

54. SAAREMAA VELOTUUR

RACE REGULATIONS

ORGANISATION

54. Saaremaa Velotuur is organised by the non-profit organization **Saaremaa Jalgrattaklubi Viiking** under the Cycling Regulations (CR) of the International Cycling Union (henceforth UCI) and Estonian Cycling Union (henceforth ECU).

The race is marked in the ECU calendar as a 1. category competition and it will take place on **June 13-17, 2011** on route Tartu - Viljandi – Rapla – Liiva – Kuressaare. It consists of 5 stages (including ae team time trial) with the total length of 524 km.

54. Saaremaa Velotuur is qualified as the Estonian National Championship Stage Race for ME class in individual classification.

PARTICIPATION

54. Saaremaa Velotuur takes place according to art. **2.1.008** of the **UCI CR** and is opened to UCI Continental Teams registered in Estonia, national teams, regional teams and club teams (**may consist of ME, MU, M18, SEN1 and SEN2 riders**) and mixed teams, which must not include cyclists belonging to UCI Pro Tour teams.

According to art. **2.2.003** of the **UCI CR** the maximum number of riders per team is **8** and minimum is **5**.

Every participant must present his valid national license for 2011.

For juniors the maximum gear ratio authorised is that, which gives a distance covered per pedal revolution of **7.93** metres.

RACE HEADQUARTERS

Race Headquarters will be located in Raadimõisa Hotel (Mõisavärava 1, Tartu) and it will be open on **June 13 at 9:00–22:00**.

Representatives of the teams will have to present the licenses for verification and to pick up the

riders` numbers and start materials at **11:00-13:00** at the Race Headquarters.

The Team Managers` meeting will be organized according to art. 1.2.087 of the **UCI CR** in the presence of the Members of the Commissaires` Panel on **June 13 at 15:00** at the Race Headquarters.

RADIO TOUR

Race information will be broadcasted by **Radio Tour** on the frequency **XXX**, which will be announced by the organiser at the Team Managers` meeting.

MOUNTAINS CLASSIFICATION

At each climbing sprint the following points will be given:

1st place - 5 points

2nd place - 3 points

3rd place - 2 points

4th place - 1 point

The final general Mountains Classification will be drawn by summing up the points scored at the climbing sprints.

The leader of the classification will wear a **GREEN** jersey.

In accordance with the art. **2.6.017** of the **UCI CR**, in the event of a tie in the final general Mountains Classification, the following criteria shall be applied until the tie is broken:

1. Number of first places in the climbs.
2. Better place in the final individual General Classification by time.

To receive the prizes for the general classification, the competitor must have been completed the whole course of the race within the time limits set by the regulations.

CASSIFICATION BY POINTS

The classification by points is calculated by summing up the points earned in intermediate sprints and in 4 stages. Points are given at every intermediate sprint to **4 first riders** accordingly **5, 3, 2** and **1** point. At the stage finishes, except team time trial, points are given to **first 10 riders** accordingly **10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2** and **1** point.

The leader of the Points Classification will wear a **RED** jersey.

In accordance with the art. **2.6.017** of the **UCI CR**, in the event of a tie in the individual general classification by points, the following criteria shall be applied until the tie is broken:

1. Number of stage wins;
2. Number of wins in intermediate sprints;
3. General individual classification by time.

To get the prizes for the general classification by points, the competitor must have completed the whole course of the race within the time limits set by the regulations.

TEAM CLASSIFICATION

According to the art. **2.6.016** of the **UCI CR**, the team classification for the day shall be calculated by summing up the times of the three best competitors of each team.

At the 1st stage, which is run as the team time trial, the team's result will be the actual time of completing the distance of the rider, who crosses the finish-line 3rd in his team.

In the event of a tie, the teams are separated by summing up the places acquired by their three best riders on the stage. In the event that the position is still tied, the teams are separated by their best-placed rider on the stage.

The team general classification shall be calculated by summing up the three best individual times from each stage ridden. In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in the following order until the teams are separated:

1. Number of first places in the daily team classifications;
2. Number of second places in the daily team classifications.
3. In the event that position is still tied, the teams are separated by their best-placed rider in the individual general classification.

Any team reduced to less than three riders shall be eliminated from the team general classification.

YOUNG RIDER'S CLASSIFICATION

The Young Rider`s Classification is restricted to riders **born in 1993–1994**.

The leader of the Young Rider`s Classification will wear a **WHITE** jersey.

TIME BONUSES

Time bonuses (applied only to the individual general classification) are awarded as the following:

1. For each Intermediate sprint **3, 2, and 1 second** are awarded to the **3 first riders** classified respectively.
2. At the stage finishes (except team time trial) **10, 6 and 4 seconds** are awarded to the **first 3 riders** classified respectively.

TIME LIMITS

Road race stages: **15%** - stages 2,3 and 5
Road race stage with gravel lines: **20%** - stage 4
Time trial: **25%** - stage 1

The Commissaires` Panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the organiser.

TEAM TIME TRIAL

In the 1st stage, run as a team time trial, the teams will start in **every 3 minutes**.

The starting order of the teams will be determined by drawing lots by the computer in the presence of the Commissaires` Panel.

Each team should be followed by a team car, in which a licensed representative of the previously starting team must drive along.

The **team's result is the actual time of completing the distance of the rider, who crosses the finish-line 3rd in his team**. Individual results are based on the actual times of completing the distance of each competitor.

In the team time trial (1st stage) it is only allowed to use normal mass start road bikes, which must respond to the demands of art. 1.3.006-1.3.022 of the UCI CR. It is forbidden to use any special time trial equipment (eg disc wheels, time trial handlebars, helmets etc.)

AWARDING CEREMONY

At the awarding ceremony after every stage the following riders must appear: **4 best** of the stage, the leader in the general individual classification by time (wears a **YELLOW** jersey) and the leaders in other classifications.

In the final general classification the **6 best individual riders** and the **best team** will be awarded with cash and/ or trophies.

The best young rider (born in 1992 or 1993) will receive a Cup from Aavo Pikkuus.

The winners, who will not appear at the awarding ceremony, will not receive their prize.

PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only applicable one.

NEUTRAL SERVICE

The organizers will provide **2 neutral service vehicles** for every stage of the tour. During the team time trial the neutral service vehicles are located on the **5th kilometer and at the turning point**.

NB! On the 4th stage **on the gravel road (from 123,6 to 131 km, about 7,5 km)** every team car becomes a neutral service vehicle. This rule will apply if the main group arrives to the beginning of the gravel road together. Otherwise the President Commissaire will give respective instructions by Radio Tour.

THE TEAM MANAGERS ARE OBLIGED TO:

1. Inform the riders about Race regulations, schedule and other official information.
2. Follow the organizers instructions precisely and in time.
3. Compensate the damages caused by their team members in accommodation or catering institutions, pay their parking tickets, etc.
4. Return the radio transmitters after the finish of every stage immediately.
5. Prepare competitors for the awarding ceremony.

To guarantee safety of participants and competition, all riders, who have dropped behind from the main group, have to follow the Highway Code. Wearing of a helmet is obligatory at every stage.

MANAGEMENT

The preliminary registration will be open either **until 120 riders are entered or until Tuesday, 31. May 2011**.

The organizer will not cover any expenses of the teams and/or their representatives.

The organizer will assist in booking accommodation, catering, ferry transport etc only these teams, who have fulfilled all necessary formalities in time.