SPORTING REGULATIONS

GRAVEL CATEGORY (GRV)

Titan Desert Morocco 2027 is an endurance gravel bike (GRV) event, held in Challenge format, whereby participants who fall outside the time cut-off or withdraw during a stage may, on a single occasion, start the following stage, but without scoring points towards the final general classification of that stage or being eligible for any other classification.

Both categories are governed by these regulations, without sharing a classification or a route.

ROUTE AND DISTANCE

The six stages of the race will cover a distance of XXX.

The race will take place from 25 to 30 April 2027.

PARTICIPATION

The Škoda Titan Desert Morocco is open to male and female riders over 16 years of age. Riders under 18 must present parental or guardian authorization in order to take part in the race.

Participation may only take place under one of the following categories:

Individual entry:

- **Škoda Adventure** – in addition to individual participation, riders may also take part as Adventure. Participants in this category may not receive any mechanical or physiotherapy assistance of any kind.
- **Teams** – made up of 3 riders competing individually, who may be of different categories and genders.
- **Duo Teams** – teams made up of two people. They may be mixed (male and female rider), all-male or all-female.
- **Corporate Teams** – made up of two riders from the same company, of the same or different gender. They must duly prove that they belong to the same company.
- **Ambassador Teams** – made up of two riders from the same municipality, of the same or different gender. They must prove that they have been registered residents of the municipality for more than one year.

For a participation category to be held, there must be a minimum of 5 participants/teams entered.

Members of the same team must wear the same jersey during the podium/awards ceremonies.

CATEGORIES

The categories of the event, both male and female, will be defined by the **UCI regulations**.

In addition, the following age-group breakdown will be considered. The categories for participants will be as follows:

- Sub-23 (18 to 22 years old).
- Master (23 to 39 years old).
- Master 40 (40 to 49 years old).
- Master 50 (50 to 59 years old).
- Master 60 (60 years old or over).

Categories will be defined according to the UCI licence criteria applicable to each participant.

For a category to be held, there must be a minimum of 5 participants entered. If there are not enough riders: Sub-25 riders will be considered M30; Master 40 riders will be considered Elite; Master 50 riders will be considered Master 40; and Master 60 riders will be considered Master 50. Among female participants, Master riders will move up to Elite.

The final allocation of teams, classifications and categories will take effect after the close of sporting verifications. No changes or modifications will be accepted after the start of Stage 1.

EQUIPMENT

The organization provides each entrant with:

- A distinct plate for each category, an identification wristband, two bib numbers, the online regulations and the route in digital format (GPX).
- A mandatory geolocation system.

It is mandatory to:

- Wear an approved rigid safety helmet at all times throughout the event.
- Carry a hydration pack at all times.
- Display the plate in a visible place on the front of the bicycle. Modifying the plate is prohibited.
- Display both bib numbers visibly, one on the jersey and the other on the hydration pack.
- Members of the same team must wear the same jersey at the awards ceremony. For members of Ambassador teams, the kit must display the name of the municipality they represent. For members of Corporate teams, the kit must display the name or logo of the company/brand they represent.
- Carry a thermal/space blanket for the duration of the race.
- All participants must present themselves at the start with a reserve of three (3) litres of water, which will be provided by the organization.
- Use a G.P.S. device.
- Only the race leader may wear the official Škoda Titan Desert Morocco leader's jersey, in both the male and female categories (red / blue).

BICYCLES ACCEPTED

- Participants may take part with mountain-type bicycles with two wheels of equal diameter, the front wheel being the steering wheel and the rear wheel the driving wheel; driven by a pedal system acting on a chain. Propulsion must be achieved exclusively by the strength of the rider's legs, in a circular motion, aided by a crankset, with no electrical or any other assistance.
- Participants in the gravel category must follow the route assigned to that category.

- Participants riding the gravel routes must do so with a type of bicycle with tyres of a maximum width of 50 mm and gravel-type bicycles. Changing bicycles during the event or changing classification is not permitted. The organization reserves the right to reclassify any participant into the corresponding category, with a 90' penalty.
- The bicycle entered in the gravel category must appear in the manufacturer's catalogue within the gravel category.
- For a handmade, unbranded frame, the bicycle must keep the measurements and standards usual for this category.
- Maximum tyre width 700cc – 50 mm. Tyres with a 29" rim or MTB specifications will not be accepted.
- The diameter of both wheels must be the same.
- MTB bicycles fitted with gravel handlebars will not be accepted.
- The organization reserves the right to reclassify, in either category, any bicycle that does not meet the technical requirements above.

EVENT FORMAT

- The event, lasting 6 days, consists of 6 point-to-point (raid-style) stages, one of which is a marathon stage. Participants must sleep at the locations assigned by the organization. The stages are marathon (raid) races with an individual time classification, accumulated to establish an individual general classification.
- The GPS tracks provided to each rider include all stage details, including the route description, kilometre markers, an elevation profile, start and finish points, the start waypoint (WPS) and the finish waypoint (WPF). Points will be given in degrees and decimal minutes, DATUM WGS 84.
- Participants must pass through the checkpoints (CP) set and in the order established by the organization. Failure to pass a checkpoint carries a time penalty. Skipping two control points (CP – EH) within the same stage is not permitted.
- Passing through all hydration stations (EH) in the order set by the organization is mandatory.
- Riding in the opposite direction to the track is not permitted.
- Neutralized and liaison zones, where they exist, must be covered by bicycle and along the route indicated by the organization.
- All participants must record the route they have ridden on their GPS device, and must have it available to the organization until the start of the following day.
- The route is open to traffic. Participants must therefore follow traffic regulations in any such areas, and ride with caution through populated areas.

Marathon stage

- Stage 3 will be considered the marathon stage and will have the following particular features: any external assistance (mechanical or personal) is prohibited from the end of this stage. Riders must carry the equipment they consider necessary to spend the night.

- The first kilometres of each stage, from the start to the WPS, must be followed along the route provided by the organization, leaving navigation open from that point onward.
- The final kilometre must be ridden along the set route. From the arch marking the one-kilometre-to-finish point (WPF) to the finish line, all riders must follow the route proposed by the organization; navigation is prohibited.
- The organization will inform all competitors of the location (GPS point) of the checkpoints (CP) and hydration stations (EH) the afternoon before the stage, except for the coordinates of one checkpoint (WPO), which will be communicated 2 hours before the start of the stage. This point will always be on the route proposed by the organization.

RACE MANAGEMENT

The Race Director is responsible for the management of the event:

- JON IRIONDO – CEO, Titan World Series
- JORDI AÑOLS – Logistics Director
- MANUEL TAJADA – Technical and Sporting Director
- MIQUEL ESTEVE – Participant Relations and Entries
- ÁLVARO VILCHES – Communications

START CONTROL

- The start control opens one hour before the scheduled start time.
- The start control closes fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time.
- **Start pens:** on the first day, a reserved space (start pen) will be provided for riders with bib numbers 1 to 50 and 200 to 205. The remaining stages will have four reserved spaces:

  Pen 1: Top 20 in the general classification; top 3 women; 1st mixed duo team.

  Pen 2: Riders classified 21st to 50th in the general classification; 4th and 5th woman; 1st Adventure finisher; 2nd and 3rd mixed duo team.

  Pen 3: Riders classified 51st to 100th in the general classification; 2nd and 3rd Adventure classification.

  Pen 4: Remaining riders.
- Participants who are outside the classification and wish to start must do so from the rear of the start pen.
- The start will be given at the set time by an acoustic signal, from which point the clock will start running for all riders.
- All riders must pass under the start arch.

HYDRATION STATIONS

- The organization will provide water to all participants at the start (3 litres) and along the stage route (a minimum supply point every 40 km). The location of the hydration stations will be announced the day before each stage.

- Each rider must write their bib number on bottles, food wrappers and other belongings using a permanent marker, clearly visible. Improperly disposing of such items will result in, once the offender has been identified by the organization via their bib number: a first warning on the first occasion; a one-hour penalty on the general classification on the second occasion; and disqualification on the third occasion.
- At the start control, the organization may check that all participants have correctly labelled their supplies.
- Each EH will be recognized as a CP for regulatory purposes, and riders must pass through the timing cell set up for the control.

STAGE FINISH AND CLASSIFICATION

Stage classification

- Participants will be classified according to their order of passing the finish line, after verifying that they have correctly completed the entire route. This verification will be carried out through electronic checking of the CPs and EHs. Failure to register at a CP or EH carries a time penalty.

Škoda Challenge

- The Škoda Challenge will be held during one of the stages. It will be delimited by an initial checkpoint/hydration station and a final CP/EH. The winner of the Škoda Challenge will be whoever takes the least time on the timed section. The first rider classified (male / female) in this section will receive a 60'' bonus on the stage general classification.

Navigation sectors

- During the race, riders may encounter navigation sectors. These are sections where the organization will not provide any track or additional signage. Riders will be informed of these in advance of the stage start.

Control closure and withdrawals

- A finish time limit or control closure is set based on the characteristics of each stage, and will be communicated at the daily briefing. Only Race Management may modify it in the event of adverse weather conditions or any other justified reason.
- Any rider who falls outside the time control or has withdrawn from the event and wishes to start the following stage may do so, provided they did not fall outside the time control or withdraw in previous stages; they will not score points towards the final general classification, nor be eligible for any other classification.
- The organization may establish intermediate time barriers at locations required by the circumstances of the event. These barriers will have a maximum time, and any riders who reach them after their closing time will be transported to the finish and recorded as having withdrawn for that day.

Team classification

- To be eligible for these classifications, all members of the team must have covered the entirety of the stages.
- The team classification for the stage will be obtained by adding together the times of the three riders in each team, with the lowest total time ranked highest. In the event of a tie, it will be resolved in favour of the team

that obtained the lowest total in the sum of the placings of those three riders. If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favour of the team with the best-placed rider in the stage.

- Only teams formally entered and with three riders racing will be taken into account for the team classification.
- Male, Female and Mixed Duo Teams must ride the route together, with no more than a 1-minute difference between both riders at the CPs and at the finish line. Otherwise, they will be disqualified from the team classification and moved to the individual general classification with a 90-minute penalty.
- Corporate Teams: both members of the team must ride the route together, with no more than a 1-minute difference between the team's riders, both at the CPs and at the finish line. Otherwise, they will be disqualified from the team classification and moved to the individual general classification with a 90-minute penalty.
- Ambassador Teams: both members of the team must ride the route together, with no more than a 1-minute difference between both members of the team, both at the CPs and at the finish line. Otherwise, they will be disqualified from the team classification and moved to the individual general classification with a 90-minute penalty.

BONUSES

The top 3 finishers of each stage (male – female) will receive a time bonus, which will be applied to that day's general classification result. The bonus scale is as follows:

- Stage winner: 10"
- Stage runner-up: 6"
- Stage third place: 4"

To mark the race's 20th anniversary, a special bonus has been created. A bonus of 5" on the general classification will be awarded to the first male and first female rider to pass Hydration Station 2.

GENERAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROTOCOL

Individual general classification by time

The winner of this classification will be the rider who has completed the entire route of all the stages in the shortest time. If several riders have recorded the same time, the winner will be the one with the lowest sum of placings across the different stages. If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favour of the rider best placed in the final stage.

To be eligible for this classification, a rider must have finished every stage. Members of Mixed, Male, Female, Ambassador and Corporate Duo teams are not eligible for this classification.

General team classification

The winner of this classification will be the team with the lowest total of the team times across each stage. In the event of a time tie between several teams, it will be resolved in favour of the team with the lowest sum of placings across each stage. If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favour of the team best placed in the final stage.

Special classifications by category

For each of the Elite, Sub-25, Master 40, Master 50, Master 60, Elite Women and Master Women categories, special general classifications are established, obtained by taking into account the order of the individual general classification by time.

Adventure classification

Eligible for this classification are all participants who take part in the event individually, that is, without being part of any team and without receiving any mechanical or physiotherapy assistance, in accordance with the specific regulations for this classification.

Protocol

At the end of each stage, the organization will present, at the briefing held at 20:00 in the venue prepared for this purpose, a trophy and the leader's jersey to the leader of the individual general classification by time, for both men and women and Adventure. The jersey must be worn during the following stage.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

- It is the rider's responsibility to pass through the control at the start area and under the arch installed for that purpose.
- Riding on or crossing any road or paved section not included in the stage track is prohibited.
- Riding in the opposite direction to the track for more than 250 metres is not permitted.
- The use of any unfair method to gain time over other competitors is prohibited.
- Only vehicles duly authorized by the organization may follow the event.
- In order to maintain participant safety and preserve the adventurous spirit of the event, any vehicle linked to a participant is prohibited from riding on the course during the race, and from driving ahead of the event's sweep vehicles.
- The exchange of equipment between different participants during the race is permitted.
- No external material or technical assistance of any kind is permitted during a stage.
- Participants may be assisted by mechanics, masseurs or physiotherapists, etc., from the end of one stage until the start of the next, but never during the course of the stage itself.
- All such assistants must be accredited by the organization, and may only carry out their role at official hotels, official camps and designated areas.
- From the finish of the marathon stage until the start of the following stage, no external assistance of any kind is permitted for participants.
- The use of any external intercommunication system between participants (earphones) is prohibited. Its use will result in a penalty of exclusion from the race.

PENALTIES AND CLAIMS

10.1 Penalty table

CONCEPT	EXCLUSION	TIME	NO START ALLOWED	FINANCIAL
External mechanical assistance during the stages	X			
Violent behaviour towards other riders, officials or the public	X			
Removing the helmet during the event	X			
Failing to pass the finish control	X			
Not sleeping at the locations assigned by the organization	X			
Not passing under the start arch	X			
Leaving the route and not completing the stage route	X			
Riding on unauthorized paved roads		3 hours		
Riding in the opposite direction to the track		3 hours		
Failing to pass a checkpoint – Hydration Station		3 hours		
Failing to pass a checkpoint – EH in the order set by the organization		3 hours		
Failing to pass the finish control, having passed the previous control		3 hours		
Improperly disposing of food or drink wrappers, on a second or further occasion		1 hour		
Not riding the final kilometre of the stage as set by the organization		1 hour		
Not using the regulation helmet			X	
Not wearing the bib number or plate			X	
Not carrying the required water reserve			X	
Not wearing the leader's jersey			X	
Wearing the leader's jersey without being the leader			X	
Not wearing a jersey, shorts or trousers			X	
Covering advertising on the plate or bib numbers			X	
Disrespectful behaviour towards other riders, officials, the public, or in relation to the environment (*)	X	X	X	€100 to €600
Reaching the finish without the plate				€100
Cutting, bending or tampering with the plate				€100

** Penalties at the discretion of Race Management.*

CLAIMS

Claims against decisions made by the organization and/or official classifications may be submitted in writing, no later than 30 minutes after the infringement was notified or the official classification was published, at the participant relations desk, and must be accompanied by a €100 deposit, which will be refunded if the claim is upheld.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Regarding anti-doping control, please be advised that the Škoda Titan Desert Morocco is subject to the controls that international and national anti-doping agencies may carry out in this area (including the Moroccan authorities).

PRIZE LIST AND PROTOCOL

At the end of the final stage, a briefing will be held with all participants, at which all protocol proceedings will take place. Attendance is mandatory for the top three finishers in the individual general classification by time, both male and female, and the top three in each of the remaining category and team classifications, wearing their regulation sporting attire.

Prizes

The overall male and female winners receive: a free entry to the 2028 edition of the Škoda Titan Desert Morocco.

The first, second and third place finishers in every category receive: a trophy.

The first, second and third place finishers in the Team, Mixed Duo, Corporate, Ambassador and Adventure classifications receive: a trophy.

Loyalty programme

By entering any Titan World Series event, participants are automatically enrolled in the Titan Legends loyalty programme, which establishes the ranking system and recognition tiers: Titan Legend, Diamond and Platinum. This programme offers exclusive benefits and defines the classification parameters within the Titan World Series.

It is essential that all participants review and understand the specific terms of the loyalty programme, its features and associated benefits. For further details, including an explanation of the tiers and how they work, please consult the full information available at the following link: Titan Legend – Titan World Series.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- All participants must be respectful towards other participants, members of the organization, media representatives and the public.
- The organization reserves the right to alter or amend these regulations at any time.
- Entry in the Škoda Titan Desert Morocco implies acceptance of these regulations.
- Any matter not covered by these regulations will be resolved in accordance with UCI regulations.