

54th EDITION GRANFONDO MATILDICA® 2026
REGULATIONS FOR GRANFONDO AND MEDIOFONDO
13 SEPTEMBER 2026 – REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY

Organization: COOPERATORI ASDPS – Via Antonio Marro 2, 42122 Reggio Emilia

Start and finish location: Reggio Emilia, Corso Garibaldi

ITALIAN GRANFONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

The 54th Granfondo Matildica® 2026 is the Single Event of the Italian Granfondo Championship, with the awarding of the Italian Champion Jersey, limited to the Granfondo route and according to the categories and regulations laid down by the Italian Cycling Federation (FCI). It is reserved only for FCI members and Italian citizens residing abroad if they are members of a National Federation recognized by the UCI in similar amateur categories.

At the Granfondo Matildica, in accordance with the FCI Implementing Regulations for amateur cycling activities 2026, the following athletes are permitted to start: FCI-licensed athletes, athletes licensed with EPS bodies affiliated with FCI, and former professionals registered on the appropriate federal register.

For the Italian Granfondo Championship, only athletes holding an active FCI license for at least 45 days prior to the date of September 13, 2026 (therefore, licensed by July 29, 2026) may compete for the award of the tricolour jersey of Italian Granfondo Champion. It is specified that daily licenses (day/insured) nor licenses from other sports bodies are not admitted.

N.B. In order to compete in the Italian Granfondo Championship, the athlete must be licensed with FCI for at least 45 days before the event, in this case by July 29

Furthermore, the “ASS” category (Absolute – ex professionals) is mandatorily established, reserved for athletes included in the federal list of ex professionals in force on the date of the event.

Athletes belonging to the “ASS” category:

- compete for the prizes of their own “ASS” category;
- may obtain qualification for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championship race according to the criteria laid down by the UCI regulations;
- may in no case compete for the award of the FCI Italian Champion title in their category.

The Mediofondo route is not valid for the purposes of the Italian Championship and maintains exclusively the status of a UCI event, as specified in following paragraph.

UCI GRANFONDO WORLD SERIES

The Granfondo and Mediofondo on 13 September 2026 are included in the 2026 UCI Gran Fondo World Series calendar. Both races allow the top finishers (25% of the

starters in each category) to qualify for the 2027 UCI Gran Fondo World Championship which **will be held in FRANCE**:

- the Granfondo (155 km, 2100 m elevation gain) is a qualifying race for the Women 19–49 and Men 19–49 categories, excluding categories JWS and JMT;
- the Mediofondo (119 km, 1400 m elevation gain) is a qualifying race for the Women 50+ and Men 50+ categories.

Those who do not intend to qualify for the 2027 UCI Gran Fondo World Championship may freely choose which route to tackle.

PARTICIPATION

UCI Granfondo World Series: The event is open to all members of F.C.I. and Sports Promotion Bodies that have signed the agreement with F.C.I. for the year 2026 and to members of Bodies that present the Bike Card together with the card of their own Body, holding a valid competitive medical certificate for the practice of competitive cycling, and to foreign amateur cyclists holding a valid UCI license for the year 2026 issued by their Federation.

Italian Granfondo Championship: the event is reserved only for FCI members and Italian citizens residing abroad if they are members of a National Federation recognized by the UCI in similar amateur categories.

Both races are also open to all non-members for whom a daily F.C.I. license will be issued at a cost of € 20.00 to cover insurance during the event. In order to obtain a daily license, it is necessary to present a competitive medical certificate for cycling (certificate for cycling) regardless of the chosen route. The medical certificate must not be dated more than one year prior to the date of the event on which one intends to participate.

Athletes aged 19 years and over (calendar age) may participate in the event. Athletes in the JMT and JWS categories, that is, athletes aged 17 and 18 years (calendar age), may participate only in the Mediofondo route under SAN derogation.

Minors must present the “Minors Release Form”, available on the event website, signed by a parent or guardian. Cyclists not regularly registered may not join the groups, under penalty of immediate exclusion. In the event of damage or an accident caused to one or more regularly registered athletes, they will be reported in accordance with the law.

The event is by invitation; therefore, the Organizing Committee may, at any time and at its sole discretion, decide whether to accept the registration or not, or exclude a registered participant from the event if he or she could damage the image of the event.

All participants are aware of the various risks to their own physical safety and knowingly assume responsibility for participating in the race at their own risk. Under all circumstances, cyclists must pay the utmost attention to road conditions.

The event applies the 2026 FCI implementing rules for amateur cycling activity. With reference to the UCI and FCI Regulations, the race jury, with the technical support of the organization, is authorized to carry out random or systematic checks. Non-compliance or refusal to undergo the required technical checks will result in immediate disqualification and reporting to the competent bodies.

Participation is subject to the regular possession of the following requirement:

- for athletes who are members of FCI or a Sports Promotion Body: certificate of fitness for competitive cycling (certificates for other sports such as triathlon, duathlon, track and field, etc. are not valid);
- for individuals residing in Italy but not members of FCI or Sports Promotion

Bodies: certificate of fitness for competitive cycling pursuant to Ministerial Decree of 18/02/82;

- for individuals residing abroad: certificate of fitness to participate in competitive cycling races issued also by a doctor in their country of residence – as per downloadable template (or equivalent).

Possession of a sports card may be considered as an alternative to checking for the possession of a valid and adequate certificate only if the sports card bears the DataHealth logo together with the expiry date of the certificate of fitness for competitive cycling.

Verification by the race judges of correct possession of an adequate certificate by participants in the race may take place in the following ways:

- verification of the FCI card with the related DataHealth logo and expiry date compatible with the race;
- verification through the possible DH QR code;
- verification by direct viewing of the physical copy of the certificate required for the race.

ETHICAL REQUIREMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL FRAUD

By signing and submitting the registration form, the competitor, together with the representative of his/her team, self-certifies the absence of sports, civil and/or criminal sanctions or ongoing investigations for facts related to doping and declares that he/she has not taken – and will not take – substances included in the anti-doping list of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List | World Anti Doping Agency (wada-ama.org). False self-certification will be prosecuted according to law.

In the event of a non-negative result in anti-doping and/or mechanical doping checks, the competitor will be summoned by the Organizing Committee in the appropriate venues with a claim for compensation for the serious damage caused to the image of the event. Should the competitor belong to a Sports Association, the latter, if its joint liability is proven, will be jointly and severally obliged to pay any sanction.

The event will apply the 2026 implementing rules for national cycle-touring and amateur activity. With reference to the UCI and FCI Regulations, paragraphs 1.3.010 and 12.4.003 on technological fraud, the race jury, with the technical support of the organization, is authorized to carry out random or systematic checks. Non-compliance or refusal to undergo the required technical checks will result in immediate disqualification and reporting to the competent bodies. Furthermore, with reference to the UCI and FCI Regulations (Implementing Rules point 1.1.9.), it is made known that the use of any radio communication device is strictly prohibited.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee includes: commemorative gadget of the event, race number, mechanical assistance along the route (excluding spare parts), refreshments, medical assistance during the race, gifts, recovery in case of withdrawal, water refreshment at the finish, pasta party, shower.

The entry fee is not reducible and is non-refundable. The cost of registration for the event is:

- € 45 from 23 February 2026 to 30 April 2026
- € 50 from 1 May 2026 to 30 June 2026
- € 60 from 1 July 2026 to 11 September 2026

On-site registration on 12 September from 10:00 to 19:00: € 65.00.

On-site registration on 13 September from 6:00 to 7:00: € 65.00.

REGISTRATIONS

Visit the section dedicated to registrations on the Granfondo Matildica website:

www.granfondonmatildica.it Online registration <https://www.endu.net/events>

In order to be detected and classified, the athlete must be equipped with his/her own OneChip© chip.

Visita la sezione dedicata alle iscrizioni sul sito della Granfondo Matildica:

www.granfondonmatildica.it

Iscrizione online <https://www.endu.net/events/id/101700>

Le iscrizioni online chiudono il venerdì 11 settembre alle ore 12:00

L'atleta per esser rilevato e classificato dovrà essere munito del proprio chip OneChip©.

RACE NUMBER COLLECTION AND RACE PACK DISTRIBUTION

Race number collection and race pack distribution will take place from 10:00 to 19:00 as set out in the programme published on the website www.granfondonmatildica.it

START

Sunday 13 September 2026, 7:30 a.m. – at Corso Garibaldi in Reggio Emilia – as set out in the programme published on the website www.granfondonmatildica.it

Starting grids will open at 6:30 a.m.

FINISH

Reggio Emilia, Corso Garibaldi..

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Registration for the event cannot be cancelled and is non-refundable.

However, it is permitted to transfer the registration fee to another athlete, exclusively for the same edition of the current year, upon notification to the organization and according to the procedures and deadlines indicated on the official event website.

No transfer of the fee to the following year's edition of the event is envisaged.

In the absence of transfer to another athlete, the registration fee is considered definitively lost.

Notification must be sent to granfondo@cooperatori.it by 01 September 2026.

RACE CANCELLATION

The race will take place in any weather conditions except in particular cases, assessed at the organizer's discretion, that would seriously endanger the safety of the competitors or in the event of natural disasters (and in any case for reasons not attributable to the organization).

STARTING GRIDS

Grid no. 1 Women (all categories); Grid no. 2 and subsequent Men by age category.

ATTENTION: those who will not have detections on the starting and on-course timing mats will be excluded from the rankings. The organization will immediately disqualify anyone caught jumping their assigned grid and anyone found in a grid not corresponding to their number without having been authorized by the organization.

The organization reserves the right at any time to make changes to the grids at its sole discretion and in agreement with the UCI.

CATEGORIES

Participation in the Granfondo Matildica does not require choosing the route to be taken at the time of registration.

For participation in the UCI World Championship qualifying race, the categories are divided as follows:

- 19-34 Granfondo
- 35-39 Granfondo
- 40-44 Granfondo
- 45-49 Granfondo
- 50-54 Mediofondo
- 55-59 Mediofondo
- 60-64 Mediofondo
- 65-69 Mediofondo
- 70-74 Mediofondo
- 75+ Mediofondo

The Italian Championship will be held for the following categories:

- 19-29 Granfondo
- 30-34 Granfondo
- 35-39 Granfondo
- 40-44 Granfondo
- 45-49 Granfondo
- 50-54 Granfondo
- 55-59 Granfondo
- 60-64 Granfondo
- 65-69 Granfondo
- 70-74 Granfondo
- 75+ Granfondo

The competitive Granfondo Matildica will be held with the following categories:

- 19-34 Mediofondo
- 35-39 Mediofondo
- 40-44 Mediofondo
- 45-49 Mediofondo
- 50-54 Granfondo
- 55-59 Granfondo
- 60-64 Granfondo
- 65-69 Granfondo
- 70-74 Granfondo
- 75+ Granfondo

For the preparation of the rankings of the Italian Granfondo Championship, the following criteria apply:

For each male and female amateur category (Master Men and Master Women) a single category ranking will be drawn up including all entitled participants, including members of affiliated EPS Bodies.

1. From the single category ranking, the best FCI member athlete will be identified, who will be awarded the FCI Italian Champion title for that category.
2. In addition, the second and third FCI finishers of the category will also be awarded, by scrolling through the single ranking until the FCI member athletes entitled are identified.
3. Athletes belonging to the "ASS" category will be included exclusively in the "ASS" category ranking and may in no way be considered for the purposes of awarding the FCI Italian title in the amateur categories. Former professional athletes included in this category cannot be proclaimed FCI Italian Champions but will be entitled to the "ASS" category prizes and to UCI qualification, if they meet the parameters set by the international regulations.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES

The competitor may freely choose the route best suited to his/her abilities during the event, always respecting the checkpoints provided on the routes, under penalty of exclusion from the final ranking. Granfondo Matildica is a competitive event. **All roads will be temporarily closed to traffic as per the decree issued by the competent local security authorities**, however, strict compliance with and observance of the provisions of the Highway Code remains in force. Riders overtaken by the "end of race" vehicle will continue the event as "cycle tourists" while keeping their race number on their back. All participants must mandatorily have with them, at the time of entering the starting grids, the following equipment: a set of tools for removing the tyre / tubular · a spare inner tube (or tubular) · a pump (or compressed air canister) for inflating the wheels · a water bottle · clothing suitable for sudden changes in weather conditions. All participants, for the entire duration of the race, must mandatorily wear an approved hard-shell helmet and keep the handlebar race number clearly visible and not wrapped around the frame, and a back number provided by the organization. These numbers may not be altered in format. **To protect the environment, participants are absolutely forbidden to throw litter of any kind along the roads; it is mandatory to dispose of it exclusively in the appropriate containers located near the refreshment points and/or at the finish.**

Anyone caught by the organization staff and/or race commissaires not complying with this rule will be sanctioned according to the regulations, up to disqualification.

TIMING

Granfondo Matildica uses Official Timer EVODATA with technology based on the use of chips. Each participant must have a valid personal chip or a rental daily chip. Information and conditions on the use of chips are published on the website <https://www.endu.net/it/regolamentochip>.

Failure to use or incorrect use of the chip will result in exclusion from the rankings and no recording of the time taken.

MAXIMUM TIME

Finish in Reggio Emilia in Corso Garibaldi within 6 hours and 30 minutes from the official start; those finishing after 14:00 will not be included in the rankings.

ON-COURSE ASSISTANCE

During the event there will be an adequate number of mechanical and medical assistance vehicles with fixed and mobile positions; therefore, assistance by private vehicles following the race is not allowed, under penalty of disqualification of the athlete. An emergency mechanical assistance number will be set up, to be used only and exclusively in serious cases during the race. For medical assistance, the reference number is 118.

VEHICLES FOLLOWING THE RACE

The technical escort and motorbike marshals authorized by the organization will precede and escort participants during the race on both routes. Only vehicles belonging to the organization with a special identification sign will be authorized in the race (including lead vehicle, broom wagon, jury, race management, and end-of-event vehicles).

Assistance by private vehicles following one or more athletes on the race route is strictly prohibited.

SWEEP VEHICLE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Vehicles are provided to pick up participants who intend to abandon the race. Vehicles for loading the bicycles are also provided; loading may not necessarily coincide with the pickup of the athlete. Cooperatori ASDPS accepts no liability for any damage to bicycles during transport.

AWARDS

The first 3 overall male and female classified riders in both routes and the first 3 athletes in each category will be awarded prizes; likewise, the 5 cycling clubs with the highest number of starters. The "ASS" category, however, will be the subject of a separate awards ceremony for the first 3 classified riders.

The award ceremonies will be separate. An athlete entitled to both awards (for example, the winner of the 40–44 category on the Granfondo route who is an FCI-licensed rider) will go up on the podium for both the Italian Championship and the UCI Granfondo World Series qualification, but will receive only one prize bag.

Saranno premiati i primi 3 classificati assoluti maschile e femminile nei due percorsi e i primi 3 atleti di ogni categoria; le 5 Società ciclistiche con il maggior numero di partenti. La categoria "ASS" invece sarà oggetto di premiazione separata per i primi 3 classificati.

The awards ceremonies will take place at the Chiostrì della Ghiara in Reggio Emilia.

Please note: for athletes belonging to the JMT and JWS categories, inclusion in the rankings as per the categories mentioned above is not provided for.

Any complaints must be submitted to the jury within the regulatory time limits and accompanied by the fee provided for under the regulations of the sports body.

Results will be posted inside the Chiostrì della Ghiara, awards area, in the immediate vicinity of the "Punto SDAM". Rankings will subsequently be published on the website www.granfondonomatildica.it. After crossing the finish line, participants must go to the SDAM control point to return the chip previously rented.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

The following competitors will be disqualified: those caught participating with another rider's race number; those who repeatedly throw litter along the route – for this purpose, green zones will be provided for the collection of solid waste (paper, bottles) – dedicated staff will be present along the route to check; those who do not comply with the Highway Code; those who climb over barriers and/or position themselves in a grid other than the one assigned; those who fail to respect the predefined route.

PROGRAMME, ROUTES, ELEVATION PROFILES, REFRESHMENT POINTS

See the relevant sections on the event page www.granfondonatildica.it

RISKS

The competitor acknowledges: 1) that despite the obvious commitment of the organization to guarantee participants the highest reasonably possible level of safety, there are still residual risks (also called "sports risks") that cannot be eliminated as they are intrinsic to the cycling discipline itself; 2) that he/she is aware that many other people will take part in the event, whose level of cycling skill and technique is unknown, and that therefore situations of crowding may occur on the route which could increase the risk of accidents and collisions between participants; 3) that he/she has chosen to participate in the event of his/her own free will and under his/her personal responsibility, aware that, as in any sporting event, there may be risks of injury or accident; 4) that he/she fully assumes re-sponsibility for the so-called "sports risk", making this decision consciously and rationally. He/she therefore considers him/herself the sole person responsible for riding the bicycle during the event in question, both on the event route and in the relevant area, considering obviously that this responsibility applies both towards him/herself and towards third parties. By virtue of this, he/she **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the event organizers have done everything possible, taking into account the rules in force and the particular nature of the event and of the cycling discipline, to make the event safe and to prevent accidents and damage to persons and property, also providing an adequate safety plan in case of need, and releases the organizers and all persons involved in any capacity in the event in question from any civil, criminal and administrative liability for any harmful event that may occur or that he/she may cause through his/her conduct during the event. He/she declares that he/she expressly and specifically accepts, pursuant to and for the purposes of articles 1341 et seq. of the Civil Code, the clauses set out in the points of this act.

DATA PROCESSING

In relation to the information notice pursuant to art. 13 of EU Regulation 679/2016, the competitor must declare that he/she has read the said information notice published on the website www.granfondonatildica.it and that he/she has been informed of the obligation to give consent to the related processing for the purposes indicated in art. 2) of the above-mentioned information notice, by selecting the appropriate acceptance box on the online registration form for the purposes of processing personal data, being aware that failure to give consent to the processing of data for the purposes referred to in art. 2) of the information notice will make it impossible to proceed with registration for the activity in question. By consenting to the processing of his/her personal data, the competitor expressly authorizes ASDPS COOPERATORI to have his/her data transmitted to and processed also by third parties that offer services connected to and associated with the Granfondo MATILDICA, such as, for

example, those aimed at timing, drawing up and announcing the results lists, and those aimed at photographing or filming the competitor. Data will also be processed by the event partners. Pursuant to art. 4 of EU Regulation 679/2016, processing means “any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction”. With regard to the lists of results and rankings, and the publication of photos, videos, audio and/or video recordings of any kind, the organization will use such data and images of the athlete for internal and external use (various publications, sports films, via telematic means and on the website www.granfondonatildica.it). As far as images and/or video recordings are concerned, the athlete may appear alone or together with other persons during initiatives promoted by and for the association. The Organization must be authorized by the competitor to the above processing, who must be informed of the possibility of the right to withdraw consent to the processing, which he/she may exercise at any time by written communication to be sent to ASDPS COOPERATORI, Via Antonio Marro 2, 42122 Reggio Emilia.

CHANGES

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make changes to these regulations, giving due notice on the website www.granfondonatildica.it. The website www.granfondonatildica.it will be considered the official communication channel of the event.

Competitors, at the time of registration, undertake to comply with any health regulations imposed by the Italian Government in force on the day of the event and with the health protocol adopted by the organization.

INFORMATION

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GENERAL RULE

The Organizing Club declines all liability for any accidents or damage occurring before, during and after the race and reserves the right to accept registrations at its sole discretion.

THE HILL CLIMB IS NOT SCHEDULED