



WHPVA world championships  
15-16-17 July 2022  
Association Française de Vélocouché



## Racing rules

### · **Article 1 definition.**

The WHPVA world championship is a 3 day competition including 3 distinct road races with individual time keeping. The planning is: Friday 15th of July 2022: a 2.7km hill race in two heats, Saturday 16th of July 2022: 200m and 1km sprints and Sunday the 17th of July 2022: a 100km criterium on a 11km road circuit.

These events are organised by "L'association Française de Vélocouché" member of the WHPVA organisation.

Only human powered vehicles are allowed.

### · **Article 2 Participants.**

Participants must provide a medical certificate indicating that he or she is "fit for competitive cycling". This has to be of less than one year old on the day of racing. A racing cycling license is also valid. Any person less than 18 years old on 15/7/22 must provide a signed parental authorisation in order to take part in the competition. Children between 12 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children less than 12 cannot compete.

### · **Article 3 Registrations**

Any registration is personal and definitive, therefore no refund will be granted. Registrations without payment will be considered void.

### · **Article 4 Vehicle Classes**

Overall - O	All riders
Fully faired - FF	2 or more wheels front and rear fairing
Partly faired - PF	2 wheels front or rear fairing
Unfaired - UF	2 wheels no fairing
Trike - TR	3 or more wheels no fairing
Other classes (tandem, rowing bike, handbike, etc) may be created if more than 5 participants are registered in that class.	

Nota: If you have any doubt on your vehicle class, send a picture to the organisation committee: [afvelocouche@gmail.com](mailto:afvelocouche@gmail.com)

## · **Article 5 Rider Classes**

Each of the above vehicle classes will also be divided into the following rider classifications:

**Adult Male**

**Adult Female**

**Junior (12-18 years of age on 15/7/2022)**

## · **Article 6 Race numbers and safety**

Bib numbers must be displayed visibly on both sides of your machine. The electronic race tag should be affixed to the rider's machine. Failure to show numbers may result in failure for your result to be registered.

Vehicle control, race number and transponder pickup point: Friday 15 July at ORGELET "Centre Sportif de Bellecin", starting point of the hill race, **from 9h to 16h45**.

**Registration check:** if some documents are missing they must be provided at this stage. If not, race participation is jeopardised.

### **Vehicle control:**

The vehicle should have sufficient braking power on **AT LEAST** two wheels and stability once moving.

All aerodynamic attachments and accessories must be securely attached in a manner that prevents them from coming loose during the races. Machines with sharp, protruding bits or open tube ends will be deemed unsafe and will have to be modified before the machine is allowed to be used in the competition.

### **Head protection:**

Riders must wear a hard-shell helmet that is certified by a recognised national standards authority (CE, TÜV, Snell, ANSI, etc) **during the whole race duration**. This is also the case for fully enclosed vehicles

### **Chain guards:**

The chain ring must be covered by either a fixed shield or by a strong rotating chain guard. Any homemade guarding must be free from sharp edges. The only exceptions to this rule are where the chain ring is inside a fairing or protected by the frame.

## · Article 7 Race safety

### On road:

On every race, marshals will be present until the end of the official race time. Support vehicles are forbidden on the tracks. A medical service will be present and can decide that a racer is medically unfit to continue a race.

### Race etiquette:

Riders must not be aggressive or intimidating to other riders on the track (either verbally or in the way they ride). The use of any performance enhancing drugs and substances currently prohibited in professional cycling competitions is strictly forbidden.

When overtaking it is the faster rider's responsibility to ensure they overtake safely. The slower rider being overtaken must ride on the right of the road whenever possible and must not deliberately impede the rider trying to overtake.

For open road races, although access will be blocked at most junctions, some vehicles might be allowed to move in the same direction as the riders. It is thus very important that you ride safely and obey French traffic regulations (cycle only on the right lane, etc.). The organizers will make sure that marshals are posted at corners to improve safety, but ultimately the responsibility is yours!

## · Article 8 Time keeping and point scoring system

An electronic transponder will ensure precise time-keeping for all races. This transponder must be given back at the end of the last race on Sunday 17 July.

### Point scoring system:

In each race, riders will be awarded points based on their ranking at the end of the race but also linked to their relative average speed with respect to the fastest rider in their class.

**Total points = rank x 2 x (time / fastest time)** → Rider with the lowest total wins!

An example is shown below:

Race A		9 km				
Name	Min	Sec	Speed	Coeff.	Rank	Points
Andre	28	14.2	19.1	1	1	2
Bernard	33	7.5	16.3	1.17	2	4.69
Charles	33	33.8	16.0	1.19	3	7.13
Daniel	33	35.4	16.0	1.19	4	9.52
Eric	36	23.3	14.8	1.29	5	12.89

*Note: Any participant not starting a race or being disqualified (DNS or DSQ) will be "awarded" the points of the last finisher with a penalty of 10% rounded to the higher decimal. In the example above, a DNS would score 15 points.*

In each of the vehicle/competitor classes this system will be used to award points to riders. The total points accumulated across all of the races will be used to determine the final rankings.

For the overall World Champion rankings the same scoring system will be used, but with riders being ranked against the whole field.

## **· Article 9 Specific rules for races**

The official timetable for the competitions will be available on the internet site and at the organisation headquarters at “**Centre Sportif de Bellecin**” in due time. Please refer to this timetable in particular for starting times. An eventual late arrival could lead to disqualification for the race.

### **Specific rules for uphill race**

3 or 4 groups based on vehicle class will start at given times with 15min intervals. The starting grid will be based on race number. The riders have to be present at least 15min before their group starting time. Help at the start is allowed. Points will be calculated from cumulative times of the 2 heats.

### **Specific rules for sprints**

Starts are individual within a time frame established beforehand. Starting interval will be 1 min (or less when required). The riders have to be present at least 5min before their starting time. Help at the start is allowed.

### **Specific rules for road criterium**

At 8:45am in Orgelet, participants will ride slowly (20km/h) behind a safety car that will lead them to Rathonay. There, a starting grid will be established based on the results of the previous races at 9h30am. If a vehicle requires help for starting it will be placed at the back of the grid.

The competitor must be able to free himself from the vehicle without assistance (useful in case of mechanical failure or crash) Drafting is allowed.

The race will last a maximum of 10 laps. Once the winner has completed his/her 10 laps, each rider must finish the lap under way.

## **· Article 10 Insurance**

“ l'Association Française de Vélocouché” has taken out a civil liability insurance covering all participants to the WHPVA world championships. This covers material or corporal damages caused to themselves or others during the competition only.

The organisers decline responsibility in the case of theft, breakage or loss of personal belongings of participants.

## **· Article 11 Environment - cleanliness**

All participants are asked to respect the environment and not to throw anything on the public highway (papers, bottles, energy (papers, bottles, energy doses, cans, etc. ....))

## · **Article 12 Image/voice rights**

By participating in this World Championship, each participant expressly authorises the organiser (or its assignees) to use his name, image, voice and sporting performance in the context of the World Recumbent Championships for the purpose of any direct or indirect use of the event, in any medium, throughout the world, by all means known or unknown to date, and for the entire duration of the protection currently granted to these direct or indirect use by legislative or regulatory provisions, judicial and/or arbitral decisions of any country or arbitration decisions of all countries as well as by current or future international conventions, including for future international conventions, including for any extensions that may be made to this to this term.

## · **Article 13 Health situation - Covid-19**

The organisers will comply with the administrative guidelines in force at the time of the event. These guidelines will be applied without reservation.

## · **Article 14 Acceptation of the rules**

**EVERY COMPETITOR IS EXPECTED TO HAVE READ AND ACCEPTED THESE COMPETITION RULES.** These rules are available on the internet site of " l'Association française de Vélocouché" at the following address:

<https://www.afvelocouche.fr/world-championships-2022-2/races-1>