

Specific Regulations of Niseko Classic 2019

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1. Organizer

The 2019 Niseko Classic is organized by Hokkaido Events Corporation under the regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and managed by the Japan Cycling Federation (JCF) as a round of UCI Grand Fond World Series (UGFWS). It is to take place on 6th July 2019 as Individual Time Trial event and on 7th July 2019 as Road Race event. Also concurrently to UGFWS events, HCF 2019 Individual Time Trial is organized on 6th July 2019 and HCF 2019 Road Race is organized on 7th July 2019 as support events.

2. Event Format of UGFWS Events (Registered to UCI)

The events of 2019 Niseko Classic which registered as UGFWS (UCI Grand Fond World Series) calendar events are open to riders who are the members of a UCI affiliated national federations or hold a day license. Participants will be categorized according to how old he/she turns or turned within the year.

The results of these events shall be reference of qualification for UCI Grand Fond World Championships.

Also this event provides Hokkaido Cycling Federation (HCF) ranking points. Furthermore, other points will be awarded as follows besides the UGFWS rankings. For Road Race events, HCF race points are A150points and for Time Trial events, HCF race points are D80 points.

The categories of events organized as UGFWS events are;

【Men Road Race】

Age group 19~34 · 140 km Road Race
Age group 35~39 · 140 km Road Race
Age group 40~44 · 140 km Road Race
Age group 45~49 · 140 km Road Race
Age group 50~54 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 55~59 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 60~64 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 65+ · 70 km Road Race

【Men Time Trial】

Age group 19~34 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 35~39 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 40~44 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 45~49 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 50~54 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 55~59 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 60~64 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 65+ · 12.5km Time Trial

【Women Road Race】

Age group 19~34 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 35~39 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 40~44 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 45~49 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 50~54 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 55~59 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 60~64 · 70 km Road Race
Age group 65+ · 70 km Road Race

【Women Time Trial】

Age group 19~34 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 35~39 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 40~44 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 45~49 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 50~54 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 55~59 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 60~64 · 12.5km Time Trial
Age group 65+ · 12.5km Time Trial

3. Event Format of HCF Events (Not register to UCI)

The HCF (Hokkaido Cycling Federation) events of 2019 Niseko Classic are open to riders who are the members of a UCI affiliated national federations or hold a day license. Participants will be categorized according to how old he/she turns or turned within the year.

The results of these events shall not be reference of qualification for UCI Grand Fond World Championships.

This event provides Hokkaido Cycling Federation (HCF) ranking points. For Road Race events, HCF race points are A150points and for Time Trial events, HCF race points are D80 points.

The categories of events organized as HCF events are;

【Men Road Race】

Age group 19~39·70 km Road Race

Age group 40~49·70 km Road Race

Age group 50+·140 km Road Race

Age group 16~18/High Schooler·140 km Road Race

Age group 16~18/High Schooler·70 km Road Race

【Men Time Trial】

Age group 16~18/High Schooler·12.5km Time Trial

【Women Road Race】

Age group 19+·140 km Road Race

【Women Time Trial】

Age group 16~18/High Schooler·12.5km Time Trial

4. Equipment

All equipment (especially wheels) used in both races (Time Trial and Road Races) must be in accordance with UCI and JCF regulations. Bikes with weight of under 6.8kg and bikes with the following equipment can not be used for the Road Races; Time Trial Bars, Disk Wheels, Time Trial bikes. Usage of time Time Trial Bars, Disk Wheels, and Time Trial Bikes are permitted only for the Time Trial race.

Riders must wear approved helmets that meet safety standards of their countries.

5. Race Headquarter

The Race Headquarter shall be open at the following location from 5:00 to 18:00 on 6th July (Sat) and 7th July (Sun) 2019: 【Niseko Grand Hirafu】Start/Finish area.

6. Assembly

Participants must undergo license-control and be handed body numbers, frame plates and timing transponders at Niseko Grand Hirafu .Base.

*12:00 – 16:00 (Fri) 5th July 2019. *06:00 – 06:30 · 09:00 – 15:00 on (Sat) 6th July 2019.

When license-control, reception desk will be separated for license holder and one-day license holder. After the registration, all participants must attend the riders meeting held in the presence of the Commissaires' Panel and receive guidance. * 16:00 – 16:30 on (Sat) 6th July 2019.

7. Rider Assembly, Bike check & Start for TT

At Time Trial event, the rider shall assemble to the assembly area before own starting time and transfer to the Starting area according with instruction.

The rider shall go through a bike inspection and be at the start area 15 minutes before the start time. The starting order and timing of individual time trial shall be determined by the organizer and all riders are to follow the decision.

The rider shall start his ride under the orders of the timekeeper-commissaire who shall count down to the starting time, following which the timing of the ride shall start. The time of any rider who reports late to the start shall be calculated from that rider's scheduled starting time.

8. Rider Assembly, Sign-up & Start for RR

Every riders who registered 140 km or 70 km races should sign the sign-up sheet prepared in the event venue in order to confirm his/her start. After that, riders should be instructed to move to the starting point.

For the start of Road Race event, the Wave Start Format with groups of maximum of 176 riders is applied. At "0 km point" which differ from starting point, "Real Start" shall be done and timing is start.

9. Neutral Support

There will be neutral support by Amer Sports Japan, Inc., (MAVIC) and SHIMANO. Also, 6 neutral support motorbikes and 4 vehicles will be provided. The prepared freewheel shall be Campagnolo and Shimano gear cassette (10-speed, 11-speed).

During this event, the organizer do not support for wheels with disk brakes as neutral service.

10. Feed Zone, Green Zone(= Waste zone)

Feed zone will be set up at 68.1 km point in Yoshikuni Natural Park, at 31.9km point Niimi Onsen and at 17.6km point in Kogane Onsen. Also, the throwing-away of a water bottle, a food bag and so on is prohibited, except in the specified feed zone or green zone (= waste zone).

1 1. Time Limits

Riders who have abandoned the race must wait at the left side of the road for the sag wagon to arrive, be picked up and carried to the Race Headquarter.

Riders who have dropped a certain time behind the leading rider will be disqualified by the commissaires who board on the sag wagon.

The organizer shall set checkpoints. With setting checkpoints along the course for every race, the organizer will have the discretion to disqualify riders who have not reached the checkpoints within the predesignated time and eliminate them from the race.

1st Checkpoint	Shinsen Marsh Checkpoint	/
2nd Checkpoint	Yoshikuni Checkpoint.	/
3rd Checkpoint	Hinode Checkpoint	/
4th Checkpoint	Niseko Checkpoint	/

Those who are disqualified at the checkpoints should remove body numbers, frame plates as well as timing transponders at a designated place and return them. Riders and their bikes will be transported to the Race Headquarter by the sag wagon prepared by the organizer. Therefore riders should not ride on the course after being disqualified. Transported bikes should be picked up at the pick-up point located within the Race Headquarter before 14:00.

1 2. Mountains Classification

The King of Mountain Classification will be contested over the designated climb in the course of 70km at Rankoshi Niimi and 140 km at Panorama Line Shinsen Marsh. The King of the Mountains (KOM) prize will be awarded to the first rider over the KOM counting point from each age category.

However, this prize is not in conformity with the UCI regulations.

To notify 1.0 km from the KOM counting point, a signboard as following picture will be posted.

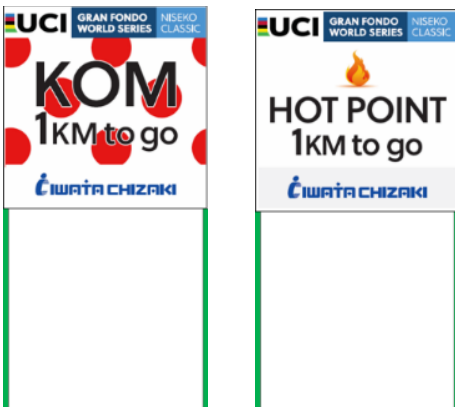
1 3. Sprint Classification

A Sprint Classification will be contested over the designated section, located in Kyowa-cho Town.

A competitor that recorded the fastest time on the designated section from each age category are awarded the Classification.

This is not an official Classification under the term of UCI.

To notify 1.0 km from the counting point, a signboard as following picture will be posted.



1 4. Detour for Caravan

All vehicles of the caravan except for COM1, COM2, Sag wagon and doctor car should turn left at Hirafu Intersection (1.1km before the finish line) driving into the detour route.

1 5. Body Number, Frame plates & Timing Transponders Placement

Body numbers and frame plates are to be affixed as required. The identification numbers provided by the organizer shall be used by riders without any kind of alteration. A transponder will be used to time the race. Therefore, make sure that the transponder is attached to your bike correctly.

After finishing the race, return your transponder to the "Timing Device Return" located within the venue (view the map)

1 6. Distribution of Communiqués

Distribution place will be the communiqué board installed in the front of the Niseko Grand Hirafu .Base building (view the figure) and on official website.

1 7. Notes

In principle, riders and vehicles should keep left side of the road. Emergency vehicles have the right of way.

1 8. Injury during the race

In a case of injury during the race, the organizer's medical team only provides an emergency treatment. A participant is responsible for the full checkup and treatment after the race.

1 9. Insurance

Participant is obliged to have both personal accident insurance and third party liability insurance. Overseas participant is obliged to have an insurance policy that is valid in Japan. Beyond the coverage of organizer's insurance policy and emergency treatment given during the race, a participant is not to assume obligation in accordance with her or his responsibility.