

Rules and Regulations

German Cycling Cup 2024

Introduction

The race series "German Cycling Cup 2024" (GCC) is organized by the Federation of German Race Organizers (VDR). All results published on the websites (www.cycling-cup.de) operated by GCC will contribute to the overall ranking.

Within the series the overall leaders of the categories Men/Women, Master 1, Master 2, Master 3, Master 4 and Master 5 (men and women respectively) will be honored after the last race as winners of "GCC 2024". For participating in and organizing of this series these special terms relating to "GCC 2024" as well as the respective organizer's race information will apply in addition to the rules and regulations of the German Cycling Federation (BDR).

Participation

Men, women, juniors (with parental consent, the minimum age is determined by organizers depending on the course's level of difficulty) may participate in "GCC 2024" regardless of a cycling club membership.

Riders of a sports group registered by the UCI are excluded from participation. GCC reserves the right of a case-by-case assessment with regard to licensed contract athletes of other federations.

Registration

Registration for individual events of "GCC 2024" is made according to centralized guidelines and according to the respective organizer's provisions.

By registering for a race, participants acknowledge the rules and regulations as well as the special terms of "GCC 2024". Registrations are made via the websites (online) i.e. via forms provided by the respective organizer.

Starting Blocks

The first 100 male and the first 50 female riders of the overall ranking of "German Cycling Cup 2023" as well as the first 100 male and first 50 female riders of the ranking as of the day the registration of the respective "GCC 2024" race closes have the right to start in the first starting block of the respective race.

These (theoretically) 300 persons have to be placed in the first starting block of the race they registered for upon the respective event's official close of registration.

In case not all of the riders ranked in the previous year's i.e. the current overall results should participate in the respective race, there is nevertheless no entitlement to moving up (rankings 101 et seq. i.e. 51 et seq.). Furthermore, the organizer has the opportunity to let some more participants start from the first starting block depending on the starting area. The decision of which participants are to move up shall be based on the ranking

of the respective race in previous/last year(s). The quotas for men and women are up to the respective organizer. If the structure of the starting area requires a partition of the first starting block, the organizer may divide it. The organizer's applied system of classification must be fair and unambiguous and based on athletic criteria.

For stage races (multi-day events with overall results) and individual time trials the special terms of the organizer apply with regard to the starting grid formation.

Daily results

The first 50 arriving male participants/15 arriving female participants will be evaluated according to the finish, the following arriving participants will be evaluated according to their net riding time according to the transponder for the result of the respective race (daily result). The scoring in the age groups is always based on net times. However, the first 50 men/15 women of the day's overall standings will also be placed in the AK standings according to their finish times. This means that the first 50 men/15 women according to the finish will be placed in the AK ranking independent of the net time before the riders who are worse than from place 50/15 in the overall ranking.

The timing will be done by transponder technology.

Publication of Results

The respective organizer is responsible for the preparation of the daily result. He will send the provisional daily result to the service provider commissioned by the GCC for publication on the evening of the event. Despite all diligence, errors are to be expected. Therefore every participant is requested to check his result immediately.

Objections against the daily result must be submitted in writing to the organizer within 8 days after the race. No objections will be accepted after this date.

The organizer will send the final daily result (after clarification of any objections made) in a usable form to the service provider commissioned by the GCC no later than 14 days after the event. Should a participant compete in more than one race within an event with scoring for the "GCC 2024", ONLY the points achieved on the longer distance will be included in the overall ranking. The result or possible participation points of the remaining race will not be considered for any classification (team or age group classification). Results that are listed under different user names/nicknames in the GCC can only be merged afterwards within a period of 10 days after the event.

Categories of German Cycling Cup 2024

- Individual daily results (in all categories stated in point Age Groups)
- Team daily results

GCC 2024 overall rankings are made in the categories

- Individual overall rankings men
- Individual overall rankings women

- Individual overall rankings men Master 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Individual overall rankings women Master 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Team overall rankings

As GCC is a hobby sport event there will be as before:

- Drawing men German Cycling-Cup 2024 “Taking part is everything”
- Drawing women German Cycling-Cup 2024 “Taking part is everything”

Overall Results Individual GCC 2024

The overall individual results of the series will be compiled according to the gained ranking points. In order to do so ranking points will be given for the daily rankings taken from the organizers results list according to the table below.

Points will be given in according to the following points system: The finishers placed 1 to 200 in the daily results will be awarded points (see following table). Furthermore, racing kilometers will be added as points. The organizer’s race information determines the number of race kilometer points to be gained. The number of kilometer points to be gained will be determined based on the respective organizer’s responsibility in relation to the course length and reported to GCC.

Modifications may be made until two weeks before the race.

Classification System of GCC 2024

Rank		Points		
1.	Rank	→ 250	+	km
2.	Rank	→ 240	+	km
3.	Rank	→ 230	+	km
4.	Rank	→ 225	+	km
5.	Rank	→ 220	+	km
6.	Rank	→ 215	+	km
7.	Rank	→ 214	+	km
8.	Rank	→ 213	+	km
9.	Rank	→ 212	+	km
10.	Rank	→ 211	+	km
11.	Rank	→ 210	+	km
12.	Rank	→ 209	+	km
13.	Rank	→ 208	+	km
14.	Rank	→ 207	+	km
15.	Rank	→ 206	+	km
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200.	Platz	→ 21	+	km

Starting with 201. rank all finishers get 15 points given for taking part which will be

counted in the special ranking "Taking part is everything" (no kilometer points):

201.	Rank	→	15	Points
202.	Rank	→	15	Points
a.s.o.				

Examples Points System

8. rank category women, 40 km (8. rank = 213 points + 40 km = 253 points individual overall ranking)

199. rank category men, 140 km (199. rank = 22 points + 140 km = 162 points individual overall ranking)

15. rank category men, 60 km (15. Rank = 206 points + 60 km = 266 points individual overall ranking)

Individual overall rankings are the result of total points of all individual daily rankings that are counted after prank results.

No "taking part" points will be given for possible prank results.

In case of an equal number of points (taking into account the prank results) of two or more athletes on the first three ranks in the overall individual results, the better ranking in the last race respectively decides on the overall result of the series.

In case of an equal number of points on the following ranks, the respective athletes will be ranked on the best rank available in the final results of the series. The respective number of ranks not taken will not be assigned anew, subsequent athletes do not move up.

Overall Results Age Groups

Besides individual overall results (men and women) also the following age group categories will be classified.

Men/Women	- m/w – 1995 - 2005
Master 1	- m/w – 1985 - 1994
Master 2	- m/w – 1975 - 1984
Master 3	- m/w – 1965 - 1974
Master 4	- m/w – 1955 - 1964

Master 5

- m/w – 1954 and older

Daily age group results will be transferred to a personal overall classification according to the point table above (analogously to the individual overall results). Also in these categories the best 6 results of the all in all 8 events will be counted for the overall results.

Prank Results

Only the respective participant's 6 best results of the 8 "GCC 2024" events will be counted for the overall rankings. Hence there will be two prank results.

In case an event has to be cancelled in the course of the season due to "force majeure", this event will be counted as prank result, if less than 50 percent of the season's races have yet taken place. If another event has to be cancelled due to "force majeure" or an event in the second half of the season does not take place, the number of races counting for the overall rankings will be reduced, i.e. the respective race will not count as scratch result. If GCC races at any given point in time be cancelled due to reasons other than "force majeure" the number of races counting for GCC rankings will be reduced, too, and the cancelled race will not be a prank result.

No "taking part" points will be given for prank results.

Team Classification

There will be an official team classification at "GCC 2024". Any number of riders can be registered for this category. The team members' ratio of gender and age is irrelevant (this is why the team classification must be generated from the cross-gender rankings (unisex rankings) of all participants).

The race's team classification will be determined by adding the team members' rankings.

The unisex results of the race are decisive.

Four consecutive riders of a team will be classified as team respectively (riders 1 to 4 of team XX = team 1, riders 5 to 8 of team XX = team 2, a.s.o.)

The team with the lowest ranking number wins the daily team classification. In case of a tie between two or more teams the daily ranking of the respective team's best rider is decisive. Points in the GCC team classification will be awarded analogous to the classification system of individual riders (see above). The best team therefore gets 250 points plus kilometer points a.s.o. There will be no prank results in the team classification.

In case of an equal number of points (taking into account the scratch results) of two or more athletes on the first three ranks in the overall individual results, the better ranking in the last race respectively decides on the overall result of the series.

In case of an equal number of points on the following ranks, the respective athletes will be ranked on the best rank available in the final results of the series. The respective number of ranks not taken will not be assigned anew, subsequent athletes do not move up.

Team Entries

Every team registered with GCC will be listed with its respective name in the team rankings.

The team's name is to be adhered to in any following event in exactly the same spelling. If certain riders are to be classified as one team, this team's name has to differ distinctly from the other teams' names. Adding an ordinal number to the sponsor- or team name does not suffice.

If above mentioned terms are adhered to, several teams may be registered as well. The required name difference has to be considered, too, when registering teams for various course lengths within one event. The team riders may change, however, from race to race. This applies for gender and age group as well as for before-mentioned team composition. Basically this system is analogous to the German National Soccer League (Fußball-Bundesliga): The team gets the points, not the players. Points cannot be transferred. The points gained by a team under a certain name stay on this team's account until the overall classification is released at the end of the year.

Sporting Sovereignty

The organizer (or a representative, sporting director or the like commissioned by the organizer) has sovereignty over the daily ranking of the respective race. Non-compliance with the regulations or contraventions of "fair play" will be punished according to the rules and regulations of the respective event as well as according to the system of penalties of "GCC 2024" and may be taken into consideration in the daily results. If overall rankings are affected, a referee or commissioner commissioned by GCC/BDR will decide.

The rules and regulations of the BDR apply. All participants acknowledge the sports ordinance and the competition conditions road of BDR.

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony after every race of "GCC 2024" will be held according to the respective organizer's specifications. The overall leaders (men and women) will be awarded the series yellow leader's jersey on site and has to be worn in the next event by them. The overall leading team will be honored after every race of "GCC 2024", too.

Overall Awards Ceremony GCC 2024

After the last 2024 race an awards ceremony will be held for the whole series. Information on this will be provided in time.

Special Prizes "Taking part is everything"

Among all participants who competed in at least three races of "GCC 2024" prizes will be raffled among male and female riders based on the motto "taking part is everything". The winners and prizes will be announced before the last race and the winners will be invited to the awards ceremony.

Disclaimer

Participation in races of "GCC 2024" is at the riders' own risk! The liability of the organizer is limited to intent and gross negligence, also against third parties. For any damages other than injury of life, body or health the organizer will decline liability, unless these damages are consequence of intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty of the organizer, his commissioned representative or agent. The organizer does not accept any liability for loss or damage of the participants' equipment or clothing. Participants therefore shall be responsible themselves or must be insured. Upon receipt of the bib number every participants declare in a binding manner that no medical reasons speak against his/her participation. The staff's orders must be strictly observed.

Declaration of Consent

Participants agree to their data given at their registration to be stored automatically and published in athlete lists and rankings. The pictures, films, videos and the like taken in the course of the event as well as interviews in radio, television, advertising and books can be published by the organizer and GCC GmbH without any remuneration or temporal or spatial restriction. If a mobile number is provided, the organizer/GCC will be entitled to send the participant a text message containing the respective result. In case the participant provides a mobile number and does not wish to receive a text message, he/she will inform the organizer/GCC of this.

Bicycle and Accessories

The BDR's equipment regulations apply. Participants are responsible for their bike's road safety, especially with regard to brakes and other parts relevant to safety. Lighting is not necessary. Participants whose bicycle is obviously not roadworthy can be taken out of the race at any time. There are no limitations with regard to gear ratio.

The following list of equipment i.e. bicycle types are explicitly not permitted for mass start races:

- Disc wheels (front and/or rear)
- Triathlon-, time trial-, bullhorn- i.e. delta handlebars
- Clip on bars of any kind (except for mountainbike bar ends)
- Bicycle trailers of any kind
- Panniers and other additional
- Bottles made of glass or other breakable materials
- Unicycles, recumbent bikes
- Tandems (exceptions may apply for special categories)
- Handbikes (exceptions may apply for special categories)

Helmet

Wearing a helmet is obligatory. The helmet must carry the label of a recognized test institute (e.g. DIN standard 33954, SNEL standard, ANSI standard or the like). Not wearing a helmet will lead to exclusion.

Force Majeure

If the event has to be cancelled due to force majeure, participants will not be entitled to any reimbursement of entry fee or travel/accommodation costs a.s.o.

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