



Technical Guide 2020

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This technical guide and the rules & regulations hereafter are current as of July 3rd 2018.

Preamble

In general, the regulations of Swiss Cycling and the UCI apply. The regulations listed in this document are additional provisions. In the event of any inconsistencies and where there is any doubt, the regulations of the UCI shall apply for all licenced athletes taking part in the Snow Bike Festival. The Snow Bike Festival will be a UCI Class 3 Marathon Race.

The race organiser (Snow Bike Festival AG) reserves the rights to update and amend these regulations at any time. It is the responsibility of the participant/rider to ensure they are always aware of these regulations and any changes made to them.

Bodies

Race organiser: Snow Bike Festival AG

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Phone: +41 41 450 56 52

Email: info@snowbikefestival.com

Race jury

The race jury is a neutral body selected by the race organiser, that makes final decisions on any complaints made by participants and officials.

Referees

The race organiser can designate referees who may report infractions of the rules to the race jury.

The Team

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Event Information

Date

January 19th 2020

It is a one-day marathon event that is part of a 3-day event. The UCI component of the event is only applicable to the Saturday Marathon Race

Venue

Gstaad, Canton Berne, Switzerland

Race Village (Ice Rink, Gstaad)

- Race Office / Registration
- Lunch & Dinner area
- Expo
- Doping control
- Toilet facilities

Language

All event communication will be in English and German.

Parking

Parking for teams, riders, spectators and the general public is available underneath and next to the ice rink. Please follow the Snow Bike Festival signposts which indicate where you can find parking spaces.

Transport

By car

Gstaad is located in the Canton of Berne, close to the French speaking part of Switzerland and is easily reachable by car. The driving time from Zurich Airport is 2.5 hours and 2 hours from both Basel and Geneva (both cities with international airports).

By train

The train station is located right in the center of Gstaad and offers frequent connections to most major Swiss cities. The rail journey from Zurich Airport takes just over 3 hours.

To search train timetables and to book rail transfers online, go to the website of the Swiss Railways (www.sbb.ch).

By air

There are various airports in Switzerland from which Gstaad is easily reachable. Airports in Zurich, Basel and Geneva are all within 2 to 2.5 hours drive and a 2.5 to 3 hour train ride from Gstaad. Zurich Airport offers connections to most major international destinations around the globe.

Categories

Snow Bike Festival UCI MEN	one man	18 years and older (as of Dec. 31 st 2019)
Snow Bike Festival UCI WOMEN	one woman	18 years and older (as of Dec. 31 st 2019)
Snow Bike Festival MEN	one man	16 years and older (as of Dec. 31 st 2019)
Snow Bike Festival WOMEN	one woman	16 years and older (as of Dec. 31 st 2019)

Rankings

Snow Bike Festival MEN	licenced riders and amateurs
Snow Bike Festival UCI MEN	licenced riders only
Snow Bike Festival WOMEN	licenced riders and amateurs
Snow Bike Festival UCI WOMEN	licenced riders only

UCI Points (UCI Marathon – Class 3)

Place	UCI Points
1	10
2	6
3	4
4	2
5	1

Prize money (in EUR)

MEN and WOMEN receive the same PRIZE MONEY

1st - 200

2nd - 150

3rd - 100

4th - 75

5th - 50

Prize money will be paid out in cash at the Race Office on Saturday (January 18th 2020), and must be collected by the rider – no prize money will be paid out by EFT.

Event Program

Saturday January 18th 2020

Day 2

9:30	Start	GSTAAD Promenade
	Finish	Race Village
11:00 – 15:00	Lunch	Race Village

Online Registration & Entry Fee

Registration is done through the online registration portal provided by Race Result. Riders can register via www.snowbikefestival.com. The number of participants is limited. A participant's registration is only confirmed when the entry/registration fee has been paid in full. Payments shall be made via methods offered by Race Result. Installment payments are not possible.

Entry package

The race organizer offers one type of entry package, known as the "Race Pass". This entry package includes the following offerings:

- Rider accreditation
- Water point nutrition
- Event guide
- Official 2019 Snow Bike Festival – Finishers Medal

Registration and race numbers

Each rider is also given a race number for his/her handlebars. This number must be affixed to the designated spot and made clearly visible throughout the race. The handlebar number must always be affixed to the handlebar of the bike the rider uses. The race numbers may not be altered, cropped or have anything pasted to them. Sponsors' logos may not be removed or manipulated in any way.

UCI riders are obliged to present a valid UCI license as well as proof of identity when registering. UCI licenses will be inspected by Swiss Cycling and UCI officials.

In order to participate, riders must complete and sign the [Liability Waiver](#). If not completed online before the event, riders will be required to sign this at registration.

Race Briefing & UCI Rider Meeting

There will be a briefing for all participants the morning before the race. The briefing will include a discussion of particular features and dangerous areas on the upcoming race, including potential changes to the route. Attendance is compulsory for all riders.

Route

Length of Race

Distance: 60km

Total Ascent: 1546m

Total Descent: 1546m

Max Elevation: 1405m

Route preparation

Route preparation will be handled by the GSTAAD Bergbahnen company.

Route marking

Route marking will be carried out in accordance to UCI regulations.

Route details

The Race will start in the centre of GSTAAD on the Promenade and take riders through the beautiful Villages of Saanen and Lauenen and deep into the Valleys around GSTAAD. Finish is at the Race Village (Ice Rink, Promenade Gstaad).

Route Maps

Route maps will be published on www.snowbikefestival.com/routes in mid-December 2019.

GPS Devices

In case of extreme weather conditions, where route marking may become difficult to see, we encourage riders to bring their own GPS devices. All routes GPS files will be made available for the riders. These files must only be used for the race and may not be shared.

Course

The riders must complete the entire course. Only riders who complete the entire course within the allotted maximum time will qualify as official race finishers. At all times, every rider must follow the official race route and obey the directions of the course marshals. They may not take shortcuts or adopt any other tactics that would gain them an unfair advantage over fellow competitors. Each rider is personally responsible for following the official route. Riders who leave the course for any reason must return to the course at the same point from which they exited.

The actual course and distance of the route and tallied elevations may vary from the published listings and may be changed at short notice due to external circumstances.

Certain sections of the course may be available for training. Details will be published later.

Timekeeping

Riders are timed individually via a transponder affixed to their number board. This transponder must remain affixed to the number board for the entire duration of each day.

Each rider is personally responsible for ensuring his/her transponder is mounted properly and that it is registered when he/she crosses the timing mats during the race.

No rider may at any time carry more than one transponder or pass his/her transponder to another rider.

The start will remain open for 15 minutes after the official start time for the last zone. Riders arriving late will start the race with a corresponding time deficit. In such cases, the maximum time will not be extended. Participants who arrive at the start more than 15 minutes after the last official start time will not be allowed to race and will receive no official result on that day. They will be listed under DNS (did not start) in the day's results.

Race start

The riders must assemble in the designated starting blocks within the start chute no later than 20 minutes prior to the official start time. Starting blocks will be assigned on the basis of the current overall ranking and will be posted the evening before at the race office.

The race organizer may assign different (i.e. staggered) start times for individual starting blocks. Should this be the case, all the rules in these regulations pertaining to start times shall apply to the start time for the assigned starting block.

The individual starting blocks will close ten minutes before the official start time. Riders who arrive too late must line up at the end of the last block.

Once the riders have entered the starting block they must remain there until the start.

Finish / Maximum time /Cut-off times

Times are taken when competitors cross the finish line. Riders may cross the finish line on foot, provided they have their mountain bikes with them.

A maximum time (e.g. 6 p.m.) is announced for the race. Those who do not cross the finish line before this time (e.g. 6:15 p.m.) will be excluded from the overall results. This maximum time is not a duration (e.g. eight hours) but a time (e.g. 6 p.m.).

The race organizer may change this maximum time at short notice. A decision to prolong the maximum time (e.g. plus one hour = 7 p.m.) may also be made during the day.

The race organizer can designate various cut-off points along the route (such as at a water point) that must be reached within a certain time. Riders who fail to reach these cut-off points within the designated time will be removed from the race.

If a rider cannot continue the race, all efforts will be taken to transport the rider and bike to the finish area at the individual's expense.

Official finishers are those who have completed the race as stipulated in these regulations within the maximum time allowed and on their mountain bike.

Invitations

The race organizer reserves the right to invite additional riders, especially top international riders.

Prize giving

The prize giving ceremony will take place 20 minutes after the 3rd placed rider for the respective category has crossed the finish line. Riders must be present for the prize giving ceremony. Failure to appear at the prize giving ceremony will mean the rider forfeits the prize money for that day. This prize giving ceremony takes place in the Finish Village.

Medical and hospital service

The closest Hospital is located in Zweisimmen (16km – 20min by car)

Spital Zweisimmen
Karl Haueter-Strasse 21
CH - 3770 Zweisimmen

Samaritans of the “Samariterverein” will be placed at different points along the race route to ensure they are able to help any participants who require medical assistance.

Safety

Participants must wear cycling helmets that comply with international ANSI standards. Fatbikes, Plus Bikes and Mountain Bikes must be in good working order and race ready at the start of each race. The bicycles may be propelled only through a chainset and by the rider's leg action, without any form of assistance (electrical or otherwise). Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bike for the duration of the event. Appropriate riding attire, must be worn at all times. It is the responsibility of the rider to carry adequate clothing and be prepared for sudden weather changes as may be appropriate to cycling in winter conditions.

The event does not have exclusive use of public and private roads during each race and participants must abide by the accepted rules of the road at all times. Participants must obey the instruction of race marshals and traffic officials at all times. Participants may not take part in this event while under the influence of alcohol, any drug or medication. All medical and emergency

evacuation costs, incurred by the organizers on the participants' behalf, will be for the account of the participant involved.

The race manager and/or race organizers reserve the right to prevent a rider from continuing the race on receipt of medical advice from an official race medic. The decision of the race manager and/or the race organizers in this regard shall be final.

Spikes

As per UCI regulations, UCI category riders will not be allowed to use tyres with spikes. Amateur riders will however be allowed to use tyres with spikes.

Media

Accreditation

All media members (journalists, photographers, TV crews, etc.) must apply for accreditation prior to the event or directly on-site during the event. Accreditation can be collected at the Finish Village shortly before or during the event. Further details will be announced closer to the event.

Interviews

Upon request, riders will be made available from interviews.

Participation requirements & Liability

Race participants do not require a racing license; however, they must be at least 18 years of age on January 1st of the year of the event.

All participants must follow the regulations set out in this document and the traffic laws in the Swiss Road Traffic Act. Participants must meet the requirements of the race organiser and follow instructions from officials at all times.

Participants must be in good mental and physical health. The race organiser may exclude any participant that is deemed to not meet an appropriate standard of mental and physical health. Participants acknowledge that they are in good health and have trained adequately as might be expected of a person for such an event.

All participants must have health and accident insurance which provides cover in Switzerland as well as rescue and transport insurance. The insurance must cover the full costs of an emergency transport. The race organiser recommends a REGA patronage (www.rega.ch). Furthermore, it is advisable to purchase cancellation risk insurance as the race organiser will not refund any fees at any point in time.

Participants take part in the race/event at their own risk. Participants release the Snow Bike Festival AG, the event organisers, and other staff, helpers, volunteers and medical staff involved in this event from all liability. Included are any claims, that myself, my heirs or other 3rd party's may make on my behalf, due to injuries suffered, damages caused and/or death. Furthermore, participants release the Snow Bike Festival AG, the event organisers, and other staff, helpers, volunteers and medical staff from all liability towards 3rd party's, as long as these 3rd party's incurred damages and/or injuries caused by my participation in the Snow Bike Festival.

Cancellation insurance

Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances. The race organizer advises that participants purchase their own cancellation insurance. The insurance is not provided by the race organizer and lies in the participant's responsibility.

Withdrawal

Participants who register for the Snow Bike Festival are under the obligation to make payment. Participants may withdraw from the event; however, no entry fees will be refunded by the race organizer. The race organizer advises participants to purchase cancellation insurance (see Cancellation insurance section).

If the Snow Bike Festival is cancelled or cut short for any reason whatsoever, participants may not claim a refund for their entry package.

Doping

Violations of anti-doping regulations and doping sanctions are pursued in accordance with the regulatory statutes of Antidoping Switzerland, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Cycling Union. Unannounced doping tests may be performed at any time. The Antidoping tests will be carried out in the "Anti-Doping" tent at the Finish Village.

Referees

Referees will be deployed to ensure participants comply with regulations and to report any infractions of the rules to the race jury and the UCI commissioner.

Complaints

Complaints against referees' decisions and other determinations made by the race organizer (regarding timekeeping, misconduct, etc.) must be submitted in writing to the Race Office. This must describe the nature of the complaint, mention relevant witnesses, and be accompanied by a deposit of CHF 100. Complaints from official volunteers and organization committee members require no deposit.

As a rule, the complaint must be submitted within an hour after the rider has been informed of the referee's decision. If the rider is informed of the decision during the race, the complaint must be made within one hour of the rider crossing the finish line. Complaints regarding ranking must be submitted within an hour of the ranking being posted.

Race jury decisions

A race jury assembled by the race organizer will make rulings on complaints. The race jury's decisions are final and cannot be contested. If the complaint is upheld, the CHF 100 deposit will be refunded.

Technical assistance

Technical material may be dropped off at one of the official waterpoints by a rider's supporter. No actual assistance may be given by this supporter to the rider. The rider must make any repairs himself/herself.

Support from third parties

No third-party support may be accepted from bystanders. This rule does not apply in case of crashes, injuries or other emergencies. Racers may not allow themselves to be pushed or pulled by a third party or load their bicycle onto a vehicle. Riders must complete the entire course with their bikes; however, they may carry or push their bikes.

Riders may not receive help from people accompanying them during the race. Riders may not leave the course to get help at bike shops. If they exit the course, riders must re-enter the race at the exact same spot.

Drafting behind fellow competitors within their own category is allowed. Drafting is NOT allowed behind riders within another category (i.e. women may not draft behind men). Drafting behind a rider who is “out of competition” or someone who is not a race participant is not allowed. No other form of drafting is permitted, including – but not limited to – drafting behind private vehicles, motorbikes, trucks and official race vehicles.

People accompanying participants during the race may cheer on riders along the route, but may under no circumstances pass on materials, clothing or provisions. Assistance is only permitted in the case of injury and in medical emergencies. People accompanying participants during the race must not impede riders (or vehicles) in any way.

Riders may not be accompanied on the course by pacesetters, accompanying persons or bystanders (e.g. in cars, on motorbikes, bicycles, on foot or travelling by any other means).

Provisions, drinks, clothes or replacement parts may only be received in officially marked zones from official Snow Bike Festival personal. Riders may accept assistance from other competitors throughout the race.

Traffic regulations & Code of Conduct

The race takes place on public and freely accessible routes. Vehicles, people and animals not associated with the race may be present on the course at any given time.

All regular traffic regulations must be strictly observed at all times. In Switzerland, drivers drive on the right-hand side of the road. Instructions from race marshals and uniformed public safety officials (police officers, fire-fighters, paramedics, traffic assistants, etc.) must be strictly obeyed at all times.

Riders must always ride on the right-hand side of the road and never, under any circumstances, cut corners; they must always assume there may be oncoming traffic.

Riders must never cross closed or blinking railway crossings.

Slower riders must give way to faster riders who are attempting to overtake them.

On sections where it is compulsory to push the bike, riders may not overtake.

Each rider must travel at speeds that are within his/her ability and act responsibly. All race sections, especially descents, must be navigated with the utmost care. Riders must be prepared to brake at all times, especially during descents.

Riders are obliged to notify other participants of dangers.

Riders must be mindful of hikers and walkers and, when in doubt, grant them the right of way.

Riders who crash or whose bikes have mechanical defects must vacate the course immediately; any first aid measures or repairs are to be performed at the side of the course.

Riders are not allowed to change lanes during final sprints.

Riders must strictly obey the riding bans on those sections of the course where the race organizer has instituted no-riding zones. This also applies to UCI-licensed athletes. Compliance will be monitored. Anyone disregarding riding bans will be immediately disqualified.

Offences and Penalties

The race jury may penalize riders who fail to obey the generally accepted rules of sportsmanship. Penalties can include:

- Warning
- Time penalties
- Declassification
- Disqualification

Anyone observing a rider violating the rules must inform the race jury about the offence. The race jury decides if a penalty applies or not.

Disqualification

Disqualification means that a rider is pulled out of the race and is denied permission to compete on any further days of the event.

Abandoning the race

The race organizer may suspend, change or abandon the race at its discretion whenever it deems this necessary out of safety concerns or for any other pertinent reason.

Withdrawal from the race

Riders who, for whatever reason, do not wish to, or are unable to, continue the race are obliged to officially notify an official at the race office or to call the race hotline (number to be announced), and to personally withdraw from the race and return the transponder in case they do not start for the next day.

Should a rider fail to properly inform race officials of his or her withdrawal and should this result in a search-and-rescue operation, the rider shall bear the cost of said operation.

If a rider fails to reach a cut-off point within the time allowed, can only finish with external assistance (e.g. bus, train, motor vehicle), or is unable to finish at all, that rider will be excluded from the overall ranking and deemed "out of competition". However, the rider will still be allowed to start on the following days.

Environment & Littering

Discarding any items (rubbish, gel tubes, drinking bottles, bicycle inner tubes, etc.) in areas outside the designated zones is prohibited and will be punished with a time penalty or disqualification.

Summary

Remember to have fun at all times, as this is an experience of a lifetime!