Regulations

Introduction

Virtual cycling is a cycling discipline that is carried out on a bicycle linked to a simulator by means of a smart trainer and through a device connected to the Internet (smartphone, tablet or computer). The simulator allows to recreate, in a realistic way, the conditions of the route or the event; distance, altitude, slope, power developed by the cyclist, slipstreams, landscape, orography or weather, allowing cyclists to train and take part in virtual events remotely.

Concept and format

Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL, organised by RCS Sport and BKOOL, is a non-competitive virtual cycling event that happens in a simulated environment, created from the real routes of the Giro d'Italia.

It has an innovative technology that combines real video and 3D simulation, and is made up of online events, each of which features several stages that cover real stretches of the 2022 Giro d'Italia stages:

Grande Partenza (24/10/2022 - 20/11/2022):

- Budapest TISSOT ITT: 9,2 km / 148 m+
- Catania - Messina: 16,5 km / 414 m+
- Etna - Paternò Part 1: 9,9 km / 558 m+
- Sanremo - Cuneo Part 1: 19,9 km / 151 m+

Participation and general rules

Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL is an entirely online event. The cyclist will pedal remotely using the BKOOL virtual cycling simulator. The participants can ride the number of stages they like.

1. How to participate

To take part in the Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL, participants will have to:

- Be aged 18 or older.
- Register in the Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL.
- Download the BKOOL simulation platform on your device.
- Select an available stage and pedal with your trainer or smart bike.

2. Minimum technical requirements

Check the technical requirements to ride the Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL.

3. Categories

Each Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL participant will be ranked in the category designated according to gender and/or device:

- Men (trainer).
- Women (trainer).
- Men (smart bike).
- Women (smart bike).

4. Rankings

Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL participants will be able to do each stage as many times as they like, having their best time recorded in the event ranking

The stage results will be updated daily (Monday-Friday).

5. Prizes

All those participants who complete all four stages of the event will be entered into a prize draw to win:

- Giro d'Italia hospitality* Experience for two people (2 units)
- Official Giro d'Italia TISSOT Watch

(*) Hospitalities include accommodation and do not include transportation

6. Actions against possible irregularities

The Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL organisation reserves the right to disqualify, always with prior notice, those participants who, due to faulty calibration of the trainer, or in relation to suspicious modifications of their physical capacities, jeopardise the proper functioning of the event.

The events have an automatic management designed to detect irregularities, which will be evaluated and supervised by a team of technicians that will analyse doubtful rides, being able to check speed, power and cadence of all participants. Additionally, they will have access to the participant's profile and record in the BKOOL database.

All results are subject to review by BKOOL, discarding those deemed inappropriate, either by the data recorded during the session, or because the data provided is not correct or truthful. Likewise, the participant's history will be monitored to verify that the data provided is true and does not show sudden changes in their physical or performance parameters.

Points that will be taken into account when invalidating results:

- Modifications of the participant's weight, as well as unreliable values.
- Sudden changes in performance according to your record.
- Watt averages that do not correspond to reality.
- Unreliable speed or power peaks.
- Unreliable average speeds.
- Improper calibration or errors of the devices used.
- Invalid name.

7. Event cancellation

The Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL organisation may suspend, cancel completely or partially, any of the events without obligation for the participants. Under a force majeure reason or for external reasons that the organisation feels obliged to suspend or cancel the event, it will not be obliged to pay any compensation to the participants registered.

8. Participation rules

Riding Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL entails the acceptance of the rules described here, as well as the decisions that the organisation adopts. In the same way, you have read and accepted the terms of use of the BKOOL platform when registering, as well as confirmed that your physical condition is adequate to perform the proposed activities.

The organisation assumes the good faith of all participants, respecting the rules and discarding the sessions that for some reason do not offer real results, or communicating it to the organiser.

Any problem that occurs while performing the event such as loss of connection of the devices used, internet disconnections or delay (lag), computer problems including those of the platform, are considered mechanical. Therefore, no adjustment will be made to the event's rankings to compensate or correct these problems.

In the event that the BKOOL platform has an impact on its system during the event, it will try as far as possible to find the most feasible solution. Stages must be completed in the period announced by the organisation. Any previous or subsequent result will not be taken into account when making the rankings.

Any claim will be directed to the organisation through the following form, which will study it, requesting if necessary, data or evidence to substantiate the reason for the claim. In case of performance values or data, official evidence that corroborates the data provided may be requested. After deliberation, the final decision cannot be appealed to any other body.

The organisation recommends all participants to undergo a complete medical check-up and a performance test, to verify that their health status is appropriate for the physical activity to be performed.

9. Changes and updates

The Giro d'Italia Virtual hosted by BKOOL organisation reserves the right to modify these regulations without previous notice, including its prizes.