

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION

The "50th Volta ao Algarve em Bicicleta" is organized by the **UVP – Portuguese Cycling Federation** – Rua de Campolide 237, 1070-030 Lisboa, under the regulations of the International Cycling Union (UCI). It will take place from 14th to 18th February 2024.

ARTICLE 2. TYPE OF EVENT

This race is open to athletes of the **Men Elite and Under 23** categories. It is listed on the **UCI EuropeTour** calendar.

The race is registered as a class 2. Pro event, therefore, the following points are awarded for the UCI Rankings:

Final overall individual classification: 200 – 150 – 125 – 100 – 85 – 70 – 60 – 50 – 40 – 35 – 30 – 25 – 20 – 15 – 10 – 5 (from 16th place to 30th) – 3 (from 31st place to 40th).

Stages: 20 – 15 – 10 – 5 – 3

Yellow Jersey (each stage): 5.

ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION

In accordance with article 2.1.005 of the UCI regulations, the event is open to the following teams: **UCI WorldTeams (max 70%), UCI ProTeams, UCI Continental Teams of the hosting country and foreign UCI Continental Teams (max. 2).**

In accordance with articles 2.2.003 and 2.2.003bis of the UCI regulations, the number of riders per team is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 riders.

ARTICLE 4. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURES AND RACE HEADQUARTERS

The registration of the riders and team staff members must be carried out through the respective forms sent by the Organizer, within the regulatory deadline. The Sport Director should send the **72h UCI Form** indicating the titular riders and the two substitute riders, as well as all the team staff members.

The **pre-race secretariat** will take place on **February 13th, starting at 2 p.m.**, in the Auditório do Museu de Portimão (Rua D. Carlos, Zona Ribeirinha, 8500-607 Portimão)

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The **confirmation of the participants and the delivery of the bib numbers** to the responsible of the teams takes place at the secretariat from **3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**, on February 13th, 2024.

The **meeting of the Sporting Directors**, organized in accordance with Articles 1.2.087 and 2.2.093 of the UCI Regulation, in the presence of the members of the Commissaires' Panel, takes place at **5:00 p.m.**, at the same location as the secretariat.

The **Safety Briefing takes place at 6:00 p.m.**, in the same location as the secretariat.

According to the article 2.2.034bis, on all events registered on the UCI international calendar, the Organizer shall provide a briefing to be attended by all people who will be driving a car or a motorbike in the race convoy, as well as, a representative of the television production broadcaster, a representative of the security forces of the race and the commissaires' panel.

The briefing shall be conducted by the President of the Commissaires' Panel (PCP) based on the training material drawn up by the UCI and adapted according to the event in question. The Organizer, in conjunction with the PCP, shall also provide the relevant technical elements specific to their event relating to the circulation of vehicles in the race convoy.

According to the article 2.2.035, only the drivers have attended the safety briefing, in the sense of article 2.2.034bis, are allowed to drive in the race convoy.

All detailed information should be sent in advance by email to the people attending the meetings.

Accreditation of all elements should preferably be done online.

There will be no race headquarters at the finish site of the stages for distribution of communiqués or accreditation, only working rooms for organization and media. The race classifications and the communiqués will be sent by email and/or made available online. The paper version and the numbers of the team cars will be distributed at the race headquarters of the start of the following day.

TEAMS PRESENTATION

The instructions on the presentation of the teams will be published on the release to be issued before the Sports Directors' meeting.

ARTICLE 5: INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

In the individual time trial, the gap between the start of each rider will be of 1 minute, in the reverse order of the general individual classification by time, after the previous stage, however for the last 10 riders, the interval between the start of each will be of 2 minutes. The Commissaires' Panel may modify that order to prevent two riders of the same team to ride consecutively.

In accordance with Article 2.4.010 of the UCI Regulation, each rider must present for bike check up to 15 minutes before their start time.

ARTICLE 6. RADIO FREQUENCY

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ARTICLE 7. NEUTRAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The technical support service is handled by Shimano with 3 neutral cars.

ARTICLE 8. RACE'S INCIDENTS IN THE LAST 3 KILOMETERS

The article 2.6.027 of the UCI Regulations applies in all the stages, except in the following ones: **2nd and 5th.**

Decisions related to this article are taken independently by the Commissaires' Panel.

ARTICLE 9. FINISH TIME LIMIT

Considering the characteristics of each stage, the finishing time limits have been set as follows:

1st stage: 10%

2nd stage: 15%

3rd stage: 10%

4th stage: 25%

5th stage: 15%

In exceptional cases only, unpredictable and of force majeure, the Commissaires Panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the organiser.

In case riders out of the time limit are given a second chance by the president of the Commissaires Panel, all points awarded in the general classifications of the various secondary classifications shall be withdrawn.

ARTICLE 10. CLASSIFICATIONS

The following classifications are established:

- 1) **Individual General Classification by Time** - Yellow Jersey
- 2) **Points General Classification** - Green Jersey
- 3) **Mountain General Classification** - Blue Jersey
- 4) **Youth General Classification** - White Jersey
- 5) **Teams General Classification**
- 6) **Most Combative Rider Prize**
- 7) **Bonuses**

1) INDIVIDUAL GENERAL CLASSIFICATION BY TIME

The stage individual classification will be determined according to the order of crossing the finishing line.

The individual general classification by time will be obtained by summing the time in each stage for each rider, considering the penalties. The rider with the smaller sum of time will be the best classified.

If there is a tie between two or more riders, the hundredths of a second registered in the individual time trial stage will be considered and the rider with less hundredths of a second will be the best classified.

If the tie persists, or in the absence of individual time trial stages, the sum of the points obtained in each stage will be considered and the rider with the smaller sum will be the best classified. The points will be given according to the positions obtained: one point to the first, two points to the second, three points to the third, and so on.

If the tie persists, the best position obtained in the last stage will be used to break the tie.

The leader of the general classification will wear the **yellow jersey**.

2) POINTS GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

It will be obtained by summing the points of each rider on the finish of each stage and on each intermediate sprint "Meta Volante" (MV). The rider with the largest sum of points will be the best classified.

The following points will be awarded:
"Metas Volantes":

6 - 4 and 2 points to the first 3 riders

Finish line:

- Stages 1st and 3rd

25 - 20 - 16 - 13 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2 and 1 points to the first 10 riders;

- Stages 2nd and 5th

15 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 and 1 points to the first 10 riders.

If several riders are classified ex-aequo, to each of them will be awarded the points corresponding to the first place in which the ex-aequo begins.

In accordance with Article 2.6.017 of the UCI Regulation, in case of a tie in the points classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the tie is broken:

1. Number of stage wins,
2. Number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for the points classification,
3. General Classification.

To benefit of the prizes of the final general classification, the rider must have completed the entire course of the race within the finishing time limits.

The leader of the points classification will wear the **green jersey**.

3) MOUNTAIN CLASSIFICATION

It will be obtained by summing the points of each rider on the climbs indicated as "Prémio da Montanha" (PM). The rider with the largest sum of points will be the best classified.

The following points will be awarded considering the category of each climb:

Rank	Points			
	PM 1st cat.	PM 2nd cat.	PM 3rd cat.	PM 4th cat.
1st	10	6	4	3
2nd	8	4	3	2
3rd	6	3	2	1
4th	4	2		
5th	2			

In accordance with Article 2.6.017 of the UCI Regulation, in case of a tie in the mountain classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the tie is broken:

1. Number of first places in the highest category climbs;
2. Number of first places on climbs in the next inferior category and so on;
3. General Classification.

To benefit of the prizes of the final general classification, the rider must have completed the entire course of the race within the finishing time limits.

The leader of the mountain classification will wear the **blue jersey**.

4) YOUTH GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

The Youth General Classification is reserved to the Under23 category riders, according to the Individual General Classification by Time.

The leader of the youth general classification will wear the **white jersey**.

5) TEAM GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

The Teams Classification for the day shall be calculated based on the sum of the three best individual times from each team.

In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated by the sum of the places acquired by their three best times on the stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the placing of their best rider on the stage classification.

The Team General Classification shall be calculated based on the sum of the three best individual times from each team in each stage ridden. In the event of a draw, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the teams are separated:

1. number of first places in the daily team classifications
2. number of second positions in the daily team classifications, and so on.

If there is still a draw, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider in the general individual classification.

Any team reduced to fewer than three riders shall be eliminated from the Team General Classification.

6) MOST COMBATIVE RIDER PRIZE

The Most Combative Rider Prize is under the responsibility of the race organizer and is assigned in all the stages except the Individual Time Trial to the most competitive rider, according to the online public vote.

7) BONUSES

According to article 2.6.019, time bonuses are awarded with exclusive impact on the individual general classification in all stages in line.

Bonuses are awarded on the intermediate sprints "Meta Volante" and at the finish of each point-to-point stage, as following:

In each "Meta Volante":

6' - 4' and 2' to the top 3 riders

In each finish line:

10' - 6' and 4' to the top 3 riders.

ARTICLE 11. PRIZES

The following prizes are awarded:

1) STAGE CLASSIFICATION AND INDIVIDUAL GENERAL CLASSIFICATION BY TIME

Stage Classification		Final General Classification	
Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st	3.615€	1st	9.037,50€
2nd	1.805€	2nd	4.512,50€
3rd	905€	3rd	2.262,50€
4th	455€	4th	1.137,50€
5th	365€	5th	912,50€
6th	270€	6th	675,00€
7th	270€	7th	675,00€
8th	180€	8th	450,00€
9th	180€	9th	450,00€
10th » 20th	95€	10th » 20th	237,50€

2) POINTS CLASSIFICATION

Each "Meta Volante"		Final General Classification	
Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st	50€	1st	250€

3) MOUNTAIN CLASSIFICATION

Each "Prémio de Montanha" (PM)				Final General Classif.	
Rank	Prize			Rank	Prize
	PM 1st	PM 2nd	PM 3rd	PM 4th	
1st	80€	60€	35€	25€	1st 250€
2nd	50€	40€	25€	15€	
3rd	35€	25€	15€	10€	

4) YOUTH CLASSIFICATION

Final General Classification	
Rank	Prize
1st	250€

5) TEAMS CLASSIFICATION

Final General Classification	
Rank	Prize
1st	Trophy

6) JERSEYS' LEADERS

Leader per stage*	
Jersey	Prize
Yellow	40€
Green	30€
Blue	30€
White	30€

* When the leader of a classification does not wear the leader jersey because he is the leader of another classification, the daily prize will be divided between the leader (50%) and the rider wearing the jersey (50%).
The overall total prize money of the race is **70.940,00 €**.

ARTICLE 12. ANTIDOPING CONTROL

The UCI antidoping regulations are entirely applicable to the event.
The antidoping tests will take place in a caravan parked near the finish line.

ARTICLE 13. AWARD CEREMONY (ART. 1.2.112, 1.2.113 & 2.6.018BIS)

Based on the classifications established by the Organizer, riders are obliged to perform at the official protocol ceremony for the award of prizes, jerseys and symbols as following:

After each stage:

- Stage **winner**;
- The **leaders** of the different general classifications: Individual General Classification (**Yellow Jersey**); Points General Classification (**Green Jersey**); Mountain General Classification (**Blue Jersey**); Youth General Classification (**White Jersey**);
- Most Combative Rider Prize winner.

The riders shall present themselves at the podium no later than 10 minutes after crossing the finish line. In the case of dropped riders from the main group, they should present themselves **immediately upon their arrival**.

In addition, at the end of the final stage:

- The **2nd and 3rd** of the Individual General Classification;
- The **winning Team** of the Teams General Classification and its Sport Director.

LEADER'S JERSEYS

The leader of each classification must wear the respective distinctive jersey. If a rider is the leader of multiple classifications, the order of priority of the leaders' jerseys is as follows:

- 1) General Classification - **Yellow Jersey**
- 2) Points Classification - **Green Jersey**
- 3) Mountain Classification - **Blue Jersey**
- 4) Youth Classification - **White Jersey**

If a rider is leader of several classifications, he will wear only one jersey according to the order of priority indicated above. In this case, the next rider in this classification will wear the jersey in question, unless he is the leader of another classification or if he must wear the World Champion, Continental Champion or National Champion jersey or the leader's jersey of a Cup, Circuit, Series or UCI Ranking.

PROTOCOL ON THE START OF THE STAGES (EXCEPT FOR TT)

The wearers of the leaders' jerseys should take the start from the first row, they should be present no later than 10 minutes before the neutralized start time.

ARTICLE 14. PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

ARTICLE 15. INSURANCES

In accordance with articles 1.1.006 and 1.1.022 of the UCI regulations, all riders and teams' technical staff should be covered by insurance covering all kind of accidents that may happen during the competition and their consequences in terms of civil responsibility.

The organizer bears no responsibility for any damage caused to third parties and/or material damages before, during, and after the stages always and when it complies with the security rules established in the UCI regulations.

In accordance with article 1.2.034, the organizer is required to have risk coverage insurance.

ARTICLE 16. ENVIRONMENT

The organisation of this race, safeguarding the good principles of environment protection and promotion of ecological cycling, appeals to the parties involved in the event to adopt measures to maintain clean all the places of the start, the finish and during the course of the race.

According to article 2.3.025, in all stages, green zones will be created and clearly identified to be used by the riders, every 30km or 40km of the race and a last one on the last kms of the race before the final section.