

# **SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

## **ARTICLE 1. Organisation**

The 81<sup>st</sup> PARIS-NICE is organised by TDF Sport and Amaury Sport Organisation (A.S.O.), under the regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the French Cycling Federation (FFC) and the National Cycling League (LNC). It shall take place from Sunday 5 to Sunday 12 March 2023 and it consists of 8 stages. PARIS-NICE is part of the UCI World Tour calendar.

## **ARTICLE 2. Participation**

The event is open to UCI WorldTeams and Professional Continental teams, with a maximum of 7 riders and a minimum of 5 each.

If a team, without valid justification, starts a UCI WorldTour event with fewer than 7 riders, the team shall be subject to a fine of CHF 5,000 for each missing rider.

The mere act of entering and/or participating and/or being present in the race implies that each team, each of its members and, more generally, each accredited representative fully accepts all the provisions laid out herein and undertakes to follow them.

## **ARTICLE 3. Race headquarters**

The race headquarters shall be open on Saturday 4 March from 2 to 6 pm at:

Gymnase de la Fraternité

4, avenue des Noës

78320 La Verrière

Licence-holding team managers can collect race numbers from 2 to 3:45 pm.

The Team Managers' meeting shall be attended by members of the Commissaires Panel and take place at 4 pm at the race headquarters.

## **ARTICLE 4. Radio-Tour**

Race information shall be broadcast on Radio-Tour (frequency 170.01750 MHz).

## **ARTICLE 5. Neutral technical assistance**

Neutral technical assistance shall be provided by SHIMANO. This service shall be provided by three technical cars and one motorbike.

## **ARTICLE 6. General individual classification by time**

The general individual classification by time is established by adding up the times recorded for each of the 8 stages, taking bonuses and penalties into consideration, in accordance with article 2.6.014. of the UCI regulations.

In accordance with article 2.6.015, where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the places obtained in each stage shall be added, and, in the last resort, the place obtained in the last stage contested shall be added.

**The leader of the general individual time classification shall wear a Yellow and white jersey.**

Prize money for the general individual classification is as follows:

Place	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7	Stage 8	General classification
1 <sup>st</sup>	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€16,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€8,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€4,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	€500	€500	€500	€500	€500	€500	€500	€500	€2,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	€400	€400	€400	€400	€400	€400	€400	€400	€1,600
6 <sup>th</sup>	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€1,200
7 <sup>th</sup>	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€300	€1,200
8 <sup>th</sup>	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€800
9 <sup>th</sup>	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€200	€800
10 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
11 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
12 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
13 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
14 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
15 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
16 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
17 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
18 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
19 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
20 <sup>th</sup>	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100	€400
Total	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€40,000

**Total prize money for the general individual classification €120,000**

## **ARTICLE 7. Points classification**

A points classification is established by adding together the points obtained in each of the 8 stages as well as the intermediate sprints, in accordance with article 2.6.017. of the UCI regulations.

The following points are attributed at the finish of each stage:  
15 – 12 – 9 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 points to the first ten riders.

At each intermediate sprint: 6 – 4 – 2 points to the first three riders.

### **The leader of the points classification shall wear a green jersey.**

In accordance with article 2.6.017 of the UCI regulations, in the event of a tie in the general individual points classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

- 1) number of stage wins;
- 2) number of wins in intermediate sprints counting towards the points classification; and
- 3) final general classification by time.

Prizes awarded for the points classification are as follows:

- At each intermediate sprint:

1 <sup>st</sup>	€100	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€75	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€25	
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	€200 × 7 =	€1,400

- Final general classification:

1 <sup>st</sup>	€2,000	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€1,000	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€800	
4 <sup>th</sup>	€400	
For a total of		€4,200

**Total prize money for the points classification** **€5,600**

## **ARTICLE 8. Mountains classification**

A mountains classification is established by adding together the points obtained on all of the climbs or passes in each of the 7 mass-start stages, in accordance with article 2.6.017 of the UCI regulations.

The following points are awarded on each climb or pass:

- Category 3 climbs: 3 – 2 – 1 points to the first three riders.
- Category 2 climbs: 5 – 3 – 2 – 1 points to the first four riders.
- Category 1 climbs: 10 – 5 – 3 – 2 – 1 points to the first five riders.

A general classification is established by adding together the points awarded on all the passes or climbs.

**The leader of the mountains classification shall wear a white jersey with red polka dots.**

In accordance with article 2.6.017 of the UCI regulations, in the event of a tie in the general individual mountains classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

- 1) number of first places in Category 1 climbs;
- 2) number of first places in Category 2 climbs;
- 3) number of first places in Category 3 climbs;
- 4) final general classification by time.

**Prizes awarded for the mountains classification are as follows:**

- On each of the 23 climbs or passes:

1 <sup>st</sup>	€100	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€75	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€25	
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	€200 × 23 =	€4,600

- Final general classification:

1 <sup>st</sup>	€2,000	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€1,000	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€800	
4 <sup>th</sup>	€400	
for a total of		€4,200

**Total prize money for the mountains classification**

**€8,800**

### **ARTICLE 9. Best young rider classification**

Only riders born on or after 1 January 1998 may compete in the young rider classification. The daily leader of this classification is the highest-placed young rider in the general individual classification by time. The rider in the lead after the last stage is declared the winner of the young rider classification.

**The leader of the best young rider classification shall wear a white jersey.**

Prizes awarded for the best young rider classification are as follows:

- 8 stages:  
1<sup>st</sup> €150 × 8 = €1,200
- Final general classification:  
1<sup>st</sup> €800 €800

**Total prize money for the best young rider classification €2,000**

### **ARTICLE 10. Team classification**

In accordance with article 2.6.016 of the UCI regulations, the daily team classification is established by adding together the three best individual times of each team. In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated by adding up the places obtained by their three best placed riders on the stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the place obtained by their best rider in the stage classification.

The team general classification is established by adding up the three best individual times of each team in all stages.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the teams are separated:

- 1) number of first places in the daily team classification; and
- 2) number of second places in the daily team classification, etc.

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

Teams reduced to fewer than three riders are eliminated from the general team classification.

### **ARTICLE 11. Combativity award**

A jury presided over by the race director shall choose the most hard-working and combative competitor at the end of each mass-start stage.

- for the most combative rider:  
€300 × 7 = €2,100

**Combativity award total** **€2,100**

### **ARTICLE 12. Prizes**

The total amount of prize money for the 81<sup>st</sup> PARIS-NICE is as follows:

- General individual classification by time €120,000
- Points classification; €5,600
- Mountains classification €8,800
- Best young rider classification €2,000
- Team classification €3,600
- Combativity award €2,100

<b>TOTAL PRIZE MONEY AWARDED FOR THE RACE</b>	<b>€142,100</b>
<b>RECONVERSION AND CYCLIST UNION FEES</b>	<b>€16,796</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY PRIZE</b>	<b>€158,896</b>

### **ARTICLE 13. Stages expected to finish in bunch sprints**

The following stages have been identified as "stages expected to finish in bunch sprints":

Stage 1: La Verrière > La Verrière

Stage 2: Bazainville > Fontainebleau

Stage 5: Saint-Symphorien-sur-Coise > Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux

The protocol for calculating time gaps for stages "expected to finish in bunch sprints" published in the Rules and Regulations section of the UCI website shall be applied.

### **ARTICLE 14. Bonuses**

In accordance with article 2.6.019 of the UCI regulations, time bonuses (applied only to the general individual classification) are awarded in the 7 mass-start stages.

Bonuses are awarded as follows:

- 1) At each intermediate sprint (1 intermediate sprint per stage):

6", 4" and 2" to the first three riders.

- 2) At the finish of each stage:

10", 6" and 4" to the first three riders.

### **ARTICLE 15. Finishing deadlines**

The following finishing deadlines have been set:

Stages 1, 2 and 5: 10%

Stages 4, 6, 7 and 8: 15%

Stage 3 (team time trial): 30%

In exceptional cases only, the Commissaires Panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the organiser.

Stages 4 and 7 have summit finishes. The "last 3 kilometres rule" shall not apply.

### **ARTICLE 16. Team Time trial**

For stage 3, which is a team time trial, the teams shall set off at 5-minute intervals in reverse order of the general team classification after stage 2, except for the team of the leader of the general individual classification, which shall start last. The stage classification for each team is based on the time taken on the first rider to cross the finish line.

Real times are applied to the general individual classification as follows:

- the time of the first rider of each team shall be awarded to all riders finishing in the same time; and
- slower riders shall be credited with their actual times. However, riders who finish outside the time limits set in the rules (30%) are disqualified.

Once the first team has set off, training is forbidden on the course. No more than 3 team vehicles can follow each team.

The following vehicles must remain at least 25 m behind the last rider on the team.

In accordance with Article 2.6.028 of the UCI Regulations, in the case of a duly noted fall, puncture or mechanical incident beyond the red triangle in a team time trial stage, the rider or riders involved shall be credited with the time of the teammate(s) in whose company he was/they were riding at the moment of the incident.

Transponders are mandatory in the team time trial stage.

### **ARTICLE 17. Leaders' jerseys**

The leaders of the various classifications are required to wear the corresponding jerseys from the sign-on until the protocol ceremony at the finish.

### **ARTICLE 18. Fight against doping – Doping tests**

A.S.O. and all participating teams consider as an absolute necessity strict compliance with rules and recommendations issued by the authorities in the fight against doping and the obligation to observe impeccable conduct in this regard. Participating teams undertake to apply these rules and recommendations and shall be fully responsible for strict compliance by their riders and by all employees and contractors.

Doping tests shall be carried out under the authority of the UCI by designated officials, at the finish of each stage in the mobile home of the organisation.

### **ARTICLE 19. Protocol - Interviews**

The following riders must present themselves at the protocol ceremony at the end of each stage:

- the stage winner;
- the leader of the general individual classification by time;
- the leader of the points classification;
- the leader of the mountains classification; and
- the leader of the best young rider classification;
- the most combative rider

The stage winner and the leader of the general classification must present themselves at the press room.

The following riders must present themselves at the final protocol ceremony:

- . the winner of stage 8;
- . the winner of the 81<sup>st</sup> Paris-Nice;
- . the winner of the points classification;
- . the winner of the mountains classification;
- . the winner of the best young rider classification;
- . the most combative rider
- . the winning team in the general team classification; and
- . The top three riders in the general individual classification.

### **ARTICLE 20. UCI WorldTour Ranking**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter X, Part 2 "Road races" of the UCI Regulations, Paris-Nice awards points for the world and continental classifications.

### **ARTICLE 21. Penalties**

Penalties are in accordance with the UCI regulations.

### **ARTICLE 22. Environment**

A.S.O. sets up waste collection areas. Riders must only dispose of their waste, water bottles or any other object in these specially equipped areas.

Riders and followers must behave in an environmentally responsible way at all times and respect the legal provisions in force.



## **ARTICLE 23. Challenge – Exclusion**

**23.1.** A.S.O. attaches great importance to safeguarding its image and reputation and those of the race. A.S.O. reserves the right to refuse participation in - or exclude from - the event, to any team or one of its members whose presence could tarnish the image and/or reputation of A.S.O. and/or the race.

**23.2.** Furthermore, A.S.O. may disqualify or exclude any team or one of its members from the race in the following cases:

- violation of the rules of the event, including those concerning the race's internal discipline (e. g. rules concerning accommodation);
- Serious breach of French law;
- Vandalism during or outside of the race;
- Indecent dressing or inappropriate behaviour; or
- Any other act or fact that could tarnish the image and/or reputation of A.S.O. and/or the race.
- Breach of the health measures taken to combat the spread of the SarsCoV-2 virus (COVID-19).

**23.3.** The right of disqualification or exclusion referred to in sections 23.1 and 23.2 above shall be exercised under the following conditions:

a) A.S.O. shall advise the team of its decision in writing, by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or by letter delivered personally with receipt, either by fax or by e-mail.

This letter shall:

- state whether the disqualification or exclusion is related to the presence of the entire team or the presence of certain member(s) specified by name;
- specify that, if the disqualification or exclusion is linked to the presence of certain member(s) specified by name, the team must, in its capacity as employer, withdraw the member(s) from its personnel for the race or, alternatively, waive any right to participation of the entire team in the race;
- state the grounds on which it is based; and
- mention that, to challenge this decision, the team shall have a period of twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the letter of disqualification or exclusion to file an action with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, failing which the team shall be deemed to have accepted the disqualification or exclusion for good.

b) If the team has filed an action with it, CAS shall immediately appoint a single arbitrator under the expedited procedure under the Rules of Procedure of the CAS. After calling each party to evaluate its case, the arbitrator shall decide within the time limits required by urgency of the situation, whether to disqualify or exclude the entire team or certain member(s).

The language of arbitration shall be French.

The arbitrator shall decide the dispute in accordance with French law.

The arbitrator's ruling may not be appealed.

#### **ARTICLE 24. Image rights**

To enable the widespread promotion of Paris-Nice, each team, and therefore each rider within the teams, acknowledges that participation in the competition grants the organiser and its successors in title or beneficiaries cause to reproduce and display, without any compensation whatsoever, their name, voice, picture, biography and, more generally, their sports performance in Paris-Nice as well as the brand(s) of their equipment and sponsors, in any form on any material existing or in future, in any format, for any communication to the public domain, for any purpose including promotional and/or commercial use without any limitations except those specified below, and this for the duration of the protection currently given to any territory by the laws or regulations, judicial decisions and/or arbitration of any country, or existing or future international conventions, including any extensions that may be made to said duration.

However, the organisers, when allowing third parties to use pictures of the event for advertising or promotional purposes, shall not allow others to use the name, voice, image, biography or performance sports of a rider or team, nor the brand of their sponsors or equipment for a direct or indirect association between the rider, the brand of its sponsors or equipment and the product, service mark or trade name of said third party without the express consent of the rider, sponsor or supplier concerned.

Similarly, with the exception of books, photo books, comics, any form of publishing, video cassettes, CD-ROMs, DVDs or more generally any video recordings or video on any medium and format that may become the subject, is in whole or part of Paris-Nice, posters, log books, autograph books, maps, official programmes for Paris-Nice, the organiser will not carry and will not allow the exploitation of the individual image of a rider in the commercialisation of derivative products known as merchandise.

#### **ARTICLE 25. Sports betting**

In order to avoid any risk of a conflict of interest, the teams and all their members (riders, management, trainers, doctors, etc.) shall refrain from taking part in sports betting ventures concerning Paris-Nice, either directly or through an intermediary.

#### **ARTICLE 26.**

This regulation is written in French and this language version shall prevail in the event of difficulty in interpreting its terms in another language.