

VOLCAT COSTA BRAVA

1. Introduction

- 1.1. It is a staged MTB test, divided into 2 stages.
- 1.2. It can be done individually or in pairs (popular open).
- 1.3. The test will take place from Saturday March 18 to Sunday March 19, 2023.
- 1.4. The test is held in the town of Calonge (Girona province). The departures of both stages are made from the same location.
- 1.5. The test follows the technical and sporting regulations of the UCI (International Cycling Union) in the Elite male and Elite female categories, and of the FCC for the rest of the categories.

2. Registration

- 2.1. Anyone who wants to participate in this competition must register on the official website: www.volcatbtt.com. For the registration to be valid, it is mandatory to fill in all the required fields in the form and pay the registration fees.
- 2.2. The registration period ends on March 15, 2023.
- 2.3. Participants who want to participate in the PRO category must be in possession of an annual cycling competition license, issued by a national cycling federation approved by the UCI.
- 2.4. If you have a cycling license, you can participate in the OPEN/POPULAR modality. It is also possible to purchase a day license, at an additional cost of €6.
- 2.5. **IMPORTANT:** In accordance with the regulations of the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC), foreign participants holding a cycling license not processed by the RFEC must have a written authorization from their national federation, exit permit, certifying that their insurance is valid in Spain. This document must be presented to the Commissioners in order to collect the number.
- 2.6. During the administrative checks, a bracelet will be given to all participants, which they will have to wear during the competition days. This bracelet will allow access to the areas reserved for participants and will guarantee compliance with security measures.

2.7. The registration price per participant is:

	from 13.11.22 to 14.12.22	from 15.12.22 to 09.02.23	from 10.02.23 to 15.03.23
2 STAGES	90€	100€	110€
1 STAGE	50€	55€	60€
   	TO 15.12.2022 390€		
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2.8. Registration includes:

- The right to take part in the competition.
- Official commemorative jersey INVERSE VolCAT Costa Brava (only for participants who complete 2 stages).
- VolCAT Costa Brava T-shirt (only for participants who complete 1 stage).
- Stickers of the profiles of each stage.
- Track of the routes in GPS.
- Timing service.
- Medical services.
- Liquid and solid supplies during the stages.
- Provisioning on arrival.
- Finisher gift (for participants of 2 stages).
- Shower service and changing rooms.
- Bicycle washing area.
- Race closing team.
- Biker's guide.

2.9. Others

- Motorhome parking

2.10. In the event of disqualification or withdrawal from the competition while it is in progress, the registration fee will not be refunded, in whole or in part.

2.11. Cancellation and changes policy (regarding the registration price):

Return policy according to the date of request, for those registered who do NOT contract the return guarantee:

Period	% Return
Until February 17, 2023	75%
From February 18 to March 3, 2023	50%

As of March 4 there will be NO % refund.

Change of ownership

The change of owner is allowed with a charge of €10, and the participant can manage it automatically in the registration form on the registration platform.

3. Participants

3.1. All participants must be at least 18 years old (PRO) and 16 years old (OPEN) as of December 31 of the year in which the competition takes place.

3.2. Participants can register in these categories in the PRO / COMPETITION modality:

- ELITE FEMALE
- MALE ELITE
- UNDER 23 FEMALE
- MALE UNDER 23
- MASTER 30: Men and women who are 30 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. If they maintain the Elite license they will not be able to compete in Master 30.
- MASTER 40: Men and women who are 40 years of age or over on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. If they maintain the Elite or Master 30 license, they will not be able to compete in the Master 40.
- MASTER 50. Men and women who are 50 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. If they maintain the elite license, Master 30 or Master 40 will not be able to compete in Master 50.
- MASTER 60: Men and women who are 60 or over on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. If they maintain the Elite, Master 30, Master 40 or Master 50 license they will not be able to compete in Master 60.

3.3. The bib numbers will be assigned by categories and according to the order of registrations and the last update of the UCI ranking.

3.4. Participants can register in these categories in the OPEN / POPULAR modality:

- MEN'S OPEN. Men who are 16 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held.
- FEMALE OPEN. Women who are 16 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held
- MEN'S OPEN DUO. Couple formed by two men who are 16 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. They may have a competition license (since it is a category not recognized by the UCI, it is not possible to opt for prizes or UCI points), a cycling license or a day license are allowed.
- FEMALE OPEN DUO. Couple formed by two women who are 16 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. They can be holders of a competition license (as it is a category not recognized by the UCI, it is not possible to opt for prizes or UCI points), a cycling license or a day license.
- MIXED DUO OPEN. Couple formed by a man and a woman who are 16 years of age or older on December 31 of the year in which the test is held. They can be holders of a competition license (as it is a category not recognized by the UCI, it is not possible to opt for prizes or UCI points), a cycling license or a day license.
- STAGE. Modality where the participant can choose the stage that she wants to do from the 2. Minimum Age 16 years or more on December 31 of the year of the test.

3.5. All participants who only register for one stage, even if they have a valid UCI federation license, will only participate in the OPEN category.

3.6. All those participants who are registered in the PRO category and leave the race, may continue participating, but only in the OPEN category and with all the regulations that govern this modality.

4. Information to the participant

4.1. All changes will be announced on the race information billboard, being the responsibility of the participants to stay informed. The official website of the race will also have an informative poster to keep up to date with all the latest news and also on the competition's social networks.

5. Race procedure

5.1. This competition follows the general rules of the FCC.

5.2. After each stage, the results of the stage and the general classification will be published on the official website of the race and on the information billboard.

5.3. The BOX exit area will open 20 minutes before departure time.

5.4. The starting order will be according to the general classification of the competition.

5.5. Five minutes before the start time, access to the start area will be prohibited and the participants that are added will be placed at the end of each of the start groups.

5.6. No participant can join the race once the official start has been given, unless a commissioner allows it. Participants starting after the official start will be considered DNS (Did Not Start).

5.7. Any breach of the regulation will mean the disqualification of the participant in question.

5.8. Participants who are no longer part of the official classification may continue to participate in the event in a non-competitive manner, as long as it does not influence the development of the competition. In case of not respecting this rule, they will be expelled from the race, without the possibility of continuing.

6. Cutting time

6.1. Court hours. The organization establishes a cutting speed, which may be applied if necessary. The established average is 10 km/h and it will be established whenever the organization deems it necessary.

7. Departure neutralized

7.1. For security reasons, the start of any stage can be neutralized. The race will be headed with an official vehicle. After the race director gives the start to the stage, the participants will be able to start competing.

7.2. When the official car has reached the end of the neutralized section, it will stop to one side to indicate the end of the neutralization.

7.3. During the neutralized start it is forbidden to overtake the leading vehicle.

8. Tour

8.1. The route will be open to traffic but duly controlled. Participants will have to follow the instructions of the traffic authorities and drive with caution.

8.2. The route includes demanding climbs and sections with technical descents. It is the responsibility of the participant to decide which section is cyclable. The organization is not responsible for the abilities or the state of form of each of the participants.

8.3. During the tour there will be checkpoints.

8.4. At the control points, a commissioner will write down the bib number of each participant and his time.

8.5. Skipping a control point will mean the disqualification of the participant in question.

8.6. Not following the indications in a segment will mean the disqualification of the participant in question.

8.7. The abandonment of the route established by the organization will mean the disqualification of the participant in question.

9. Refreshments

9.1. The refreshment areas will be duly marked along the route. In these, the participant will find everything necessary to cover the needs between the stages in terms of food and hydration.

9.2. The equipment supply points will be the points where assistance will be allowed.

10.GPS

10.1. The race will not be marked, and the track will be given to all participants to be able to navigate in GPS.

11. Dropouts

11.1. Any participant who leaves must inform the organization as soon as possible.

11.2. Failure to report the abandonment could lead to expulsion from the competition.

11.3. In case of accident or emergency, and considering the safety of the participants, the organization reserves the right to force the withdrawal of a participant from the competition.

12. Results

12.1. The results of each stage are established according to the time required to complete each of the stages, plus the penalties.

12.2. The total time of the completed stages and the total penalty time will determine the final rankings.

12.3. The following classifications are established in the PRO/COMPETITION modality:

- SCRATCH
- Female elite
- Elite male
- U23 male
- Women's U23
- Master 30
- Master 30 female
- Master 40
- Master 40 female
- Master 50
- Master 50 female
- Master 60
- Master 60 female

- **GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE 3 VOLCAT'S:** this classification will be obtained by adding the time of the 3 VOLCAT'S (Playa de Aro, Costa Brava and Igualada) in the corresponding categories of this point. This classification will only be part of the participants who have completed the 8 stages corresponding to the 3 VOLCAT'S.

In the OPEN / POPULAR modality, the classification will be according to the following categories:

- OPEN HOME
- OPEN WOMAN
- FEMALE OPEN DUO
- MEN'S OPEN DUO
- MIXED OPEN

12.4. Any participant who does not officially complete a stage is not considered a finisher.

12.5. All participants wear a disposable chip to be able to record their times and be able to follow up. The stewards must approve these times to validate the results.

13. Awards

13.1. There will be an award ceremony at each stage and for each category, only for the PRO/COMPETITION modality.

13.2. The first 3 of each stage in the masculine and feminine, and the first of each category (see podium schedules) will go up to the podium.

13.3. The trophies of the OPEN modality will be delivered to the first 3 of the GENERAL classification of each modality on the last day of the competition, except for the day modality that will not have a GENERAL classification, nor trophies.

14. Bicycle

14.1. The bicycle must comply with the UCI regulations, both in terms of technical characteristics and safety measures.

14.2. Participants can change the bike at each stage but cannot change it completely or change it during the stage.

14.3 The bicycles parked in the official car park of the race can only be removed by the participants who wear the bracelet with the corresponding bib number.

15. Equipment

15.1. It is mandatory to compete with the bib number assigned by the organization. The number must be placed on the front of the bicycle and on the back of the participant. Both must be clearly visible and cannot be modified. The electronic chip cannot be modified and is attached to the back of the board.

15.2. All the leaders of the general classification must wear the leader's jersey, issued by the organization. The leader's jersey has a blank space both on the front and on the back reserved for the participant's sponsors.

15.3. It is the responsibility of the participant to place their sponsors in the reserved space of the leader's jersey.

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

15.5. It may be necessary in some stages to wear certain warm clothing (raincoat, thermal leg warmers, etc.). The choice of material is the responsibility of the participants.

15.6. The organization will not be responsible in case of breakdown of the bicycle.

16. Sport and nature

16.1. Mountain biking is a competitive sport and/or a leisure activity that takes place in a natural setting, and the impact it may have on the environment is the responsibility of all participants and organizers. Participants are asked not to litter on the route and to be respectful of the environment (do not pedal off the paths and not take shortcuts that could damage the vegetation), and to be careful with the fauna in the area.

16.2. The commissioners and the organization reserve the right to disqualify any participant who does not respect the environment or private properties that come across during the race, and to expel them without the possibility of continuing to participate in the competition.

17. Considerations

17.1. Any participant may be subject to doping control following FCC regulations.

17.2. All participants must be respectful of other cyclists, commissioners, members of the organization, journalists and spectators.

17.3. The route through which the competition takes place is a route exclusively for the race and the diffusion of the track is not allowed.

17.4. The commissioners reserve the right to disqualify any participant who does not respect these considerations, and to expel the participant without the possibility of continuing to participate in the competition.

17.5. All participants transfer their image rights to the organization, which can use any photograph or video derived from the competition.

17.6. The organization is not responsible for the expenses or debts that the participants may incur during the course of the event.

17.7. If necessary, only in case of force majeure and to guarantee the development of the event and the safety of everyone (participants, commissioners, technical team, etc.), the organization reserves the right to delay the departure time, modify, alter or cancel a stage.

18. Claims

18.1. Complaints must be formally filed with the commissioners and will be handled in accordance with FCC regulations.

19. Paddock

19.1. No participant or team member can camp or spend the night in the paddock. Only those who are authorized by the organization may do so.

Space reservation must be made with the corresponding payment of the reserved area by sending an email to furgell@ocisport.net.

20. Order of start

20.1. The starting order of the first stage will be in order of FCC ranking scores and then by the order of numbers. In the second stage it will be according to the classification by category in the relevant drawers.

REGISTERING WITH VOLCAT IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS, AND ALSO IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE of the data protection legislation AND THE CANCELLATION POLICY.