

Specific regulations

ARTICLE 1. Organisation

The 2023 TOUR OF OMAN, the 12th edition of the event, is organised by Oman Cycling Association with technical and sports-related assistance from Amaury Sport Organisation (A.S.O.) and in accordance with the regulations of the International Cycling Union (UCI). It will take place from Saturday, February 11th to Wednesday, February 15th 2023 and consists of 5 straight stages. The organization's address is: Oman Cycling Association P.O. Box 211 – MUSCAT 100

ARTICLE 2. Type of event

The event is reserved to riders from the Elite Men's Category, it is registered in the Asia Tour calendar with an HC classification, and it will give points to the UCI's classifications, in accordance with the articles 2.10.001 to 2.10.008 of the UCI regulations concerning stages' races.

ARTICLE 3. Participation

In accordance with article 2.1.005 of the UCI regulations, the event is open to:

- UCI WorldTeams
- UCI ProTeams
- UCI Continental teams
- National teams

In accordance with article 2.2.003 of the UCI regulations, the number of cyclists per team is restricted to a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7.

ARTICLE 4. Race headquarters

The race headquarters will be open on Thursday, February 9th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Avani Muscat Hotel & Suites, Boulevard Mall, Seeb Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Licence-holding Team managers will be able to collect race numbers from 3:00pm to 4:45pm.

The team manager's meeting, held pursuant to article 1.2.087 of the UCI regulations, in the presence of members of the Stewards' Committee, will be held on Friday, February 15th at 5:00pm at the Avani Muscat Hotel & Suites, Boulevard Mall, Seeb Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

ARTICLE 5. Radio-Tour

Information on the race will be broadcast on "Radio-Tour", using the frequency of 161.3125 MHz.

ARTICLE 6. Neutral technical support

Neutral technical support is provided by Shimano, with 3 support vehicles.

ARTICLE 7. Finishing deadlines

For stages 1, 2 and 4, there is a finish deadline corresponding to the winner's time plus 12%.

For stages 3 and 5, there is a finish deadline corresponding to the winner's time plus 15%.

As Stage 2 Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex - Qurayyat, Stage 3 Al Khobar → Jabal Haat and stage 5 Samail "Al Resthouse" - Jabal Al Akhdhar (Green Mountain) have uphill finishes, the rule concerning the last 3 kilometres will not be applied.

Any case of force major or exceptional situation will be settled by the Stewards' Committee after consultation with the race management.

ARTICLE 8. Bonuses

Time bonuses, applied only to the general individual classification, are awarded for all stages according to article 2.6.019 of the UCI regulations.

They concern intermediate sprints and stage finishes, and are awarded as follows:

1°) 3", 2" and 1" will be awarded to the first 3 riders in intermediate sprints;

2°) 10", 6" and 4" will be awarded to the first 3 riders at stage finishes.

ARTICLE 9. General individual time classification

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

In the event of a tie, the places achieved for each stage are added up and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the final stage is counted.

The leader of the general individual time classification will wear a red jersey the following race day.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY FOR THE GENERAL INDIVIDUAL TIME CLASSIFICATION: €22,725

ARTICLE 10. Points classification

A points classification is established by adding together the points obtained in each stage as well as the intermediate sprints according to article 2.6.017 of the UCI regulations.

Points for the 2 intermediate sprints in each stage will be awarded as follows:

3 – 2 and 1 point (s) to the first 3 riders.

At the finish of the stages:

15 – 12 – 9 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 and 1 point(s) to the first 10 riders.

The leader of the points classification will wear a green jersey the following race day.

In the event of a tie in the general individual points classification, the following criteria shall be applied in the following order until there is a true ranking.

1°) number of stage wins;

2°) number of wins in intermediate sprints;

3°) general individual time classification.

To be entitled to final general classification prize money, competitors have to complete the entire race within the official time limit.

Prize money awarded for the points classification is as follows:

Final general classification:

1st : €1,300 • 2nd : €1,000

3rd : €850 • 4th : €450

Total: €3,600

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY FOR THE POINTS CLASSIFICATION: €3,600

ARTICLE 11. Young rider classification

Only riders born on or after 1st January 1998 may take part in the young rider classification.

The leader of the young rider classification is the first young rider in the general individual classification. **He will wear a white jersey the following race day.**

Prize money awarded for the young rider classification is as follows:

1st : €1,300 • 2nd : €1,000 • 3rd : €800 • 4th : €450

Total: €3,600

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY FOR THE YOUNG RIDER CLASSIFICATION: €3,600

ARTICLE 12. Most aggressive rider classification

The most aggressive rider classification is established by adding together the points obtained in the intermediate sprints and in the climbs classifications of all stages. Points for the intermediate sprints and for the climbs classification in each stage will be awarded as follows:

3 – 2 and 1 point(s) to the first 3 riders.

The leader of the classification will wear a gold jersey.

In the event of a tie in the general individual classification for the most aggressive rider, the following criteria shall be applied in order until there is a true ranking.

1°) number of 1st places in the different intermediate classifications;

2°) general individual time classification.

To be entitled to final general classification prize money, competitors have to complete the entire race within the official time limit.

Prize money awarded for the most aggressive rider classification is as follows:

Final general classification:

1st : €1,300 • 2nd : €1,000 • 3rd : €850 • 4th : €450

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY FOR THE MOST AGGRESSIVE RIDER CLASSIFICATION: €3,600

ARTICLE 13. Team classification

In accordance with article 2.6.016 of the UCI regulations, the team classification for each stage is established by adding together the three best individual times from each team. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by adding together the rankings of their three best 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 together the three best individual times from each team in every stage. In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in the following order until the teams are separated:

1°) the number of first places in the daily team classification;

2°) the number of second places in the daily team classification.

Etc.

If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the place obtained by their best rider in the general individual classification.

Any team reduced to fewer than three riders is eliminated from the general team classification. Prize money awarded for the general team classification is as follows:

1st : €1,300 • 2nd : €1,000 • 3rd : €850 • 4th : €450

Total: €3,600

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY FOR THE GENERAL TEAM CLASSIFICATION: €3,600

ARTICLE 14. Prize money

Places	Stages	General Classification
1 st	€3,615	€9,037.50
2 nd	€1,805	€4,512.50
3 rd	€905	€2,262.50
4 th	€455	€1,137.50
5 th	€365	€912.50
6 th	€270	€675
7 th	€270	€675
8 th	€180	€450
9 th	€180	€450
10 th	€95	€237.50
11 th	€95	€237.50
12 th	€95	€237.50
13 th	€95	€237.50
14 th	€95	€237.50
15 th	€95	€237.50
16 th	€95	€237.50
17 th	€95	€237.50
18 th	€95	€237.50
19 th	€95	€237.50
20 th	€95	€237.50
ie per stage	€9,090	
Total (x5)	€45,450	€22,725

The total amount of prize money for the 2023 TOUR OF OMAN is as follows:

Classification for the stages	€45,450
General individual time classification	€22,725
Points classification	€3,600
Young rider classification	€3,600
Most aggressive rider classification	€3,600
Team classification	€3,600
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY	€82,575

Reconversion and cyclist union fees 11.82%: €9,760.37

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY: €92,335.37

ARTICLE 15. Anti-doping tests

Anti-doping tests will be carried out under the UCI regulations.

ARTICLE 16. Protocol ceremony

After each stage, the following riders must present themselves at the protocol ceremony:

- stage winner;
- leader of the general individual time classification;
- leader of the points classification;
- leader of the young rider classification;
- leader of the most aggressive rider classification.

After the last stage, the following riders must present themselves at the protocol ceremony:

- stage winner;
- 3 best riders of the general individual time classification;
- leader of the points classification;
- leader of the young rider classification;
- leader of the most aggressive rider classification;
- 7 riders and the team manager of the winning team in the general team classification.

The leader in each classification must wear the corresponding leader jersey.

If a rider is first in several classifications, the order of priority in which the jerseys will be worn is as follows:

1. general individual time classification;
2. general points classification;
3. young rider classification;
4. most aggressive rider classification.

ARTICLE 17. Penalties

Penalties are in accordance with the UCI regulations.

ARTICLE 18. The Environment

A.S.O. sets up collection areas which are specifically designated to recover waste. Riders must only dispose of their waste, water bottles or any other object in these specially equipped areas. Riders and followers must behave responsibly with regards to the environment in all circumstances and respect the legal provisions in force.

ARTICLE 19. Challenge – Exclusion

19.1. A.S.O. considers the preservation of its image, its reputation and that of its event of the utmost consequence.

A.S.O. expressly reserves the right to refuse participation in - or to exclude from - the event, any team or members of a team, whose presence shall seriously blemish the image and/or reputation of A.S.O. and/or the event.

19.2. Furthermore, A.S.O. may exclude from the event any team or any of its members in the following cases:

- a breach of the event's rules, including those concerning the event's internal rules (e.g. the rules concerning accommodation);

- a serious breach of Sultanate of Oman law;
- acts of vandalism committed in the race or outside the race;
- indecent attire or inappropriate behaviour;
- any other act or deed which is liable to damage the image and/or the reputation of A.S.O. and/or of the Tour of Oman.

ARTICLE 20. Image rights

In order to enable the promotion of the Tour of Oman each team, and therefore each rider within the teams, acknowledges that participation in the competition grants the organiser and its beneficiaries or legal representatives to reproduce and display, without any compensation whatsoever, his name, voice, picture, biography and more generally his sports performance within the framework of the Tour of Oman as well as the brand (s) of his equipment manufacturers and sponsors, in any form and on any material existing or in future, in any format, for any communication in the public domain throughout the world, for any purpose including promotional and/or commercial use without any limitations, and for the duration of the protection currently given to any territory by the laws or regulations, judicial decisions and/or arbitration of any country, and international conventions either existing or in the future, including any extensions that may be made to this duration.

ARTICLE 21.

The present regulations are written in French and shall prevail in the event of difficulty in interpreting its terms in another language.