



HERO Costa Blanca

2026 Race Regulations

1. DATE

Saturday, 21 February 2026

2. START

At [Parc de la Creativitat](#), Partita Gargasindi, 03710 Calp, Alicante (ESP)

3. FEATURES OF THE HERO COSTA BLANCA

The HERO Costa Blanca is a classic mountain bike race. The race attracts both individual competitors and members of sporting associations. Participants must use a mountain bike, and the wearing of a helmet is compulsory.

Electric bikes/pedal-assisted or tandems are not allowed.

4. RACE COURSES

There are two race routes: the 82 km and the 50 km route.

Participants must choose the one best suited to them at the moment of registration. It's not possible to change the route during the race. The races take place over a combination of private and public land. It is the duty of all participants to adhere to the rules of the Spanish



civil code regarding road use so as to ensure the safety of all participants and road users.

Failure to do so may result in the participants being disqualified.

In addition, all participants are required to keep with them a valid ID throughout the race.

5. PARTICIPATION

Open to all male and female bikers aged 19 (nineteen) or over and who are members of the UCI, members of a National Cycling Federation, and amateur or hobby-bikers. The event is of an invitation nature, and the Organisation Committee has the non-appealable right to decide whether to accept or not an application to participate. If an application is considered to be in any way a damage for the event itself or to the event's image it will not be approved.

Bikers who have not been regularly registered for the event cannot join the starter groups and if they attempt to do so they will be removed, and in the case of any resulting accidents, before or during the race itself, they will be reported to the police.

6. REGISTRATION

Applications may only be made online on www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com (for the UCI World Cup round) or on www.herocostablanca.com (for the amateur category), and by completing an application form indicating the following: name, surname, address, nationality, sex, email, club name, membership number, company, company code if applying as UCI-Code, type of membership, shirt size, and also choice as to whether applying for the 82 km or 50 km race. An accepted application will only be considered as completed on payment being made.

7. REGISTRATION FEE

The enrolment fee for **HERO UCI Marathon World Cup** participants: € 150.00



Registration for Élite racers and Master Licence must be made on the HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup platform: <https://onreg.datasport.com/en/2026-hero-uci-marathon-world-cup>.

Participants must have a valid cycling license, issued by the national cycling federation approved by the UCI.

Online applications are open **until Friday 13 February 2026, 1:00 PM (CET)**.

The enrolment fee for the **Amateurs' race**:

- € 68.00 until 31/12/2025 23:59
- € 88.00 until 31/01/2026 23:59
- € 98.00 until 18/02/2026 20:00

Those bikers who do not own a competitive cycling license will have to obtain a license approved by the Cycling Federation of the Valencian Community. Day licenses are not valid for general classification according to FCCV and RFEC regulations.

IMPORTANT (does not apply to HERO UCI Marathon World Cup participants): The HERO Costa Blanca 2026 for master categories and amateur riders (men and women) is an event included in the Spanish national calendar.

Therefore, the RFEC regulations apply, whose **I-1.3 - Participation of cyclists with a license not issued by the RFEC: individually and in teams**, states that:

Foreign teams and cyclists may participate in RFEC calendar events according to the regulations of each discipline, fulfilling the requirements established in Article 1.2.052 of the UCI Cycling Regulations.



Cyclists of a nationality other than Spanish, with a license issued by another national federation, with a club of that other federation, and who come to Spain to participate in a race, for the period established by their entry visa or the period specified by immigration laws (holidays, studies, etc.), must comply with the following requirements:

1. The rider must provide written authorization from the federation that issued his/her license, authorizing his/her participation in events outside the territory of his/her national federation. The authorization must state its validity period and the name(s) of the rider(s) concerned.
2. The rider must participate wearing the jersey of the club listed on his/her license.
3. The rider must pay the Regional Federation of the Spanish Autonomous Community, where the event takes place the cost of the accident and civil liability insurance that this Regional Federation has contracted for its own cyclists, in accordance with Royal Decree 849/1993 of June 4. The Regional Federation of the Spanish Autonomous Community, where the event takes place, must register the cyclists and issue a certificate confirming their registration.
4. The rider must provide the Regional Federation with a copy of any other accident and/or civil liability insurance policy that covers the risks arising from his/her participation in cycling races in Spain.
5. At least ten days before the event in which the rider intends to participate, he/she must provide the event organizer with a copy of his/her national federation certificate and the Spanish regional federation certificate confirming his/her insurance coverage.

No cyclist will be allowed to participate without providing both documents within the established timeframe. To this end, the event organizer will inform the race officials of any registered riders who have not submitted the required documentation so that the officials can prevent their participation.



Online applications for the Amateurs' Race are open **until Wednesday 18 February 2026, 1:00 PM (CET)**.

The registration fee includes a personal race number, mechanical assistance during the race (spare parts not included), refreshment during the race and on arrival, Welcome pack with the event shirt, an electronic device for time control, collection service for retired people en route, Team Manager Meeting the day prior the race, printable participation certificate via internet and a voucher for the HERO After Race Paella Party.

Classifications will be published on www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com and on www.herocostablanca.com.

8. CANCELLATIONS

If the participant is unable to start in the edition 2026, the enrolment shall NOT be considered valid for the following edition of the race, and the start fee will NOT be refunded.

For this reason, we recommend that people take out insurance at the time of registration.

There is no provision to send Welcome packages direct to home addresses.

No refunds will be given for cancellation, or alteration in all or part of the event.

Due to weather or any other reason that prevents the race from being carried out in complete safety, the organization may safely reduce the necessary segments of the route. The reduction of segments, the reduction of the circuit or any other alteration in the race will not lead the organizer to a total or partial refund of the registration price.

In the event of disqualification or not finishing the competition, the registration fee will not be refunded in whole or in part.



9. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATIONS

For amateur riders, transfers of registrations to other people are allowed until February 15, 2026. The rate of change of ownership is € 25.00 per participant.

10. DOCUMENT CHECK AND START NUMBER COLLECTION

Collection of start numbers and Elite and Master License riders' membership card verification will take place at the Race Office in the AR Diamante Beach Hotel, Av. Juan Carlos I, 03710 Calpe:

- **Friday, 20 February 2026:** 10.00 am – 07.00 pm

Collection of the race number for amateur races is also possible at the Race Office in the AR Diamante Beach Hotel, Av. Juan Carlos I, 03710 Calpe:

- **Saturday, 21 February 2026:** 06.30 – 07.30 am

The start numbers can be collected only by the participant or the team manager on presentation of a valid ID of the athlete (passport, identity card, or driving licence) in original form, their competitive license (if the athletes have it), and for members of the UCI, membership cards are also required. Photocopies or other types of documents are not acceptable, and collection cannot be undertaken by third parties.

The numbers are assigned based on the UCI ranking. If you do not have UCI points, it will be in order of registration.

At the Race Office, each participant will be given an **identification bracelet** that they must wear throughout the competition. This bracelet grants access to areas designated for cyclists and serves as a useful security measure. Accompanying people may purchase an identification



bracelet to access the final refreshment area for € 15.00 per person per day, which will be hired at the time of registration or in the secretariat during the delivery of numbers.

An **electronic time control device** will be provided at the Race Office that all participants must carry with them during the competition. The loss of said device entails an extra charge of € 80.00.

11. STARTING ORDER

Starting time is 8.00 am.

12. CATEGORIES

For the final classification, the following competitive and amateur categories will be considered:

Elite Men

Elite Women

Master 30 Women

Master 30 Men

Master 40 Women

Master 40 Men

Master 50 Women

Master 50 Men

Master 60+ Women

Master 60+ Men

1. **Elite Women:** A woman aged 19 years or older. They must have a UCI Elite license approved for competition and strictly comply with all UCI regulations. They will compete for UCI points and cash prizes in the general classification and by stages.



2. **Elite Men:** A man aged 19 years or older. They must have a UCI Elite license approved for competition and strictly comply with all UCI regulations. They will compete for UCI points and cash prizes in the general classification and by stages.
3. **Master 30 Women:** A woman aged between 30 and 39 years. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
4. **Master 40 Women:** A woman aged between 40 and 49 years. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
5. **Master 50 Women:** A woman aged between 50 and 59 years. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
6. **Master 60+ Women:** A woman aged 60 years or older. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
7. **Master 30 Men:** A man between 30 and 39 years old. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
8. **Master 40 Men:** A man between 40 and 49 years old. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.
9. **Master 50 Men:** A man between 50 and 59 years old. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.



10. **Master 60+ Men:** A man must be 60 years old or older on December 31 of the year in which the competition is held. You must have a Master's license approved for competitive cycling. Those who have an Elite category license will not be able to compete in this category.

For a category to be considered complete, at least three entries must be covered in each of them. If the Master categories of any age group do not have enough registered men and women, a single master category will be established.

Restrictions on participation

If participation is reduced to a certain number, due to any administrative issue or any other issue that forces us to reduce the estimated participation, the places will be filled according to the order of registration.

The organization reserves 50 places, which can be applied to any category under its criteria.

13. TEAM MANAGER MEETING

The Team Manager Meeting will take place on **Friday, February 20, at 4:45 pm** at Parc de la Creativitat in Calpe. This meeting is mandatory for UCI Elite teams and optional for the masters and team participants. In it, the race details are reviewed, specifically reporting on the technical zones, as well as possible last-minute changes or circumstances. Any changes are published on the event website, as well as on the social media pages of HERO UCI Marathon World Cup.



14. DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition is held in accordance with the general UCI regulations and the specific regulations of the UCI and the RFEC for Mountain Bike.

Once the race is over, the race classification, the general classification and the list of participants authorized to start are published on the official website. These classifications will be provisional until they are validated by the commissaires

The organization will enable starting boxes based on UCI points for XCM, UCI and then in order of registration.

Five (5) minutes before the starting time, no participant is allowed access to the starting grid, and they must be placed at the back of the corresponding starting group.

No participant will be able to start once the official start has been given unless a Commissaire consents. Participants who start after that time will be considered DNS (Did Not Start).

Each passage control, intersection control, refreshment point, departure and arrival has a maximum passage time, at which time the service closes. Participants must ride within this time interval to avoid being disqualified. The time to reach these points is announced in the Team Manager Meeting.

Completing the route with means other than the individual physical effort of the participant and their bicycle means disqualification of the team.

Any illicit help results in the disqualification of the participant.



ROUTE

The route is duly marked with signs, especially at dangerous points, such as crossroads, road intersections or streets.

The route is open to traffic but properly controlled. Bikers must follow the instructions of traffic authorities and drive with caution. On Spanish public roads, cyclists must stay on the shoulder of the right lane, to the right of the right lane or where authorized auxiliary personnel or members of the police or Civil Guard indicate. On tracks, it is advisable to drive on the right side.

The route includes demanding climbs and technical descending sections. It is the participant's responsibility to decide if they can overcome it on the bike.

During the route, two types of controls are established: passage control (CP) and intersection control (IC).

At checkpoints, a steward writes down the participant's number and time. Skipping a passing control means disqualification.

Failure to follow the instructions of an intersection control means disqualification. Abandoning the route marked by the organization implies automatic disqualification.

NEUTRALIZED EXITS

For safety reasons, certain exits or sections may be neutralized.

In a neutralized section, participants will be led by an official race vehicle driven by the Course Director. Riders must follow this vehicle at a controlled pace and must not overtake it.

The competitive stage officially begins only when the Course Director signals the start of the stage. At the end of the neutralized section, the official vehicle will move aside and clearly



indicate that the neutralization has ended. From that point onward, participants are free to race.

NEUTRALIZED FINISH

For safety reasons, the finish line may be moved forward before reaching a stretch of asphalt.

FEEDING POINTS AND TECHNICAL AREAS

Feeding points and technical areas are marked with the corresponding marks according to UCI regulations. These points have everything necessary to cover the food and hydration needs of the bikers during the race.

The feeding points coincide with the technical areas.

The organization will make a basic mechanical service available to participants, located in technical areas. It is important to use the parking areas designated for this purpose. Parking vehicles in areas where they cause inconvenience to neighbors or make it difficult for emergency services to pass is grounds for sanctions or even disqualification.

MARKS

The route is marked with arrows and beacons. The use of GPS is recommended.

Every 10 kilometers, the remaining distance to the finish line is indicated. As well as the last kilometer.



NON-PRACTICABLE SECTIONS

The Commissaires and Race Director may decide that a section of the route is impractical and impossible to cross and may deviate from the route through the points provided by the organization, if they are authorized by the competent authority.

If this is not possible, the point where the last time control is taken is the arrival time.

OUT OF CONTROL

Out-of-control will be established at certain points of the route, which will be communicated by the organization the day before the race during the Team Manager Meeting. Any biker who has not crossed the finish line or the control closure point at that time may be evacuated by the organization or continue the race under their responsibility (out of the race, like any user of public roads). Any biker that is out of control will be classified as NOT FINISHED (DNF).

ABANDONMENT

The abandonment must be communicated as soon as possible to the organization.

For any participant, the organization will determine intermediate points where participants can communicate their abandonment, as well as inform them of a telephone number where they can notify them.

In the event of an accident or emergency, and to safeguard the safety of the participants, the organization has the right to withdraw a participant from the competition.

15. RESULTS AND AWARD CEREMONY

The start lists and the results will also be available on internet at:

www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com.



The **official Award Ceremony** will take place on Saturday 21 February 2026 at 1.00 pm at the Parc de la Creativitat in Calpe. The following first 3 men and women of the following classifications will be listed at the Award Ceremony on the stage:

- Category Elite Women and Men
- Category Master Licence Women and Men
- Category Amateurs Women and Men (82 km and 50 km)

The presence of the top three finishers in each category is mandatory.

Race prizes will only be awarded and handed over to athletes who are present. The prizes will not be awarded after the official presentation, nor will they be forwarded to home addresses. At the Awards Ceremony, the first three participants in each category of the general classification are immediately called to the podium once everyone has crossed the finish line. It is mandatory to attend the trophy collection and the podium. If you are unable to attend, the reason for your absence must be justified by the committee of commissioners. Likewise, the collection of the trophy on the podium must be with the cycling equipment (jersey and shorts).

The organization will contact the winners so that they can provide the necessary information for the payment of said prize money.

16. PRIZE MONEY

The Elite Women and Men following overall HERO UCI World Cup race will receive the following prizes money:

rank 1	1.500 Euro
rank 2	1.200 Euro
rank 3	900 Euro



rank 4	750 Euro
rank 5	600 Euro
rank 6	450 Euro
rank 7	375 Euro
rank 8	300 Euro
rank 9	150 Euro
rank 10	75 Euro

17. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Bicycles must comply with UCI regulations, both in technical characteristics and safety.

The number and the chip, provided by the Organization, has to be fixed to the handlebars and on the back of the participant in a clearly visible manner. The number cannot be modified or changed in any way. The electronic device for time control cannot be modified either and must be placed where indicated by the organization.

Bikers must wear a hard safety-approved helmet which must be kept fastened throughout the race. Road safety regulations must be respected throughout. The participants who stopped at any time limit are required to deliver their race number and chip to the person appointed for such purpose.

World champions, Continental Champions (when required) and national champions must wear their champion's jersey.

For security reasons, it is recommended to bring a mobile phone.

Wearing warm clothing (raincoats, arm warmers, leg warmers, etc.) may be. In case of an adverse weather forecast, it will be mandatory to start with a raincoat/waterproof jacket and a mobile phone. The organization does not provide these garments to participants.



Any biker not arriving at the starting grid 5 (five) minutes before their fixed start will automatically be allocated to the final starting grid. All bikers must carry with them a puncture kit. Furthermore, all are required to keep with them an ID throughout the whole race.

Bikers are required to move aside to allow faster bikers to overtake. Extreme prudence is to be exercised in parts of the race with poor visibility.

Any stop for repairs must be made in a clearly visible area away from the main race route. Participants who quit the race must give such communication to the organization and hand the number back to the next security controller along the route. No change of lane is allowed in the final approach to the finishing line, and a violation of this stipulation will lead to the biker being disqualified. These numbers cannot be modified under any circumstances, at the risk of sanction by the commissaries.

The organization is not responsible for any object lost or forgotten along the route or during the race of any participant.

The organization is not responsible for any breakdown or repair of the bicycle that may occur during the race.

The organization will put basic mechanical points.

18. SPORTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Our sport, mountain biking, is a competitive and leisurely activity that takes place in nature, and its impact on this environment is the responsibility of all participants and organizers of sports events. Participants must respect the environment and private property along the route. Littering, leaving waste or spare parts, riding off marked roads, taking shortcuts that



damage vegetation, or any behavior that harms the environment, wildlife, or private property is strictly prohibited.

Any participant who fails to comply with these rules will be disqualified from the race by the Commissaires and immediately excluded, with no possibility of continuing the event.

19. PADDOCK SPACE WITHIN THE HERO VILLAGE

Teams must reserve space at least 1 month before the event by sending an e-mail to julia.karbon@heroucimathonworldcup.

No participant or team assistant can camp or spend the night in the paddock unless authorized by the organization.

The organization provides water and electricity to the teams located in the paddock, which are authorized and accredited.

20. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Any participant may be subjected to official anti-doping control under UCI regulations.

All participants must respect other participants, Commissaires, organization staff, the media and the public. Aggression, lack of respect or other unrequited attitudes may be punished with immediate expulsion from the competition.

The roads along which the competition takes place are provided solely and exclusively for the days of the competition, so the disclosure of the GPS tracks of the route is not permitted.



Following the registration procedure on the official competition page, the biker will find a box THAT MUST BE SELECTED TITLED RELEASE AND DATA PROTECTION FORM PERSONAL, ACCEPTING the clauses that appear therein.

Reading is recommended. By enrolling in the "HERO Costa Blanca", participants give their consent for CLUB DEPORTIVO CINCO CONTINENTES, by itself or through third parties, to automatically process their data for exclusively sporting, promotional or commercial purposes. Under what is established in Organic Law 15/1999, of December 13, on the Protection of Personal Data, the participant has the right to access these files to rectify or cancel completely or partially its content. To do so, a request must be made in writing to the registered office of Club Deportivo Cinco Continentes, located for notification purposes at Avd. old peseta, 136-12 03114 Alicante. Likewise and in accordance with the sporting interests, promotion, distribution and exploitation of the race "HERO COSTA BLANCA", for everyone (reproduction of photographs of the race, publication of qualifying lists, etc.) through any device (Internet, advertising, etc.) and without time limit, those registered expressly cede to the organization the right to reproduce the name and surname, the place obtained in the general classification and that of the participant, the category, the sports brand created and its image.

21. CLAIMS

Claims must be formally addressed to the Commissaires and processed by them in accordance with UCI regulations.



REGISTERING FOR HERO COSTA BLANCA IMPLIES ACCEPTING AND COMPLYING WITH THESE REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS ACCEPTING THE DATA PROTECTION LAW AND CANCELLATION POLICY.

22. INFORMATION

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