



RULES OF THE GRAND RAID BCVS

The Grand Raid BCVS is a popular VTT race open to anyone over the age of 15yrs. However, there are certain requirements, in particular related to age :

- Parental authorisation is obligatory for those under 18yrs.
- Juniors are not allowed to race from Verbier

1. REGISTRATION AND TECHNICAL CONTROL

- 1.1 Only participants who have paid before or during the day of the technical control and whose names appear on Datasport's official starting list are considered registered. Those who have not paid their registration fee 15 days before the race will not have their names on the frame plates.
- 1.2 The Race Committee (CCO) reserves the right to refuse registration.
- 1.3 Registration for the Raidy (kid's race) is also possible on the day of the race.
- 1.4 The organisation of the Grand Raid BCVS has a no refund and no adjournment policy in the event of accident or illness. Riders have the option to purchase cancellation insurance at the time of registration through Datasport
- 1.5 The registration is not transferable. Each participant in the Grand Raid BCVS must be personally insured for accident, and must possess a plan covering the cost of rescue or will be liable to pay transport charges himself/herself. Participants have the option to take out insurance with our partner LA REGA.
- 1.6 Each participant must have a personal accident insurance and must have his rescue car don him whilst racing.
- 1.7 Only categories with a minimum of 10 racers will be called to the podium. The Course Committee reserves the right to cancel a category if a minimum of 10 participants is not reached.
- 1.8 Each participant must have his bike checked by one of our checkpoint partner shop before the race. For foreigners or people who are unable to do so, the bike can also be checked on Friday before the race where the bib numbers are collected.
- 1.9 Only riders with a signed confirmation from that their bike is OK will receive their bib numbers on Friday in Sion (Place de la Planta) between 11h00 and 19h00.
- 1.10 The last information and recommendations will be send by email during the week before the race
- 1.11 The Grand Raid is subject to the Swiss Olympic Association's "Statute Concerning Doping" (revised 12 May 2005), and may, therefore, carry out doping checks. In registering and taking

part in the competition, participants become subject to the anti-doping provisions of the Swiss Olympic Association and acknowledge the sole competence of the SOA's Disciplinary Committee on doping as well as that of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), to the exclusion of any other ordinary court. They are also liable for the consequences of an infraction, which include suspension and criminal charges.

2. THE RACE

- 2.1 The Race Committee (CCO) reserves the right to modify the route at any time, in the interest of the participants and their safety.
- 2.2 The starting line will be determined according to the number of registered participants and the results of the last 3 years.
- 2.3 Mandatory equipment: A standard mountain bike helmet and a repair kit are mandatory as well as a charged mobile phone. The frame plate must be fixed to the bicycle frame to identify the participant's start group.
- 2.4 Bicycles may not be changed during the race.
- 2.5 For safety reasons, the use of audio devices with earphones is strictly forbidden. Contravention of this rule will result in disqualification.
- 2.6 Any unofficial motorised assistance on the course is strictly forbidden. Offenders will be reported to the police.
- 2.7 Competitors must strictly comply with instructions given by officials responsible for the event and its various sectors. The Race Committee (CCO) accepts no responsibility in the event of an accident of any kind involving participants or third parties.
- 2.8 In the interest of safety, participants must comply with race stoppage times.
- 2.9 Drop-outs: for security reasons, any participant dropping out of the race must continue to the nearest control post to present himself/herself and to return his/her microchip. There will be a charge for non-returned chips. Injured participants must report their withdrawal to the organisers as soon as possible and, at the latest, at the end of the course. Any breach may incur costs which will be paid by the competitor.
- 2.10 Participants who fail to pass the technical control or who arrive late, as well as those who have not passed obligatory check-points along the course, will be disqualified. Participants who do not comply with the organisation's regulations or instructions will also be disqualified.
- 2.11 Environmental protection: All participants make a commitment to respect the environment. No litter will be disposed of on the course, except in designated areas at refreshment stations. Failure to comply with this rule may incur disqualification.
- 2.12 Those who disclaim these rules or any instructions given by any commissaire or official at any time during the course of the event is subject to disqualification.

3. RESULTS AND OTHER

- 3.1 Only participants who cross the finish line in Grimentz will be ranked. Participants who have dropped out or have been eliminated will not be ranked. Intermediate times do not count for final ranking even if they have been officially recorded.

- 3.2 Any complaint must be submitted in writing to the competition jury within 15 minutes of a participant's arrival, and must be accompanied by a deposit of CHF 100.
- 3.3 If the event must be interrupted, a ranking can be made only if a minimum of 10% of the starting bloc from the 4 start points has arrived and crossed the finish line.
- 3.4 In the event of the race termination while it's already on or cancellation on the same day (eg: due to poor weather conditions), registration and transportation fees will not be refunded.
- 3.5 The CCO reserves the right to determine the prize winners. The top three in each category will receive a prize. The organisers may ask participants to supply their frame plate as well as valid identification before awarding the prize. In case of absence, the prize can be sent to the competitor for the cost of postage. The prize-money must be received on site on the day of the race.
- 3.6 The Race Committee (CCO) accepts no responsibility for damage, loss or theft of a participant's belongings or bicycle, including during periods of stoppage.
- 3.7 The CCO reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time, in the interest of participants and their safety.
- 3.8 Image right: Each participant automatically authorize the Grand Raid BCVS to use and exploit pictures of him, name, sport performance for the use of communication supports directly and indirectly linked to the race.
- 3.9 Acceptance of regulations: By competing in the race, participants automatically and fully accept these regulations.

4. Rules for the Relay Race :

- 4.1 The course is from Verbier to Grimentz.
- 4.2 The team consists of 4 members.
- 4.3 Each rider will race only one part of the race, the course being divided in 4 course :
Verbier – Nendaz : 32km – 1081m ascending elevation (AE)
Nendaz – Hérémente : 25km – 948m AE
Hérémente – Evolène : 31km – 1151m AE
Evolène – Grimentz : 37km – 1845m AE
- 4.4 The relay will be transmitted in a defined area at the arrival of each course.
- 4.5 Transportation to Grimentz is organized for each participant from the arrival of his course

5. Rules for the Team Challenge category :

- 5.1 The category is open to any rider who comply with the Grand Raid BCVS's rules
- 5.2 Each member races as a team.
- 5.3 A team consists in 3 participants, racing one of a choice of 4 routes. A fourth competitor may be registered, but only as a substitute. Teams can be mixed (men + women)
- 5.4 Each team registers its chosen name.

- 5.5 The full name of one competitor in each team must be given as the contact person at the time of registration (Team leader).
- 5.6 If one of the three riders drops out during the preparation for the Grand Raid, the team has the right to make a change. A fourth competitor can be registered as a substitute for one of the three team members (art.3) free of charge. It is essential that the team leader announces any change in the composition of the team by 31 July at the latest. If no change is announced by that deadline, the fourth rider is no longer regarded as substitute and is automatically registered as an individual rider and classed accordingly (by date of birth).
- 5.7 The race time is recorded when the 3rd rider crosses the finishing line, thus establishing the team time. The 3 competitors must cross the finishing line for the team to be classified

6. Particular regulations regarding the E-Bike category

- 6.1 The category is open to all riders who comply with the Grand Raid BCVS regulations.
- 6.2 Only non-licensed riders are allowed to start the Evolène - Hérémece - Nendaz - Verbier.
- 6.3 The engine power must not exceed 250 W.
- 6.4 Batteries may only be changed at the technical control stations provided at the feed stations along the course. The rider is responsible for the transport and the recovery of the battery.
- 6.5 It is recommended to use 3 batteries to complete the course from Verbier.
- 6.6 It is strictly forbidden to carry a battery during the race.
- 6.7 The technical assistance of the Grand Raid BCVS will only deal with problems related to the functioning of the bike, and will not intervene in any way on the electronic assistance system.
- 6.8 Start times
 - Evolène: 7.45 am
 - Hérémece: 6.45 am
 - Nendaz: 6.45 am
 - Verbier: 6.45 am
- 6.9 Due to the impossibility of verifying the number of batteries used and to respect fairness, there is no podium for this category for each start.

7. Recommendations E-RAID OIKEN category

The e-Raid is open to electrically assisted mountain bikes, but also to traditional mountain bikes. The concept, which is intended to be simple and friendly, includes the following points:

- There is no classification on the course, the chip is only a control of the start and finish of the participant, on the number.
- The withdrawal of the number is done the day before the race, on the Place de la Planta, Sion, from 11am to 7pm.

- No technical control of the bike is required.
- Helmets must be worn by all participants, with chinstrap fastened.
- It is compulsory to ride with headlights on.
- Electricity supply points are available in Vercorin, but participants must bring their own chargers.
- The security service is reduced and in case of an incident the race emergency number 027 565 87 07 will be used.
- A simplified marking system will be put in place by the organisation of the OIKEN e-Raid.
- There is no passage through the Pas de Lona.
- Refreshment points are organised along the route with products such as water, fruit, cereal bars, etc... but also with local products.
- The start in Nax is open to all, with a rolling course with no particular difficulties.
- The participant is free to choose to go up by cable car to the Crêt-du-Midi or by e-bike following the signposts.
- The start is free between 9 and 10 am (passing under the OIKEN starting arch).
- Part of the route will be on open roads, which means that the rules of the road and fair play towards other users must be respected.
- A bus system will be used to get back to Sion, no return to Nax is planned at the end of the day.

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