GRAVEL GAMES 2027

SPORTING RULES

3–4 April 2027 · Camp général de Castelnau · La Cavalerie

1. Organiser and scope

The 2027 Gravel Games are organised on 3–4 April 2027 by Wish One Racing at Camp général de Castelnau, La Cavalerie, Aveyron, subject to administrative and military authorisations. Entry implies acceptance of these rules and safety instructions. The organiser may adjust routes, schedules or procedures for legitimate safety or military reasons and will inform entrants as soon as reasonably possible.

2. Events and formats

Gravel Running: timed individual 5K, 10K and 20K races. Gravel Cycling: untimed, unranked 35K ride and timed individual 70K and 100K races. Run & Ride: 12K and 24K two-person events using one shared bicycle, with free switching between running and riding and both partners finishing together. 12H Endurance: teams of 2–6 with one runner and one cyclist active at all times on their respective loops. Distances are indicative. Final day-by-day programme, starts, loops and cut-offs will be in the participant guide.

3. Age and entry

Gravel Running 5K and 10K: minimum age 16, subject to applicable federation age categories; Gravel Running 20K: adults only (18 or older). Gravel Cycling 35K (untimed recreational ride): minimum age 16; Gravel Cycling 70K and 100K: adults only. Run & Ride 12K: minimum age 16 for each team member; Run & Ride 24K: adults only (18 or older) for both team members; 12H Endurance: adults only. Every eligible minor must provide written parent/guardian consent and the health documentation applicable to their event. Every participant must be registered by name; substitutions require organiser approval and document checks.

4. Health documents and licences

GRAVEL RUNNING: an accepted FFA licence or valid Pass Prévention Santé (PPS) for adults, under the applicable FFA rules; eligible minors require a health questionnaire and parent/guardian attestation, plus a medical certificate where required. GRAVEL CYCLING 70K/100K: an accepted competition licence or the medical/health documentation required under the chosen cycling framework; an FFA PPS does not automatically replace cycling documents. GRAVEL CYCLING 35K: untimed, unranked recreational ride; riders aged 16 or 17 require written parent/guardian consent and any other documents required under the chosen framework. RUN & RIDE 12K/24K: for each team member, the FFTRI framework applies: a valid FFTRI competition licence accepted for the event or, for those without an FFTRI licence, an FFTRI Licence Expérience and the corresponding health formalities; riders aged 16 or 17 additionally require written parent/guardian consent and a health questionnaire or medical certificate where required. Licences from other federations are not automatically equivalent. 12H ENDURANCE: health and licensing arrangements for the mixed-discipline format require confirmation with the federations and insurer. No start without the required approved documents.

5. Military site access

This is a restricted military site. All visitors must comply with the announced identity, access, movement and security checks; photo ID may be required. Entry to closed areas, photography of designated sensitive facilities or personnel, drone flights without express permission and leaving approved routes are forbidden. Military instructions take priority where required for safety or security.

6. Routes and conduct

Follow official markings, checkpoints, marshals and safety instructions. No shortcuts or unauthorised motorised support. Leaving the course or dangerous behaviour may result in penalties or removal. Where routes use roads open to traffic, road traffic laws apply.

7. Gravel Running equipment

Official bib clearly visible on the front and suitable off-road running shoes are compulsory. Water, charged phone, food and weather protection are recommended; some may be made compulsory depending on conditions. Outside assistance is permitted only in designated areas.

8. Gravel Cycling equipment

A properly fastened certified helmet, roadworthy bicycle and official race identification are compulsory. Electric assistance is not permitted in timed races. Detailed bike configurations and allowed equipment will be specified in the participant guide. Charged phone, repair kit, water, food and weather protection are strongly recommended. Unsafe equipment may be rejected.

9. Run & Ride 12K and 24K

Each pair comprises two participants, each meeting the minimum age for the event: 16 for the 12K and 18 for the 24K and one shared non-electric bicycle. Partners may alternate running and cycling, hand the bicycle directly from one to the other without gaining ground and remain together within the separation limits of the applicable technical rules. Both partners must cross the finish line together. An approved, fastened helmet is mandatory as specified in the event instructions, including during transitions. Final equipment and officiating requirements will be issued before the start.

10. 12H Endurance: participation and relays

Adults only, in teams of 2–6 named entrants. Throughout the 12 hours, at least one team member must be on the Gravel Running loop and another on the Gravel Cycling loop, subject to the relay and neutralisation procedures. Detailed relay rules, lap counting, rankings, penalties and interruption procedures will be set out in event-specific rules sent to every team before the event. Those rules form an integral part of the sporting regulations and must be accepted by each team before the start. One meal is included for each registered team member.

11. Timing and rankings

Timed individual races have women's and men's overall results, with optional further categories. Run & Ride is ranked by pair. The 12H ranking method must be defined in the technical appendix: proposed basis is valid laps in each sport, with tie-break rules published before racing. The 35K ride has no timing or ranking. Any combined challenge will be announced separately with its scoring rules before entries open.

12. Starts, cut-offs and withdrawals

Distances, routes, start times, cut-offs and access arrangements for Camp général de Castelnau are provisional and may change. For safety, weather, administrative or operational military reasons, the organiser may adjust or shorten routes, change start times and cut-offs, neutralise, postpone, stop or cancel all or part of the events. Changes will be communicated through official event channels as soon as reasonably practicable. Entrants must follow all military access and security instructions. Any financial consequences are governed by the cancellation and refund terms published at registration.

13. Safety and medical assistance

Participants must help anyone in danger and alert event emergency staff immediately. The event doctor, first aid personnel or race director may stop a participant for health or safety reasons. Aid posts, water stations and emergency contacts will appear in the participant guide. Dangerous weather, military orders or force majeure may require a delay, neutralisation, rerouting, suspension or cancellation.

14. Gravel Games spirit and environment

Respect the terrain, military facilities, volunteers, fellow participants, wildlife and vegetation. Dispose of litter only in designated areas. Do not damage fences, equipment or natural spaces. Fair play and mutual assistance are required.

15. Penalties and protests

Warnings, time penalties, relegation or disqualification may apply for shortcuts, missed checkpoints, invalid relays, fraud, helmet violations, prohibited equipment, unauthorised assistance, littering, dangerous behaviour or refusal to obey instructions. Sporting decisions are made by race management subject to any mandatory federation officials' powers. Written protests must be filed within 30 minutes of provisional results unless binding federation rules provide otherwise.

16. Insurance and liability

Public liability insurance

In accordance with applicable law, Wish One Racing, the organiser of the Gravel Games, will arrange insurance covering its civil liability and that of its staff and volunteers, as well as, within the terms and limits of the policy, any civil liability of participants covered during the event.
Such cover will operate alongside, or where appropriate in the absence of, participants’ own insurance. An insurance certificate may be provided upon request.

Personal accident insurance

Personal accident insurance is strongly recommended. Participants should check that their cover is appropriate for the sporting activities involved, including competition where applicable.
Participants without sufficient cover are encouraged to arrange additional insurance for bodily injury, medical expenses, search and rescue costs, assistance, repatriation and equipment damage. The organiser may offer partner insurance during registration.

Personal property

Participants remain responsible for supervising their bicycles, equipment and personal belongings. Any limitation of the organiser’s liability applies only to the extent permitted by law.

17. Cancellation, refunds and changes

Cancellation of an entry by a participant

Optional cancellation insurance is offered during Gravel Games registration through the registration platform and its insurance partner. It must be purchased before the order is finally confirmed. Subject to the circumstances, exclusions and limits set out in the policy terms, it allows the participant to seek reimbursement of entry fees paid.

Without cancellation insurance, voluntary withdrawal will generally not entitle the participant to a refund from the organiser, subject to mandatory applicable law and the entry terms disclosed before payment.

For Run & Ride pairs and 12-hour Endurance teams, the treatment of one member's withdrawal, substitution or any refund depends on the entry terms and the cancellation insurance policy. Cover for the entire pair or team is not automatically assumed.

Cancellation, postponement or material alteration of an event by the organiser is governed separately by the entry terms and applicable law. Nothing in this article limits participants' statutory rights.

18. Image rights and personal data

Photography and video use are subject to applicable image rights, child protection and data protection law. A separate privacy notice explains purposes, legal bases, recipients, retention and participant rights; specific consent is obtained where required, including for individual promotional uses. Health-related documents are limited to what is necessary and handled with appropriate safeguards. Privacy contact: contact@wishonecycles.com.

19. Effective date and language

These rules apply to the 2027 Gravel Games edition from the date of their official publication by the organiser. In the event of any difference in interpretation between language versions, the French version prevails.