number of points, their finishing order in the final sprint on lap 30 will determine their position in the final classification.

The classification approved by the race jury is final.

WOMEN'S CRIT – OPEN AND FRAUEN B

11. Race Format

The Women's Crit is limited to 25 participants and will cover 30 km, corresponding to 18 laps.

The race will be contested as a points race.

On every lap other than an intermediate sprint lap, points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 2 points;
- 2nd place: 1 point.

12. Intermediate Sprints

Intermediate sprints will take place on laps 6, 12 and 18.

A bell will be rung one lap before each sprint.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 10 points;
- 2nd place: 8 points;
- 3rd place: 6 points;
- 4th place: 4 points;
- 5th place: 2 points.

On sprint laps, these points replace the standard lap points.

13. Gaining or Losing a Lap

A rider who gains one complete lap on the main field will receive 20 points. A rider who loses one complete lap will receive a 20-point penalty.

The race jury must officially confirm every lap gained or lost. The corresponding points will apply to each complete lap.

14. Final Classification

The rider with the highest total number of points after 18 laps will be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie, the finishing order in the final sprint on lap 18 will determine the classification of the tied riders.

The classification approved by the race jury is final.

U17 CATEGORY

15. Race Format

The U17 race is limited to 25 participants and will cover 36 km, corresponding to 21 laps.

The race will be contested as a points race.

On every lap other than an intermediate sprint lap, points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 2 points;
- 2nd place: 1 point.

16. Intermediate Sprints

Intermediate sprints will take place on laps 7, 14 and 21.

A bell will be rung one lap before each sprint.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 10 points;
- 2nd place: 8 points;
- 3rd place: 6 points;
- 4th place: 4 points;
- 5th place: 2 points.

On sprint laps, these points replace the standard lap points.

17. Gaining or Losing a Lap

A rider who gains one complete lap on the main field will receive 20 points. A rider who loses one complete lap will receive a 20-point penalty.

The race jury must officially confirm every lap gained or lost. The corresponding points will apply to each complete lap.

18. Final Classification

The rider with the highest total number of points after 21 laps will be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie, the finishing order in the final sprint on lap 21 will determine the classification of the tied riders.

The classification approved by the race jury is final.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

19. Race Numbers and Timing Equipment

Race numbers and timing equipment must be collected at the time and place communicated by the organiser.

Each rider must correctly position the race number and any timing equipment according to the organiser's instructions. They must remain clearly visible and correctly positioned throughout the race.

Race numbers may not be folded, altered or deliberately obscured.

A rider whose race number or timing equipment is incorrectly positioned may be refused access to the starting grid.

20. Equipment

Each participant is responsible for ensuring that their bicycle is safe and fully functional before entering the circuit.

An approved cycling helmet must be worn and properly fastened at all times while riding on the circuit.

The race jury or organiser may prevent a rider from starting or continuing if their bicycle, equipment or clothing is considered unsafe.

21. Rider Conduct and Safety

All participants must ride responsibly and respect the safety of the other riders.

Riders must:

- follow the instructions of the race jury, marshals and event staff;
- follow the designated race direction;
- remain within the boundaries of the circuit;
- avoid dangerous, aggressive or unsporting manoeuvres;
- maintain control of their bicycle;
- move away from the racing line as safely and quickly as possible following a crash or mechanical problem.

Course cutting, deliberate obstruction, unauthorised assistance or any other dangerous or fraudulent conduct may result in a penalty or immediate disqualification.

22. Mechanical Problems and Incidents

In the event of a puncture, mechanical problem or crash, the rider must move away from the racing line as safely and quickly as possible.

Assistance may be provided only in areas authorised by the organiser or race jury.

A rider re-entering the circuit must do so safely and without interfering with the race.

The race jury will determine the appropriate sporting decision in exceptional circumstances.

23. Neutralisation, Interruption or Cancellation

The organiser and race director may neutralise, interrupt, shorten or cancel a race if conditions create a danger for riders, staff or spectators.

Possible reasons include:

- severe weather;
- an accident requiring emergency assistance;
- unsafe circuit conditions;
- obstacles on the course;
- any other circumstance affecting safety or the proper running of the event.

During a neutralisation, all riders must immediately follow the instructions of the race officials.

If a race cannot be restarted, the race jury will determine the final classification based on the sporting situation at the time of interruption.

24. Medical Assistance

Medical and first-aid services will be available during the event.

In the event of a serious accident, riders must immediately alert the nearest marshal or race official.

Riders must not place themselves or others in danger when attempting to assist at the scene of an accident.

25. Responsibility and Insurance

Participation in the Stabio Crit is at each rider's own risk.

Every participant must have adequate accident and third-party liability insurance covering participation in cycling competitions in Switzerland. International participants are responsible for ensuring that their insurance is valid in Switzerland.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the organiser accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of bicycles, equipment or personal belongings before, during or after the event.

26. Race Jury

The race jury is responsible for:

- supervising the sporting conduct of the event;
- confirming the results of the qualifying heats;
- awarding and recording points;
- confirming laps gained or lost;
- issuing warnings, penalties or disqualifications;
- approving the final classifications;
- deciding sporting matters not specifically covered by these regulations.

All riders must follow the decisions and instructions of the race jury.

27. Penalties and Unsporting Behaviour

Dangerous, fraudulent or unsporting behaviour may result in a warning, point deduction, relegation or disqualification.

Examples include:

- intentionally shortening or leaving the course;
- deliberately obstructing another rider;
- riding dangerously;
- ignoring instructions from race officials;
- deliberately interfering with another competitor;
- receiving unauthorised assistance;
- competing using another rider's race number.

Serious infringements may result in immediate exclusion from the event.

28. Changes to the Regulations

The organiser may change these regulations, the race format, schedule or circuit whenever necessary for safety, organisational or sporting reasons.

Any significant changes will be communicated to participants before the start. Additional instructions and safety information may also be given during the pre-race briefing.

29. Applicable Regulations

For matters not specifically covered by these regulations, the relevant Swiss Cycling and UCI rules and principles will apply where appropriate.

During the event, decisions made by the organiser and race jury concerning the interpretation and application of these regulations will apply.

30. Acceptance of the Regulations

By submitting the registration form, each participant confirms that they:

- have read, understood and accepted these regulations;
- meet the applicable participation requirements;
- are physically fit to compete;
- have adequate insurance coverage;
- will follow the instructions of the organiser, race jury and safety staff.

Failure to comply with these regulations may result in penalties or disqualification.

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