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## PREAMBLE

**George EDWARDS** is the creator of the DOWNHILL MTB MARATHON rule races. These rules guarantee the sporting fairness, the cohesion of the event and the passive security of the competitors. The exploitation of this regulatory support has been approved since 1995 through various displays of international reputation **MEGAVALANCHE®**, **MAXIAVALANCHE®**. These operations were granted by an agreement between **George EDWARDS** and the **S.A.R.L. UCC** for the exploitation of the naming and concepts.

## 1. DEFINITION

Each competitor who takes part of the competition is supposedly aware of the regulations and engage himself to follow it without any reserves of prescriptions.

The only competent authority will be the jury for the following regulations.

The **MEGAVALANCHE®** is open to every candidate with personal and technical criteria contained in this Regulation articles.

The **MEGAVALANCHE®** is open to a maximum of **2.200 competitors** (2.000 MTB and 200 E-MTB).

Starts take place **by line (Mass-Start MTB®)** on downhill paths primarily selected to ensure passive security and a diversity of obstacles and crossings, privileging the discipline attributes which are strength and endurance combined with skills and adaptability while making use of the specific technology of versatile mountain-bikes (MTB).

Race time between start point and arrival point isn't less than 40 minutes in optimal racing and meteorological conditions.



## 2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1.** The **Megavalanche®** is open to the competitors who have a license delivered by a national federation affiliated to the UCI where there is a proof of medical clearance with the mention « absence of any apparent clinical sign of contraindication to the practice of mountain bike in competition », fulfilling the obligations related to their inscription request.
- 2.2.** Non-licensed competitors, considering they have a medical clearance for sport in competition dated of less than 12 months (on the day of the event) or another sports licence of the year can attend the event.
- 2.3.** In case of injury, competitors may need a helicopter transfer, or other transfers not refunded by their own insurances. They can take a complementary insurance (Multisport Assur) during the registration or at the Race Office. Warning : you still have to show your licence or medical clearance, it's just a complementary insurance.
- 2.4.** Open to participants aged of 15 years and over (born in 2009 or before).
- 2.5.** Each competitors certifies to hold a valid social security or personal insurance during the day of the competition.

## 3. REGISTRATION

### 3.1. Registration Online :

**3.1.1.** Official Website: [www.ucc-sportevent.com](http://www.ucc-sportevent.com)

### 3.2. MEGAVALANCHE® registration fees - Edition 2025 :

**3.2.1.** From €90 + lift pass (compulsory)

Cancellation insurance to be taken out with our partner insurance company AssurConnect Mutuaid at the time of registration.

### 3.3. Ski lift access

Each competitor has to be provided with his lift pass which will be delivered to him, accompanied with documentary evidence on which the holder has to register the code appearing on his pass.

In case of loss, without this documentary evidence, the package cannot be replaced. A deposit of 2€ is included in the initial price, this deposit is refunded when you return the pass to the ski lift boxes.



Warning: The person using the pass has to be the owner, it cannot be used by another person than the competitor considering that each pass corresponds to the identification of one rider (Plate number and surname are registered after each of your passages).

### **3.4. Registration deadline**

Registrations are closed as soon as the maximum number of participant is reached. The deadline for registration is 7 full days before the qualification. After this deadline, new registration will be process from Wednesday, within the limit of available places and eventual cancellation, considering a registration fee increase.

### **3.5. Cancellation prior to the race and refund**

See conditions with our insurance partner AssurConnect Mutuaid (link available on the website, or when registering on the Engagesport.com platform).

If you do not take out cancellation insurance at the time of registration, no refund will be made in the event of cancellation.

### **3.6. Registration Transfer**

The registration is personal. None transfer is authorized for any reason. Anyone reassigning his registration plate to someone will be held responsible in case of accident occurred or caused by himself during the race. The organization declines any responsibility in the event of an accident in the event of this type of situation and will definitely exclude the competitor who has given his registration and the competitor of the **MEGAVALANCHE®** as soon as he becomes aware of it.

### **3.7. Registration confirmation**

For the online registration via Engage Sport, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you from reception of transaction also on your Engage account.

Every competitor can inquire of the good recording of its registration by contacting : [info@uccsportevent.com](mailto:info@uccsportevent.com), or by calling the registration service : +33 (0)4 93 43 51 54

### **3.8. Categories**

The year of birth is determining the assignment in age category for each competitor.



## 4. ALLOCATION OF RACE NUMBERS

### 4.1. Specific to “priority” competitors and sporting success (please refer to annexe 1)

Allocated number plate for “priority” riders list corresponds to their placing on the start line. The number of riders on each qualification or race runs is also taken into account. However, the sequence displays of the front lines are linked with riders sporting success. Each competitor is **personally responsible** for posting its sporting results during the registration phase in the “**Palmares**” **checkbox**. A certification of « sporting success » or specific access criteria may be asked by the Organisation or in the case of a complaint.

*For example : for heat races with 100 racers ; N°1 to 25, N°101 to 125, N°201 to 225 etc...*

### 4.2. Other competitors

Numbers plates are allocated in the order in which riders have registered, date as per postmark and internet registration.

This order of registration determines the position of each rider on the qualification and races start lines.

*For example:*

- 5 « Priority riders » + 5 registrations of “sporting success” riders + 15 registration on 1/01/N to 15/02/N period form the line of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd... wave of qualifications or races runs.
- 25 registrations on the 16/02/N to 15/03/N period form the second line of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd,... wave of qualifications or race runs.
- Etc...

### 4.3. Ladies

The same process is applied for the **Ladies** categories. They do have grouped and consecutive number plate. Those number are allocated following their “sporting success” and their order of registration, date as per postmark and internet registration.

### 4.4. For specific categories, riders have grouped and consecutive number plates.



## 5. PROTECTIVE ACCESSORIES

### 5.1. Required protective gear :

- Full-face Helmet
- Knee pads
- Long gloves
- Back protection (or rucksack)

A rider not wearing the imposed protections shall be banned from the race. Unannounced controls can be made by a member of the UCC organization team. (Please refer to the regulations).

**5.2.** We strongly recommend that you wear elbow pads.

**5.3. The riders shall ensure** the reliability of their own protective gears : Helmet, Elbow and Knee guards, etc...

**5.4. The riders shall wear** their protective gear during the whole run. If not respected, it can lead to a disqualification.

## 6. RECEPTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

**6.1.** The **administrative control** of competitors is scheduled 48h or 24h before the day of seeding runs.

**6.2.** A competitor is considered to be properly engaged only when he has completed the entry form and has at the same time settled the amount of the commitment

**6.3.** A Competitors must be properly engaged and must present their identity papers, licenses or medical certificate.

On the other hand, the organizer gives them their number and a plate.

**6.4.** Non-engaged competitors may present themselves at the administrative control at the opening. In the event of a surplus, they may be placed on a waiting list. A special plate will be issued for testing. A call for non-members on the waiting list will be made at the close of administrative controls to replace absentees.

## 7. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL VERIFICATIONS

**7.1.** Admitted bikes in all competitions organized by U.C.C must be mountain bikes. Studded tyres are forbidden.

Any protruding extremity must be covered or be the object of a corking.

**7.2.** Each competitor shall ensure the proper functioning of his equipment (bicycle with accessories and other devices fitted).



**7.3.** The number plate shall be fixed in a way to ensure its good visibility. Number plates and bibs number are reserved for the officials' partners of U.C.C and **excluding any other ones**, thus staying in their original configuration particularly the emplacement reserved for the « **line sticker** ». In the case of wear out, modification or absence of these number plate causes penalties (**Art.15**).

**7.4. Changing bikes during the race is prohibited.** For muscle bikes, it is strictly forbidden to change bike or frame. For VTAE bikes, it is strictly forbidden to change bike, motor or frame.

**7.5. E-Bike Category – E-Mega:**

**7.5.1.** The e-Mega category authorises cycles with pedalling assisted by an auxiliary electric motor that only sends its energy to the motor to amplify the movement of the crankset in proportion to the rider's strength. This is a discreet and limited form of assistance that does not distort the bike's primary function. The power delivered is less than or equal to 250 Watts. This device is approved so that electric assistance is deactivated at 25 km/h (plus or minus 10%), or earlier, if the cyclist stops pedalling.

**7.5.2. Certification :**

**7.5.2.1.** The VTAEs admitted must comply with the characteristics set out in the manufacturer's catalogue in terms of motorisation and battery.

**7.5.2.2.** The VTAE must be presented with a certificate of conformity (approval to the required safety standards, including standards NF EN 15194 and EN 14766 and decree 95-937 relating to the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bicycles (all types combined)).

**7.5.2.3.** If the homologation certificate cannot be produced, a technical inspection will be carried out. The organisers reserve the right to prevent a competitor from starting.

**7.5.3. Walk Controle :**

**7.5.3.1.** Only 'inching' and mode change controls are authorised. Any other control (twist throttle, button, trigger, etc.) that allows the motor to operate on its own (i.e. without pedalling) does not fall into the category of electrically assisted bicycles.

## **8. SPORTING OBLIGATION**

**8.1.** The particular conditions of racing allow the Steering committee to draw the attention of the participants on the sports and responsible spirit which has to prevail in their competitors' acts, in particular, take time to inform the closest first-aid post in the view(sight) of an incident the gravity of which would require care.

The organisation committee would like to underline the following Sporting obligations:





- Each competitor shall respect a good sportsmanship and responsible behaviour in all of their acts.
- In case of an incident requiring medical care, the nearest rescue posts shall be informed

## 9. RACE

- 9.1.** Each competitor shall respect the races limits that must be marked and indicated by nets, barrier tape, slalom gates, banners and / or arrows signs. In the case of a rider going off-track, he shall resume his run where he exits the race.
- 9.2.** The “autocontrôle<sup>1</sup>” guarantees the smooth running of the event in a showmanship manner. It allows a rider to submit a claim against one of his competitors that would have deliberately followed a path really shortening the official race as stipulated on the article **"Complaints"** (**Art. 16**). All race violation that had been reported by a Marshall, or **by at least one contender**, can lead to a penalty, if not the disqualification of the accused one.
- 9.3.** The race to necessarily follow has materialized by the existing trails or by the taped path. Nevertheless, alternative lines can be allowed **if they had been submitted before the start of the competition** to the Race Director. If he decided to validate this line option, this decision will be the object of a public information expressed during the briefing and/or posted to the race HQ..
- 9.4.** The course materialized and final during the “official practise sessions” period that took place 24h before the qualification day. No modifications to the course can be made till the seeding runs except major force case left to the appreciation of the race director.
- 9.5.** Each competitor shall cross the finish line with his bike to be classified.

<sup>1</sup> Autocontrôle : la réclamation rapportée par 1 concurrent au Directeur de course comporte obligatoirement : résumé et croquis de l'incident, position sur le parcours, évaluation du temps gagné et autres commentaires

## 10. EVENT SEQUENCE

### 10.1. « Seeding runs – Qualifications »



**Definition:** The seeding runs take place the eve of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of competition. Their goal is to ensure a fair hierarchy of rider on the start lines position.

**The number of waves of prologue - placement races is determined by the overall number of entrants and the configuration of the starting platform.**

**The ideal maximum number of male competitors per prologue-placement wave is 150**, including a number of competitors with 'priority' status distributed in proportion to the number of prologue-placement races.

**Lines constitution:** The starting lines for the 'prologue - placement races' are formed by placing 20 to 30 riders in ascending order of number in the starting area of each wave.

*N.B. This number can be lowered regarding the sanitary restrictions.*

#### **10.2. Strat procedure :**

- 20 minutes before the start, competitors shall show up and ensure that they are in the judged starting list.
- 10 minutes before the start, competitors must assist to the Race Director briefing that gave the last information concerning the course, marshal and rescue teams positions, and the start procedure, etc.
- 5 minutes before the start, competitors shall take positions on the start line.
- Display: 1 minute, 30 seconds and 10 seconds periods before the start signal.

#### **10.3. Chronology**

The prologue - placement heats are 20 to 30 minutes apart.

#### **10.4. Finish**

Each competitor shall cross the finish line in order to have access to the heat races in the "seeding runs/qualifications" time schedule.

#### **10.5. Automatic "re-qualification" for "Priority riders"**

After the qualifications, competitors figuring on the "priority riders" list are automatically placed on the 4<sup>th</sup> line (D line) of the scratch race of the **MEGAVALANCHE®**, even if they D.N.F or do not figured on the qualified list.

#### **10.6. Abandonment**

Competitors who abandon without crossing the finish line shall submit their will to compete to the responsible for timekeeping; they will then be placed on the race starting line behind the last line of following categories: **CHALLENGERS, AMATEURS or AFFINITY.**

#### **10.7. In case of inability to organize the « seeding runs / Qualifications »**

Riders will be positioned in the following order: "**Priority riders**", followed by **sporting success** riders finishing by the traditional registration order.



## 11. RACE LINES SEQUENCING ORDER OF THE MEGAVALANCHE®

At the end of the “**seeding runs – Qualifications**”, all participants shall take back the “Letter Sticker” of their start line position and must be provided with their ID card. This sticker must be placed on the dedicated space on their race plate, in order to access their start line of respectively the **MEGAVALANCHE** and **CHALLENGERS, AMATEURS and AFFINITY 1 & 2** categories.

**11.1.** Participants who have obtained the letter ‘A’ in the placement heats must attend the ‘A’ line presentation ceremony at 5.45pm on Friday to receive their ‘A’ sticker and a GPS beacon, which they must carry with them throughout the race.

### **11.2. Groups constitution and lines sequencing**

At the end of the “**seeding runs – Qualifications**”, the following groups are constituted ::

- **MEGAVALANCHE® Alpe d’Huez Group :**

The 350\* best of the 10 seeding runs.

From the 1st to the 35th of each seeding run.

- **MEGA CHALLENGERS Alpe d’Huez Group :**

The 350\* ranked after the 350 best on seeding runs.

From the 36th to the 70th of each seeding run.

- **MEGA AMATEURS Alpe d’Huez Group :**

The 250\* riders ranked after the 700th best on seeding runs.

From the 71st to the 94th of each seeding run.

- **MEGA AFFINITY 1 et 2 Alpe d’Huez Groups :**

#### **Individual timing**

All riders ranked after the 950th best\*.

From the 95th to the 130th of each seeding run.

*(\*) This number depends on the number of registered riders, the number of seeding run races and the place on the start plateforme. It can be modified without warning by the Organization.*

**The ‘MEGAVALANCHE’, ‘Challengers’ and ‘Amateurs’ groups start in line (Mass-Start MTB®).**



### **11.3. Special groups**

#### **11.3.1. Ladies**

In MEGAVALANCHE®, Ladies start in a specific group over 40 riders.

## **12. CATEGORIES AND RANKING**

### **12.1. MEGAVALANCHE® Group**

#### **12.1.1. SCRATCH**

Any category, except E-Bikes..

#### **12.1.2. SCRATCH MEGA LADIES®**

(+ 40 competitors at the start)

- **U19** : 15 to 18 years old, born between 2007 and 2010
- **U30** : 19 to 29 years old, born between 1996 and 2006
- **MASTERS 30** : 30 to 39 years old, born between 1986 and 1995
- **MASTERS 40** : 40 years old and more, born in 1985 and before

#### **12.1.3. MENS CATEGORIES : MEGAVALANCHE®**

- **U17** : 15 to 16 years old, born between 2009 and 2010
- **U19** : 17 to 18 years old, born between 2007 and 2008
- **U30** : 19 to 29 years old, born between 1996 and 2006
- **MASTERS 30** : 30 to 39 years old, born between 1986 and 1995
- **MASTERS 40** : 40 to 49 years old, born between 1976 and 1985
- **MASTERS 50** : 50 to 59 years old, born between 1966 and 1975
- **MASTERS 60** : more than 60 years old, born in 1965 and before

### **12.2. MEGA CHALLENGERS Group**

#### **12.2.1. SCRATCH MEGA CHALLENGER**

Any category.

#### **12.2.2. MENS CATEGORIES MEGA CHALLENGERS**

- **U17 Challengers** : 15 to 16 years old, born between 2009 and 2010
- **U19 Challengers** : 17 to 18 years old, born between 2007 and 2008



- **U30 Challengers** : 19 to 29 years old, born between 1996 and 2006
- **MASTERS 30 Challengers** : 30 to 39 years old, born between 1986 and 1995
- **MASTERS 40 Challengers** : 40 to 49 years old, born between 1976 and 1985
- **MASTERS 50 Challengers** : 50 to 59 years old, born between 1966 and 1975
- **MASTERS 60 Challengers** : more than 60 years old, born in 1965 and before

### **12.3. MEGA AMATEURS Group**

#### **12.3.1. MEGA AMATEURS Categories**

- **U19 Amateurs** : 15 to 18 years old, born between 2007 and 2010
- **U40 Amateurs** : 19 to 39 years old, born between 1986 and 2006
- **MASTERS Amateurs** : 40 years old and more, born in 1985 and before

### **12.4. E-MEGA by Loisibike (category Electrical Bike Assistance)**

- **SCRATCH** : All categories
- **U40 LADIES** : Ladies born in 1986 and after.
- **MASTERS LADIES** : Ladies born before 1985, 40 years old and more.
- **U40 MEN** : 15 to 39 years old, born in 1986 and after.
- **MASTERS MEN** : Born before 1985, 40 years old and more.

### **12.5. MEGA KID**

#### **12.5.1. Boys Catégo**

- **U9\* GARCONS MEGA KID** : 7 - 8 years old\* born in 2017 et 2018
- **U11\* GARCONS MEGA KID** : 9 – 10 years old \* born in 2015 et 2016
- **U13 GARCONS MEGA KID** : 11 – 12 years old \* born in 2013 et 2014
- **U15 GARCONS MEGA KID** : 13 – 14 years old \* born in 2011 et 2012
- **U17 GARCONS MEGA KID** : 15 – 16 years old \* born in 2009 et 2010

#### **12.5.2. Girls Catégo**

- **U9\* FILLES MEGA KID** : 7 - 8 years old \* born in 2017 et 2018
- **U11\* FILLES MEGA KID** : 9 – 10 years old \* born in 2015 et 2016
- **U13 FILLES MEGA KID** : 11 – 12 years old \* born in 2013 et 2014
- **U15 FILLES MEGA KID** : 13 – 14 years old \* born in 2011 et 2012
- **U17 FILLES MEGA KID** : 15 – 16 years old \* born in 2009 et 2010

\*who can prove they have attended a mountain bike school



## 13. RACE RUN(S)

### 13.1. Définition

Race run determines the final ranking of the **MEGAVALANCHE®** and gives access to points attribution.

### 13.2. Race's start lines formation

**13.2.1.** « **MEGAVALANCHE® race run** » start lines are ideally formed by 24 to 30 racers (depending upon available space) placed in ascending order of the letters of their race plate and by categories in the starting area of each race..

**N.B. This number can be lowered regarding the sanitary restrictions.**

**13.2.2** Racers shall get to their position upon command of the Starter (Judge), depending on :

- Line letter (place won during the seeding runs – Qualifications)
- Rank on the seeding runs – Qualifications (for example: the four 1<sup>st</sup>, the four 2<sup>nd</sup>...)
- Lap time in the seeding runs – Qualifications.

Start line positioning call shall be made following the order of the letter, position, and lap time of the seeding runs. A Line: all the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, call in the order of the lap time; B Line: all the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ...etc. *(According to the number of qualifications waves)*

### 13.3. Clarification

In order to preserve a good start order, all competitors and especially those with corresponding letters to the lines A, B, C, D, E and F, have the obligation to be on the start platform at their allocated departure time, failing which shall apply a demotion. **(Art. 15, see list of penalties).**

### 13.4. MEGAVALANCHE® ALPE D'HUEZ race runs chronology

Please refer to the official program or website : [www.megavalanche.com](http://www.megavalanche.com)

### 13.5. MEGA KID

The MEGA KID race takes place on a dedicated course over two runs on Friday.

There are as many starts as there are categories:

- U17



- U15
- U13
- U11\*
- U9\*

\* with a certified regular practise in MTB school

Ranking will be established on points awarded on both runs.

## 14. REWARDS

Each competitor shall participate to the official reward ceremony. In case of unjustified non-attendance, the competitor won't be able to receive his reward and sports measures and sanctions may be decided.

### 14.1. MEGAVALANCHE® Rankings

#### 14.1.1. MEGAVALANCHE® Male Scratch ranking:

- **1st** Trip: Flight (Departure from Paris) + Accommodation (shared Bungalow) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.
- **2nd** Trip: Flight (Departure from Paris) + Accommodation (shared Bungalow) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.
- **3rd** Trip: Flight (Departure from Paris) + Accommodation (shared Bungalow) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.
- **4th** Flight (Departure from Paris) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.
- **5th** Flight (Departure from Paris) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.

#### 14.1.2. MEGA LADIES Scratch ranking:

- **1st** Trip: Flight (Departure from Paris) + Accommodation (shared Bungalow) for the 2025 Reunion's Island MEGAVALANCHE®.
- Rewards to the 5 best.

*Flights and accommodations are nominative, non-exchangeable and non-alterable.*

#### 14.1.3. MEGAVALANCHE® Categories ranking :

- Rewards to the 3 first of each category (U17, U19, U30, Master 30, Master 40, Master 50, Master 60)

### 14.2. Other rankings

#### 14.2.1. For the podiums in the 'Challengers' and 'Amateurs' Groups :

##### 14.2.1.1. Rewards to the top 5 of scratch and the top 3 of each category



#### 14.2.2. For the 'E-BIKE' podiums :

14.2.2.1. Prize Money for the 1<sup>st</sup> **scratch** : 300 euros

14.2.2.2. Rewards to the top 5 of scratch and top 3 of each category

#### 14.2.3. For the MEGA KIDS podiums:

14.2.3.1. Rewards to the top 3 of each category, boys and girls.

## 15. PENALITES

The sanctions are estimated and validated by the race jury.

1. Race gear and missing mandatory equipment	<u>Refusal to start</u>
2. Noncompliant race plate or bib	<u>1 min penalty</u>
3. Missing "line sticker"	<u>Demotion of one line</u>
4. Entering the departure area after the last call	
a. While the line of the rider concerned is already in place	<u>Demotion of one line</u>
b. While the following two (or more) are in place	<u>Demotion of 2 lines</u>
5. Track cut confirmed by a marshal or by an autocontrôle <sup>2</sup>	<u>Time penalty : 5 or 10 times</u> <i>the estimated time gain taking into account the dangerousness of the act.</i>
6. Out of time collection of the starting number temps Needed for the track recognition	<u>Rider place on the last line of the « seeding runs-qualification »</u>
7. False start, race stopped	
Jury assisted by video	<u>Demotion of one line</u>
Second false start when back in the start lines	<u>2 minutes penalty</u>
8. False Start, race launched	
Jury assisted by video	<u>2 minutes penalty</u>
9. Pollution and environmental degradation of the venue(s) by the competitor or their assistance staff	<u>2 minutes penalty</u>
10. Exterior furniture of components outside the assistance zone chains, tires, handlebars	<u>30 min penalty</u>

<sup>2</sup> *Autocontrôle* : a claim submitted by 1 competitor to the Race Director must contain : a brief summary and drawing of the incident, localisation on the course, assessment of the saved time and other comments





11. False data about the prize list	<u>2 minutes penalty</u>
12. Technical defraud against the article 7	<u>Disqualification</u>
13. Others	
a. No helmet	<u>Disqualification</u>
b. Using of any other transport on the race	<u>Disqualification</u>
c. Riding against race traffic:	<u>From 2 minutes penalty to exclusion</u>
d. Test runs during the race period:	<u>From 2 minutes penalty to exclusion</u>
e. Non assistance to a person in danger*:	<u>Disqualification</u>
f. Discourteous attitudes or insults to a member of the OC :	<u>From 2 minutes penalty to exclusion</u>

*(\*) A competitor who helps another competitor who has been injured can benefit from a time credit on request and according to the following procedure: time between the 1st call to the emergency number to report the incident and a new call before setting off again after being taken care of by the emergency team (please note that confirmation is required to validate the time of departure from the site of the accident).*

## 16. COMPLAINTS

**16.1.** Complaints about the running of the race, behaviour of other competitors and an **autocontrôle** report shall be made in writing and delivered to the Race Director and must contain:

- Surname
- First Name
- Phone Number
- E-mail address of the petitioner
- Bib Number
- Description of the presumed guilty rider (Bike Brand, Race Gear...).
- Summary and drawing of the incident.
- Localisation on the course.
- Assessment of the saved time and other comments

In a 30 minutes delay after the arrival of the petitioner.

**16.2.** The jury will summon the presumed guilty rider and set out the acts attributed to him. Each competitor involved in the case will be heard by the jury. The decision of the jury shall be final.

**16.3.** The jury shall be composed of :

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- An athlete appointed in the “**Priority list**”.
- The Race Director
- The Supervisor of the local Organisation Committee or the Marshall Manager

## **17. IMAGE RIGHTS**

**17.1.** Each competitor participating in the event shall expressly authorized the event organizations and the other rightful owners, such as the partners and Medias, to use the pictures or videos taken during the event where he might appear on. Thus allowing to use his image on all supports, promotional and advertising content included, and worldwide.

This provision runs for the longest time prescribed by law, regulations, and treaties currently in force, as well as eventual prolongations which could be made to this time.

**17.2.** Professionals medias, photographers and videographers shall get an accreditation from the S.A.RL. UCC which holds all the commercial rights of the brand MEGAVALENCHÉ® and more broadly all competitions organized from the regulation quoted before.

## **18. SECURITY AND ASSISTANCE**

### **18.1. Emergency call**

There are emergency numbers on frame plates which allow to trigger a precise alert in order to help an injured competitor. The other option is to call number 112 or 15. It is also highly recommended to carry a mobile phone.

### **18.2. Security and on site assistance**

Covered by a network of checkpoints and medical posts consisted of Doctors, Rescuers, Controllers, Signallers, dressed of one recognizable chasuble.

### **18.3. Doping Control**

Each competitor can be subjected to a hanging dope test or upon the arrival of the race. Any positive control will pull an immediate disqualification.



## **19. INSURANCE**

The practice of mountain bike in general, especially in competition, is a physical activity presenting risks. Each participant of the MEGAVALANCHE must be aware that he will be playing on mountainous terrain with intense climbs, technical and fast descents.

### **19.1. Public liability :**

In accordance with the legislation in force, the organization has taken out insurance covering the financial consequences of its civil liability, that of its entire organizing team and of all participants in its event.

As far as the civil liability of the participants is concerned, the corresponding guarantee is limited to the accidents which they could cause to third parties during the course of the event. It takes effect only on the official route, during the event, for regularly registered participants and in race. In addition, this guarantee will be in addition to, or in the absence of, other insurance which the participants may otherwise benefit from.

A receipt can be provided to any participant who requests it.

### **19.2. Individual accident :**

In accordance with Article L321-4 of the Sport Code, we strongly recommend that each participant take out an individual accident insurance covering his / her personal injuries as part of his or her participation in the event, in particular if he / she is not affiliated to the FFC, guaranteeing the payment of capital in case of personal injury (death or permanent disability) due to an accident occurred on the event, whether or not it is responsible, whether or not he is a Third party identified and / or responsible. By accepting the entry requirements, these rules take part in the events, each participant recognizes and assumes full responsibility in the event of an accident that may occur during the event. Compensation, based on damages, occurs when the insured is the victim of an accident during his participation in the sporting event. This insurance is optional but strongly recommended. It may be taken out in addition or in the absence of an insurance of the same type held in particular via a sports license (license type FFC for example). It is the licensee's responsibility to verify that he or she has been adequately covered by his federation for physical damages incurred in connection with their participation in this type of event.

### **19.3. Material damage :**



The Organizers decline any responsibility for damage (theft, breakage, loss, etc.) suffered by the participants' personal property, even if they have custody of them. It is the responsibility of each person to guarantee himself or herself against this type of risk with his insurance. Participants knows that organizers are not responsible for the surveillance of personal property or objects in the event of theft or loss. Objects, accessories or bicycles given to third parties during the event (member of the organization or not) will be under the sole responsibility of the depositing participant. Participants will not be able to turn against the organizers for any damage caused to their equipment.

#### **19.4. Aerial pictures :**

Participants are informed that :

- Flying machines (drones) can be used on the day of the event to take videos.
- You could be, at any place and while riding, at less than 30 meters from this flying machines.
- If needed, you will receive safety instructions that need to be strictly respected.

## **20. ALTERATION OR CANCELLATION OF THE COMPETITION**

#### **20.1. Alteration of the competition :**

Every occurrence susceptible to deteriorate the participant's safety (weather phenomenon, sanitary conditions or other) could give place to an alteration of part of / the whole competition. Participants will be notified as soon as possible.

#### **20.2. Cancellation of the competition:**

Si If the participant's safety is put into danger, the Organisation is reserving the right to cancel the whole competition.

#### **20.3. Special conditions :**

In case of alteration or cancellation of the race, no claim or responsibility could be hold against the Organisation and the fees already paid by concurrent won't be refunded.

## **21. ACCEPTATION OF REGULATION**

Participation in the MEGAVALANCHE implies the express and unreserved acceptance by each participant of these rules. The organizers of MEGAVALANCHE reserve the right to modify it, in particular, for reasons that would be imposed by the competent authorities. Each participant acknowledges having read these rules and accepts them entirely.



## Appendix 1 : Eligibility criteria for 'Priority' status

Participants whose numbers are reserved will appear on the 'Priority' list provided that the 'Prize list' box on the entry form is filled in, that the results are effective and that they meet the conditions for being a 'Priority'.

The composition of the 'Priority' list is based on the best places obtained by the riders in year N-1:

### MEN :

- **MEGAVALANCHE® - Downhill MTB Marathon**

*Top 10 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) MEGAVALANCHE*

- **MAXIAVALANCHE® – European Cup DH Marathon**

*Top 20 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) MAXIAVALANCHE*

- **TRANSVESUBIENNE®**

*Top 5 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) TRANSVESUBIENNE*

- **TRANSRIVIERA®**

*Top 5 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) TRANS RIVIERA*

- **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (UCI) – World Championship and World Cup**

*Top 70 of overall ranking (SCRATCH Elites) of World Championship (DH & XC)*

*Top 50 of overall ranking elite of the World Cup (DH & XC)*

- **ENDURO WORLD SERIES**

*Top 50 scratch of overall ranking*

- **EUROPEAN EVENTS (UEC) – European Championship**

*Top 20 of overall ranking (SCRATCH Elites) of Continental Championships (DH & XC)*

- **NATIONAL EVENTS – National Championship**

*Top 20 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) of National Championship (DH & XC)*



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## LADIES

- **MEGAVALANCHE® - Downhill Marathon**

*Top 5 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) of the MEGAVALANCHE LADIES*

- **MAXIAVALANCHE® – European Cup DH Marathon**

*Top 5 of the overall ranking (SCRATCH) of the MAXIAVALANCHE*

- **TRANSVESUBIENNE®**

*The first of overall ranking of Transvesubienne Ladies*

- **TRANSRIVIERA®**

*The first of overall ranking of TRANS RIVIERA Ladies*

- **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (UCI) – World Championship and World Cup**

*Top 30 of the overall ranking Ladies Elites World Championship (DH & XC)*

*Top 30 of the overall ranking Ladies Elites World Cup (DH & XC)*

- **ENDURO WORLD SERIES**

*Top 20 scratch of overall ranking*

- **EUROPEAN EVENTS (UEC) – European Championship**

*Top 20 of the overall ranking Ladies Elites Continental Championship (DH & XC)*

- **NATIONAL EVENTS – National Championship**

*Top 20 of the overall ranking Ladies National Championship (DH & XC)*