



## General Regulations

### INTRODUCTION

Virtual cycling is a cycling discipline which consists on mounting a bicycle to an intelligent roller which is connected to a network device. The simulator is capable of recreating the route's conditions in a realistic manner: distance, elevation, power developed by each cyclist, draft, landscapes, terrain surface and even meteorological conditions. Virtual Cycling is a new discipline with a growing appeal among this sport's enthusiasts.

### CONCEPT AND FORMAT

Movistar Virtual Cycling is an innovative virtual cycling project, which will kick off in April and will consist of qualifying phases (online and presential) and a great final taking place in Madrid (Spain). In order to be eligible to compete in the presential final, the requirements established in the qualifying phases must be met. The software on which the competition will be run is developed by Bkool. This software allows users to train and compete on his bicycle from his own home, by connecting his trainer to a device (smartphone, tablet or computer) and participating in online rides and competitions through real terrain.

### PARTICIPATION AND CATEGORIES

In order to participate in Movistar Virtual Cycling, you must use a smart trainer (from the many brands available on the market) and be registered in the Bkool simulator. Participants must be 18 years old or older.

The competition will have two categories: elite men and elite women. Each participant will compete in the category assigned to his/her gender. The competition format combines an online qualifying phase with other presential events. The different phases will be held on the same year.

Online competitions: In online competitions cyclists will pedal from their homes, battling their adversaries through Bkool's virtual cycling simulator. A total of 10 independent online events will coincide with the most iconic moments of the professional cycling season. In the event's official website, the calendar with the dates for the races will be posted. Each of these 10 competitions will be available for a limited time, meaning that participants will be able to participate as many times as they wish within the established time period. Once a certain competition has concluded, participations for said online event will be permanently closed. These online competitions will have an approximate duration of 25-30 minutes for each event.

Sprint Competitions: A total of eight presential qualifying races will be held across Spanish territory. For these competitions, participation will be individual and independent, aboard the bicycles prepared by the organization. The duration of these races will be approximately 4-5 minutes. In order to participate, riders must be registered at the event's official website, making a reservation for the chosen time and place.

Endurance competitions: Two massive qualifying races will be held in Madrid (Spain). Each of the competitions will feature 20 cyclists racing simultaneously. These competitions will have an approximate duration of 12-15 minutes. In order to participate, riders must be registered at the event's official website, making a reservation for the chosen time and place.

Final competition: The final event will be included in Festibike's activity program, the International Bicycle Fair which will be held on September 13 through 15 in Las Rozas, Madrid. Only qualified riders from previous events will be able to participate at Festibike.

## **REGISTRATIONS**

Participating in Movistar Virtual Cycling will be completely free of charge. In order to participate, riders must register through the competition's official website at [www.movistarvirtualcycling.com](http://www.movistarvirtualcycling.com).

In order to participate in the online qualifying events, riders must have previously been registered in the Bkool platform. A direct link to this registration can be found on the competition's official website.

In order to participate in presential competitions, riders must register through the competition's official website and select a time and place.

## **ACCREDITATIONS AND PROGRAMME**

For all presential competitions (sprint and endurance), cyclists must attend to the accreditation zone in sufficient advance to their start time. In order to make their registration, riders must present an ID document. Registration is personal and only the participant will be allowed to formalize it. A program of scheduled sessions will be established independently for each venue. This information will be available in the corresponding section of the competition's official website.

## **RANKINGS AND PRIZES**

- In each of the 8 sprint competitions, the two leaders of each category will access straight to the final phase at Festibike.
- In each of the 10 online competitions, the two leaders of each category will access straight to the final phase at Festibike.
- In each of the 2 endurance competitions, the 12 leaders of each category will access straight to the final phase at Festibike.

Consequently, the final phase at Festibike will host 40 cyclists from the On-Line competitions, 32 cyclists from the sprint competitions and 48 cyclists from the endurance competitions. A total of 120 cyclists will have a reserved spot in the final phase at Festibike.

The following prizes apply to both the male and female categories independently.

The winners of the online competitions will be awarded with Bkool material.

The winner of each sprint competition will be awarded with Bkool material.

The winner of each endurance competition will be awarded with Bkool material.

The final phase at Festibike will have Prize Money for the top 20 finishers in both categories:

- 1st - 1.000€
- 2nd - 500€
- 3rd - 250€
- 4th - 100
- 5th - 75€
- 6th through 20th - 50€

Additionally, Movistar will make corresponding awards to their clients in each of the competitions.

### **FESTIBIKE FINAL PHASE**

The final phase will take place at Festibike's International Bicycle Fair, which will be held on September 13 through 15 in Las Rozas, Madrid, Spain.

This final phase will consist of the following competition program:

- Endurance Competition at Festibike: to be held on Friday during the Fair's afternoon schedule, with three organized qualifying sessions featuring 20 male and female cyclists per session and a duration of approximately 25-30 minutes. From this endurance classification, the 12 best times of each category will move on to the semifinals, adding up to a total of 120 cyclists (60 per category) qualified through to the semifinals from all the qualifying events.
- Semifinals: on Saturday, three semifinals will be held for each category (three in the morning and the rest in the afternoon), which will determine our 40 finalists, 20 per category, of this inaugural edition of Movistar Virtual Cycling.
- Finals: the great final, male and female, will be held on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning, coinciding with the final moments of Festibike.

### **AWARD CEREMONIES**

Each of the competitions can be subject to protocolary award ceremonies to present the winners with their prizes. Participants must attend the ceremony with the same jersey used for the race, or an identical one if the rider wishes to change. In analogy to UCI competitions, participants will be presented in their race attire, dressed with their team jerseys, no hats, headbands or glasses until they exit the ceremony's enclosure. Participants will not be allowed to carry flags, signs or similar elements which may disrupt the course of the ceremony. Throughout the course of the ceremony it is prohibited for the rider to receive any of the aforementioned objects from spectators. Any infraction of the previous dispositions could be reason for disqualification of the participant in question.

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Although the organization believes in the competitors' sportive and fair behavior, a technical jury team will be appointed in order to enforce the established rules and ensure that participants compete on equal terms. An automatic system designed to detect irregularities

will be available at competitions, where it will be supervised and assessed by a technical team which will judge any doubtful participations. Additionally, this technical jury personnel will be present at all the presential competitions, being in charge of verifying the rankings. To achieve this they will be able to control the speed, power output and cadence of every participant. Furthermore, they will have access to the history of any participant's profile on Bkool's database in order to verify each rider's participation.

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Each participant will have accident and civil liability insurance by participating in the competition. Consequently, each rider must register an inscription with his personal data and this registration will not be transferrable to any other cyclist.

### **TRANSFER OF IMAGE RIGHTS**

By accepting these regulations, the participant authorizes organizers to capture photography and audiovisual content for their further publication in the media, websites or social networks belonging to the competition or any of its sponsors.

### **COMPETITION CANCELLATION**

Organizers will be able to suspend, cancel or withdraw any of the competitions without any compromise to the participants. If prompted by force majeure or any external factors the organization feels obliged to suspend, cancel or withdraw the event they will not be obliged to pay any compensation to the enrolled participants.

### **PARTICIPATION RULES**

#### **ON Line Competitions**

By participating in the event, the competitor accepts to follow the rules hereby described, as well as any decisions to be taken by Bkool, the organizer.

Additionally, the competitor affirms to have read and to accept the terms and conditions of Bkool's platform by registering, as well as assuring that his/her physical condition is appropriate to be able to carry out the proposed activities.

Participants must use their real name in their registration and set their username in the Bkool simulator to the initial of their first name followed by their full last name. Example: Alejandro Valverde -> A. Valverde.

Bkool takes the participant's good intentions for granted, assuming that they will respect the rules and discard any sessions which for any reason don't show real results or contact the organizer.

All results are subject to any revisions by Bkool, discarding those that may be considered inadequate, either due to the data registered during the session or because the provided data is incorrect or false.

In similar fashion, the participant's history will be supervised to verify that the data provided is correct and doesn't present unnatural shifts in his physical parameters or performance.

Factors to be considered when determining invalid results:

- Modifications in the user's weight, as well as unlikely values.

- Abrupt changes in performance in the participant's history.
- Values above 6 w/Kg in 5 minutes or above 5.2 w/Kg in 20 minutes during the event\*.
- Watt output averages that don't correspond with reality. (Low values in comparison with W/Kg in uncorresponding gears)
- Unlikely spikes in speed or power output.
- Unlikely speed averages.
- Inadequate calibration or errors in the devices used.
- Invalid name.

*\*Values from top professionals are taken as a reference. These athletes can approximately obtain results of:*

*- 5.5 w/Kg (women) // 6.5 w/Kg (men) for 4 to 8 minutes.*

*- 4.5 w/Kg (women) // 5.5 w/Kg (men) for 20 to 40 minutes.*

Any issue encountered during the course of the event such as: connection issues with the used devices, internet failures or lag, technical problems including computers or platform are considered mechanical problems. For this reason, no adjustments will be made to the event's results to compensate or correct for said issues.

In the event that the Bkool platform presents any issue in its system during the course of the event, the most appropriate solution possible will be applied.

Stages must be completed in the period announced by the organization. Any result before or after this period will be disregarded in the final classification of the stage.

The participant can make as many attempts of the stage as he wishes, as long as they fall within the assigned time period, taking the best of the set times.

Organizers will previously announce the period during which the participants may attempt the proposed stages.

Any complaints will be addressed to the organization at [info@movistarvirtualcycling.com](mailto:info@movistarvirtualcycling.com) where they will be studied, demanding additional evidence or data to confirm said complaint if necessary.

In the case of performance values or other data, official tests that confirm the provided data may be requested. After deliberation, the final decision may not be appealed before any other entity.

Organizers recommend that every cyclist performs a complete medical examination and stress test to prove that their health and condition is appropriate for the proposed activity.

### **Presential Competitions**

For Sprint and Endurance competitions in Madrid, cyclists will compete on bicycles provided by the organization, where each rider's pedals will be installed upon request in the registration form. Bicycles of different sizes will be available, and riders must specify their height when formalizing their registration.

For Endurance competitions to be held at Festibike, cyclists will compete on their own bicycles. Competitors must specify the technical characteristics of their bicycle in the registration form in order to assure that all bicycles are compatible with the trainers used. In the case that a

bicycle is not compatible, the competitor will be informed in advance, and in this case that model of bicycle may not be used in the competition.

Only road bicycles with 700 size wheels and 11 speed drivetrains will be admitted. Competitors must present their bicycles in a clean and properly working state.

The organization may not be held responsible of any damage or loss of a competitor's material during the course of the competition and before or after the event.

For Sprint competitions it is recommended to wear sportive attire and bring a change of clothes for after the competition.

For Endurance competitions it is obligatory to wear cycling attire and it is recommended to bring a change of clothes for after the competition.

All participants are covered by a nominal Accidents Insurance.

The organization recommends that cyclists perform a complete medical check as well as a stress test to ensure that their health condition is appropriate for the proposed activity.

If any mechanical or physical issues should appear during the course of the competition, the affected cyclist may request for external help by raising his hand. In this case, a member of the organization will approach their position and attempt to solve their setback. Competitors will not be allowed to get off their bicycles while the event is underway.

Any possible digital problems or connection issues are considered a racing incident and will be interpreted as a mechanical issue.

#### Program and schedule of a Sprint event:

-Citation for registration: 30 minutes prior to the start time.

-Start of the warm up: 10 minutes prior to the start time.

In the case that a competitor fails to meet this schedule established by the organization, he will be considered to have withdrawn the competition.

In a Sprint event a session can be repeated as long as there are free spaces in the following programmed sessions. A scheduled program for the sessions will be established independently for each venue. This information will be available in each event's particular section.

#### Program and schedule of an Endurance event:

- Citation for registration in each venue's race office: 60 minutes prior to the start time.

-Bicycle handed to the organization: 60 minutes prior to the start time.

-Signature control: 30 minutes antes prior to the start time.

-Start of the warm up: 20 minutes prior to the start time. (15 minute warm up)

In the case that a competitor fails to meet this schedule established by the organization, he will be considered to have withdrawn the competition.

A scheduled program for the sessions will be established independently for each venue. This information will be available in each event's particular section.

In Endurance events, a cutoff time will be established when a competitor exceeds 150% of the total time registered by the winner of his session. In this case, the competitor will be considered as NOT qualified.

Offensive or rude behavior, lack of respect will not be admitted towards organizers, spectators or other competitors. Failing to comply with this rule will be reason for immediate disqualification.

Complaint forms will be available at all presential events for any disagreements with the development of the competitions or other organizational aspects.