

SERRE CHEVALIER GRANFONDO

Serre Chevalier Sunday 15 July 2018

Rules and regulations of 21st event...

21st 'Serre Chevalier Granfondo'... featuring the Echelle, Finestre, Sestriere and Montgenèvre mountain passes.

The 'Serre Chevalier Granfondo' bike race is open to everyone and will take place on Sunday 15 July 2018 in Serre Chevalier Vallée. The organisational structure is based around the Briançon-Serre Chevalier ASPTT sports club and its 280 volunteers. It enjoys the logistical support of the towns and villages of St Chaffrey, La Salle les Alpes, Le Monétier les Bains, and Briançon, together with the French and Italian Police, and the Hautes-Alpes departmental and the PACA regional authorities. We would like to thank all the Hautes-Alpes communes involved as well as the Italian towns and villages of Susa, Clavière, Oulx, Bardonecchia, Salbertrand, Exilles, Chiomonte, Graveres, Meana di Susa, Usseaux, Pragelato, Fenestrelle, Sestriere, Sauze di Cesana and Cesana Torinese for their help in the success of this bike race.

➤ Roads reserved for competitors

To ensure the smooth running of the race, several sections of road will be closed to cars. These include the stages through Briançon, the Clarée valley, the Col de l'Echelle and the descent to Bardonecchia, the Oulx and Cesana Torinese sections, the Colle delle Finestre with the descent to Balboutet, and the descent to Sauze di Cesana... A number of volunteers plus volunteers with motorbikes and the Italian Police will be on hand to ensure that cyclists can race in complete safety along virtually the entire length of the routes chosen for the 21st race in the event's history.

➤ Routes selected for the 21st race

There is a new 152km route for this year's race. This beautiful route takes in some legendary mountain passes, including the Col de l'Echelle, and the fabled 2178m Colle delle Finestre that is the 2018 Giro d'Italia's 'Cima Coppi'. The Colle del Sestriere (2035m) and the Col du Montgenèvre (1854m) complete the longest route, while the Echelle, Sestriere and Montgenèvre passes are the main hard sections on the 104km medium-length route. The 80km short route features the Echelle and Montgenèvre passes. Your times and rankings (scratch and categories) for all three routes will be published.

You choose your route during the race with all competitors starting from the same place in Chantemerle (Commune of St Chaffrey), at the same time (08:35). The routes diverge in Oulx and Cesana.

- The 152km **Granfondo** (3500m vertical height gain) starts in St Chaffrey (Place du Téléphérique) at **08:35**. After passing through Briançon (start proper in Briançon), the first hard section is the short climb to the Col de l'Echelle via the Clarée valley. After the descent to Bardonecchia and Oulx, competitors head for Susa and the ascent of the fabulous Colle delle Finestre via Meana di Susa. The last eight kilometres are over unsurfaced road, but the track is due to be remodelled as it forms part of the Venaria Reale/Bardonecchia Jaffereau 'queen stage' of the Giro d'Italia to be held on the 25 May. Three refreshment areas are planned for the Finestre climb. They are in Meana di Susa, at Colletto (1452m, and the start of the unsurfaced section), and on the Colle delle

Finestre before the descent to Balboutet via a superb tarmacked road. From Pourrieres (1410m) competitors take the SR23 up to the Colle del Sestriere (2035m). The descent to Cesana follows the SP215 via Sauze di Cesana and Bousson. In Cesana Torinese (1354m) competitors take the SS24 and the climb up to the Montgenèvre pass. In addition to the three 'Competitor refreshment' zones planned for the Finestre section, two further areas will be provided including one in Sestriere.

- **Mediofondo (Route B) over the Echelle, Sestriere and Montgenèvre passes**

Route B is open to the Junior age group (Born in 2000 & 2001).

One hundred and four kilometres long, this route comprises three climbs: the Col de l'Echelle (1762m), the Colle del Sestriere (2035m) via the SR23 and Champlas du Col, descent along the SR215 via Bousson, and the climb to Montgenèvre from Cesana Torinese.

- **Cortofondo (Route C) over the Echelle and Montgenèvre passes**

This route is open the Cadets age group (Born 2002 & 2003).

This 80km route features the ascents of the Echelle and Montgenèvre passes, the latter from the Italian side.

- **How to sign up for the 'SERRE CHEVALIER GRANFONDO'**

Competitors can sign up online at 'velo101.com'. You must show your competition licence or medical certificate when you collect your race number in Serre Chevalier. The race is open to competition licence holders and non-licence holders born in or before 2003 (**age groups according to calendar year**). The wearing of a helmet is compulsory.

For postal submissions, **Serre Chevalier Granfondo registration forms can be downloaded from 'granfondo-serrechevalier.com**'. For competitors in the 'Cadet' category, a parent's letter of consent must be submitted with your registration form or shown when you collect your race number. Reductions will be made for clubs submitting forms for groups of five participants and over at the same time.

Unfortunately, once your registration form is received, fees cannot be refunded. Refunds cannot be given to anyone withdrawing from the race for any reason. Uncollected souvenir-gifts will be sent to absent competitors making a postal or email request before 20.07.2018.

- **Registration fees for the 21st 'Serre Chevalier Granfondo'**

- Registration before 10 June 2018: 40.00 Euros
- Registration before 12 July 2018: 45.00 Euros
- Registration in Serre Chevalier on 13, 14 and 15 July 2018: 50.00 Euros
- For Clubs and groups sending a minimum of 5 forms together, arriving before 10 June: 36.00 Euros

The registration fee covers a new cycling jersey (Codisports-Espagne) with integrated zip, a self-service country-style buffet featuring regional produce, a giant paella, a variety of sweet

and savoury snacks en route including pizza and cheese, showers, and patrolled cycle storage... The race will be giving away a number of great prizes kindly donated by our main race partners.

Participants will not receive written confirmation of registration. We recommend you check your registration status and race number allocation on the granfondo-serrechevalier.com website.

- For more information email 'laserreche@gmail.com' or call +33 (0)4.92.24.98.98

➤ **Rider refreshment areas**

There will be various refreshment areas open to riders, offering sweet and savoury products, including delicious Italian Panettone, dried fruits, bread, pizza, dried meats and cheese, fruit, and Cristaline mineral water... These areas will be located at the exit from Susa, in Colletto on the Finestre section, on the Colle delle Finestre, in Sestriere, Cesana and Montgenèvre.

➤ **Time-keeping**

Each competitor registered for one of the three routes will be provided with a race number with an integrated chip. Your start and finish times as well as those for certain intermediate checkpoints will be recorded on recording devices in the ground.

➤ **Safety and medical assistance**

A large number of race officials together with 'lead cars' will open the races and ensure the safety of participants at road junctions. Several motorbikes will accompany and supervise competitors in certain areas. Minibuses will bring up the rear of the race convoy. Competitors are reminded that they must respect the Highway Code throughout the race. A team of doctors and ambulances will be on hand to provide medical assistance

➤ **Insurance**

The organisers will have 'Public liability' insurance for the duration of the event. In case of accident or poor health subsequent to the race, 'Serre Chevalier Granfondo' competitors take part in the race at their own risk

➤ **Allocation of equipment**

Race numbers will be allocated in the Serre d'Aigle centre in Chantemerle (St Chaffrey) on **Saturday 14 July** 08:45-midday and 14:00-19:00. Any remaining race numbers and equipment can be collected on **Sunday 15 July** 06:15-07:30. Signs will be in place to guide you to the reception area.

➤ **Priority race numbers**

You can request a priority race number by reason of your previous results. It is up to you to provide evidence and race results when you make your application. The assigning of special race numbers is at the organisers' discretion and is subject to availability.

➤ **Technical support**

Professional mechanics will be in the Place du Téléphérique on Saturday and Sunday for any competitors requiring technical assistance (fees apply).

➤ **Respect of regulations**

Participants will abide by all clauses of these rules and will obey instructions given by the Organising Committee when race numbers are allocated. Several sections of road will be closed to cars and competitors will be informed of which stretches are affected. The organisers reserve the right to change the rules for safety reasons or in the case of force majeure. By accepting these rules, I (the competitor registered for the 'Serre Chevalier Granfondo') give the Organising Committee permission to use my image (photos and video footage) taken during the abovementioned race or earlier races for promotional purposes and in all forms (video footage, photographic prints, use in newspapers and magazines, on the internet etc).

➤ **Categories**

Age groups according to calendar year of birth.

A: Cadettes - girls 15-16 yrs (born 2003 & 2002) - Route C only

B: Junior girls - 17-18 yrs (born 2001 & 2000) - Route B or C

C: Women aged 19-29 yrs (born between 1999 & 1989)

D: Women aged 30-39 yrs (born between 1988 & 1979)

E: Women aged 40-49 yrs (born between 1978 & 1969)

F: Women aged 50-59 yrs (born between 1968 & 1959)

G: Women aged 60 yrs and over (born 1958 & before)

H: Cadets - boys 15-16 yrs (born 2003 & 2002) - Route C only

I: Juniors - boys 17-18 yrs (born 2001 & 2000) - Route B or C

J: Men aged 19-29 yrs (born between 1999 & 1989)

K: Men aged 30-39 yrs (born between 1988 & 1979)

L: Men aged 40-49 yrs (born between 1978 & 1969)

M: Men aged 50-59 yrs (born between 1968 & 1959)

N: Men aged 60-69 yrs (born between 1958 & 1949)

O: Men aged 70 yrs and over (born 1948 & before)

P: Disabled category - Route B or C

➤ **Podiums**

Podiums and prize giving ceremonies are held at the 'Podium-coach' located at the 'Start/Finish' zone, in the Place du Téléphérique and take place on Sunday 15 July from midday. Prizes will be awarded to the Women's and Men's Scratch Winners as well as the three top riders in each category.

Serre Chevalier, 4 December 2017

'Serre Chevalier Granfondo' Organising Committee