

Grand Prix Banjaluka I&II Specific Regulations

Introduction

It is a mountain bike stage race (XCS), split into three (3) stages It is an individual competition.

Dates:

27.-29.5.2018 Grand Prix Banjaluka I

01.-03.6.2018 Grand Prix Banjaluka II

Location:

Bosnia and Heryegovina, 78000 Banjaluka

Rights to start:

Elite Men

Elite Women

Event Category:

UCI XCS 2 class event

.Registration:

Any person who wishes to take part in this competition must register through the official website

www.afssport.com or direct to link <https://goo.gl/forms/tQSD6FrIj2h1Jtcc2>

For the registration to be valid, it is compulsory to fill in all the required details that are requested on the form and to pay the registration rights.

The registration period ends on the 24th May 2018

The participants must hold a competition cycling license, issued by a national cycling federation and approved by the UCI.

Entry Fee

	GP Banjaluka I	GP Banjaluka II	Both Race
31.January 2018	100 Euro	100 Euro	150 Euro
31.March.2018	150 Euro	150 Euro	200 Euro
25.May 2018	180 Euro	180 Euro	300 Euro

Accommodation & food (halfboard) 25 Euro – 30 Euro per day.

Registration rights include:

- Right to take part in the competition.
- One meal per race day
- Registration gifts.
- Personalised number plate.
- Electronic timing control device.
- Liquid and solid feed zones (three per stage).
- Medical assistance in and out of the route.
- Bicycle washing service.
- Bicycle parking.
- Other additional free services in the paddock.

In case of any kind of disqualification or withdrawal from the competition, the entry fee is not refunded, neither totally nor partially.

Participants

All participants must be at least 19 years of age on the 31. Decembre of the current year in which the competition takes place.

Participants can register in any of the following categories:

Elite Women & Elite Men

Confirmation Start & Collect Numbers

Grand Prix Banjaluka I :26.5.2018 12:00h – 19:00h at race office

Grand Prix Banjaluka II :30.5.2018 12:00h - 19:00h at race office

Race numbers are assigned according to the categories by order of registration and the last update ed UCI ranking.

During the administrative checks an identification bracelet is handed out to each participant, who has to wear it during all the competition days. This bracelet allows access to the participant areas and is also useful for safety measures.

Teams' meeting

- There is a daily team meeting to which any Team Manager is welcomed. It reviews the next stage and reports possible unexpected changes in the development of the race. It is only compulsory to attend the first one, previous to the start of the competition.
- Any changes are announced on the race's news board, having the participants the responsibility of keeping themselves informed. The official website will also have a virtual news board in order to check last minute information.
- Race procedure
- The competition follows the general UCI rules and the UCI's specific mountain bike regulations.
- After each stage and at 19:00 latest, the stage results, general classification and participants allowed to take the start is released on the official website and news board.
- All stages, except for time trials, are mass starts. The start of a time trial is done in inverse order to the overall classification. Participants start with a time difference of thirty (30) seconds. The start grid opens twenty (20) minutes before the starting time. For time trial stages, each participant must be ready to take the start with this time in advance.
- There are different start grids according to the competition's overall classification.
- All leaders start in the front row.
- Five (5) minutes before the start time, the access to the start grid is banned, being placed at the back of its corresponding starting group.
- No participant is allowed to start once the official start has been given, unless a Commissaire allows it. Participants starting after that time shall be considered DNS (Did Not Start).
- Each way point, cross section, feed/aid station, start and finish have a maximum time allowance, at which the service will be closed. Participants must ride inside this time period to avoid being disqualified. The time to reach these points is announced in the competition's road book.
- Any unlawful aid will mean the participant's disqualification.

- Participants that are no longer officially classified can continue taking part in the event in a recreational way, provided they do not influence on the development of the competition. Not obeying this rule leads to the expulsion of the race, without the chance of continuing.

Neutralised starts

- For security reasons the start of any stage can be neutralised. The Course Director leads the participants on an official race vehicle. Once the stage is started by the Course Director the participants must start racing.
- Once the official race vehicle has reached the end of the neutralised stretch, it will stop aside and indicate the end of the neutralisation.
- During the neutralised start it is banned to overtake the Course Director's vehicle.

Neutralised finishes

- For security reasons, the finish line can be advanced before reaching an asphalt stretch. If this is so, a time period will be set to complete the distance from the finish line to the paddock. Any delay in reaching the Paddock will have a one (1) minute penalty per delayed minute.

Road book

- Each stage has a road book detailing the distance, altitude, type of trail, way points, cross sections, feed/aid stations and time closure for each service.
- The road book also reports if the start or finish are neutralised, the distance of the neutralised stretch and the time allowance between the finish line and the paddock, if the stage has a neutralised finish. This road book is purely informative and is not required to follow each stage.

Route

- The route is properly marked with signs, specially at trouble spots, such as cross sections, road crossings or streets.
- The route is open to traffic but properly under control. The participants must obey the traffic authorities' indications and ride with caution. On public roads, cyclists must remain on the shoulder of the right lane. It is recommendable to stay on the right hand side on dirt roads.
- The route includes demanding climbs and technical downhill sections. It is the participant's responsibility to decide if it is rideable. The organisation is not responsible for accidents concerning each participant's skills or fitness level.
- During the route there are two kind of controls: way points (CP) and cross section (CI).
- At the way points a Commissaire scores the participant's number plate and time.
- Skipping a way point leads to disqualification.
- Not following the indications of a cross section leads to disqualification.
- Abandoning the route set by the organisation leads to disqualification.

Feed and aid stations

- Feed and aid zones are properly sign posted all throughout the route. These have everything necessary to cover the participants' food and hydration needs during all the stages. Feed zone match team's aid stations.

Marking

- The course is marked with arrows. It does not require any electronic device to be followed.
- Every ten kilometres, the distance to the finish line is indicated. The last five kilometres to the finish line are also indicated.

Unrideable stretches

- The Commissaires, Course Director and Race Director may decide that a stretch of the route is unrideable and impossible to clear, the route can be diverted through the points foreseen by the organisation.
- If it is not possible, the finishing time is taken where the last timing control is placed.

Withdrawing

- A participant who withdraws must report it to the organisation as soon as possible.
- Not reporting a withdrawal leads to the expulsion from the competition.
- In case of an accident or an emergency, and bearing in mind the participants' safety, the organisation has the right to withdraw a participant from the competition.

Results

- The results of each stage are arranged according to the time required to complete each one, plus added time penalties.
- The total time of the stages completed and the total time penalties, establish the overall classification.
- The following results are established:
 - There is a result list for UCI Elite women and men, in order to award these participants with UCI points and prize money.
 - Any participant who officially does not complete a stage is not considered a Finisher.
 - All participants carry a disposable chip to register their times and be able to keep track of them. The Commissaires must approve these times in order for the results to be considered valid.

Awards

- Each stage has an award ceremony for each category.
- Only each category stage winner and category race leaders are immediately called up to the podium after crossing the finish line.
- At the final award ceremony, the top three overall ranked participants of each category, are immediately called up to the podium once all of them have crossed the finish line.
- Prize money and UCI points are only awarded to UCI Elite categories

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