

REGULATION

Article 1 - Organization

RCS Sport S.p.A. – Via Solferino, 28 – 20121 Milan – tel. (+39) 02.62.82.87.64/02.62.82.87.66 – Fax (+39) 02.29.00.96.84, announces and organizes the **46th TIRRENO - ADRIATICO**, international cycling race by stages, recorded at the UCI international calendar according to the UCI regulations..

The race is due to depart from Marina di Carrara on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and to end on March 15, in S. Benedetto del Tronto, and will follow the hereunder mentioned route program.

MARCH

Wednesday, March 9,	1 st stage	MARINA DI CARRARA (time trial by teams)	16,8
Thursday March 10,	2 nd stage	CARRARA - INDICATORE (AREZZO)	202
Friday, March 11,	3 rd stage	TERRANUOVA BRACCIOLINI - PERUGIA	189
Saturday, March 12,	4 th stage	NARNI - CHIETI	240
Sunday, March 13,	5 th stage	CHIETI - CASTELRAIMONDO	240
Monday, March, 14	6 th stage	USSITA - MACERATA	178
Tuesday, March 15,	7 th stage	SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO (time trial)	9,3
Totale km			1.075,1

Article 2 – Type of race

The race is reserved to cyclists belonging to the Men Elite category and is recorded in the UCI calendar into the historical race class, and in compliance with the regulation in force, the points attributed for the place list are the following:

GENERAL PLACE LIST

To the 10 first riders in the final general place list, respectively points: 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 4

PLACE LIST BY STAGE

To the 5 first riders in the place list of each stage, respectively points: 6, 4, 2, 1, 1

Article 3 – Participation

In compliance with the provisions or article 2.1.005 of the UCI Regulations, the race is reserved to the UCI Pro Teams and all Professional Continental Teams. According to article 2.2.003 of the UCI Regulations the maximum number of riders per team shall be set in between 8 (eight) and 5 (five).

In any case, the Organizing Society, to the purpose of safeguarding the image and reputability of its race, reserves the right to refuse, up to the departing time, the riders or the Sporting Groups which by their acts or declarations would prove to neglect the principle of sport fair play and the commitments undertaken and set forth in paragraph 1.1.023 of the UCI Regulations.

Moreover, in the event the racers or the Sporting Group would fail, during the race, in complying with the principles set out in the foregoing paragraph, the Organizing Society shall also reserve the right to exclude them from the race at any time.

Article 4 – Race Headquarters

The official accreditations and preliminary operations will take place in Marina di Carrara on the premises of the Port Authority, in Viale Cristoforo Colombo, 6, on Tuesday March 8, 2011, from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. The confirmation of the departing racers and the collection of the numbers by the persons in charge for each team, is scheduled on Tuesday, March 8, from 3.00 to 4.45 pm, at the Race Headquarters.

On that same day, at 5 o'clock, at the Race Headquarters is due to take place the meeting of the Organization Management together with the Jury Commissaries and Sporting Managers, organized according to the provisions of article 1.2.087 of the UCI Regulations.

Article 5 – Radio Information

Race news are broadcasted on the 149,800 MHz frequency.

Article 6 – Technical Assistance

The technical assistance service is ensured by the VITTORIA Company with 3 servicing vehicles.

Article 7 – Food supply

Food supplies take place in compliance with the provisions of articles 2.3.025 / 26 / 27 of the UCI Regulations..

The fixed food supply stations of each stage are announced with the letter R in the respective planimetric and kilometrical charts, and advertised by relevant road signs along the race route.

Article 8 – Level crossings

Level crossings are mentioned on the kilometrical charts and advertised along the race route by relevant road signs indicating PL 1 km far.

In the case of closed level crossings, articles 2.3.034 and 2.3.035 of the UCI Regulations shall apply.

Article 9 – Incidents during the race last 3 kilometers

The article 2.6.027 of the UCI Regulations, incidents during the last three kilometers of the race, doesn't apply to the following stages featuring an uphill arrival, i.e.

4th stage, Narni – Chieti, 6th stage Ussita – Macerata.

Article 10 – Timing

The official time is recorded by the finish-line judge.

A transponder, to be mounted on a mandatory basis to the frame of the bicycle, will be supplied to all racers for automatic time reading.

Article 11 – Time limit

In order to determine the maximum time duration allowed for each stage, these have been divided into four categories according to the different nature of the route, i.e.:

- a) category: stages presenting no particular difficulty
- b) category: stages presenting slight difficulties
- c) category: stages presenting important difficulties
- d) category: team and individual time trial' stages

Consequently the time limit has been set out as follows:

- for the a) category, the winner's time is increased by:
 - 7% if the average speed is equal or inferior to 40 Km/h.
 - 8% if the average speed is included between 40 and 45 Km/h
 - 10% if the average speed is superior to 45 Km/h
- for the b) category, the winner's time is increased by:
 - 8% if the average speed is equal or inferior to 35 Km/h.
 - 9% if the average speed is included between 35 and 38 Km/h
 - 10% if the average speed is superior to 38 Km/h
- for the c) category, the winner's time is increased by:
 - 8% if the average speed is equal or inferior to Km. 30
 - 9% if the average speed is superior to Km. 30 and up to Km. 35
 - 10% if the average speed is superior to Km. 35
- for the d) category, the winner's time is increased by 25%.

According to article 2.6.032 of the UCI Regulations, the Panel of Commissaries, after having sought the advice of the Organization's Manager, in consideration of special atmospheric conditions, of possible other exceptional circumstances, of confirmed accidents or incidents, shall be able to readmit in the race competitors arrived out of time limit, by increasing the same up to a maximum of 25% of the time set forth by the present article.

The time limit, established on the basis of the winner's time expressed in minute seconds, shall be further on rounded off to the successive superior minute.

In order to enforce the provisions of the present article, the stages of the 46th Tirreno – Adriatico, have been classified as follows:

- a) category: 2nd – 3rd
- b) category: 6th
- c) category: 4th - 5th
- d) category: 1st – 7th

Article 12 – Time Trial's Stages

A) Overall instructions

The riders shall use bicycles complying with the parameters and measures set up by the Regulations issued by the U.C.I.

On the starting line the riders will be sustained by Jury members duly appointed by the College of Commissaries.

Each competitor will be escorted by a vehicle having on board staff members supplied with spare parts and, should the case arise, the assistant Commissary. The vehicle will follow the rider at a distance not to be inferior to 10 meters, and shall in no case draw up alongside that same rider.

When a competitor catch up with another rider, the latter is requested to move on the right side of the road and to keep such position until the rider who effected the overtaking has taken the lead with at least 25 meters.

B) Teams' Time Trial

Marina di Carrarra

The starting order of the team's time trial stage, will be chosen by lot to be drawn on Tuesday, March 7, in the course of the meeting to be held between the Race Management, the College of Jury and the Sporting Managers. In the case the winner of the last edition should be among the participants, his team will be the last to line up on the starting line.

Starts will be given at equal intervals of 3 minutes one from the other.

The timing of the team will be measured on the 5th rider arrived; the other team's member will be credited of the time recorded at their crossing of the finish line,

In case of accident during the last kilometer, article 2.6.028 of the U.C.I. Regulations should apply.

C) Individual time trial

San Benedetto del Tronto

The starting order of the individual time trial stage, will be determined by the competitor's placement in the overall standing at the end of the precedent stage, in such way that the last in the standing will be the first to start and the second last, will be the second to start, and so on up to the first in the standing who will be the last one to leave.

In the case that two or more riders belonging to the same team should result in consecutive starting order, the College of Jury could change the order by inserting the competitors from other teams who precede or follow them in the overall standing.

Starts will be given at equal intervals of 1' to 3'.

The Race Manager, by common consent with the President of the College of the Jury, is empowered to adopt differentiated intervals as far as the 15 last riders to start are concerned.

Article 13 – general climber's classification

A place list of the general climber's classification has been set out for the sixteen uphill climbs (single category).

2a	Thursday, March 10, 2011	CARRARA - INDICATORE (AREZZO)	San Casciano Val di Pesa (Loc. La Bruscola)	121,8	313
			Poggio alla Croce	148,0	502
3a	Friday, March 11, 2011	TERRANUOVA BRACCIOLINI - PERUGIA	Perugia (Corso Vannucci)	164,4	474
4a	Saturday, March 12, 2011	NARNI - CHIETI	Sella di Corno	84,7	990

			Villamagna	218,3	262
			Chieti - via Salomone	239,0	300
5a	Sunday, March 13, 2011	CHIETI - CASTELRAIMONDO	Sasso Tetto (Val. di S.M. Maddalena)	154,7	1455
			Camerino (Mad. Delle Carceri)	197,9	535
			Gagliole	233,5	475
6a	Monday, March 14, 2011	USSITA - MACERATA	Pietra Rossa	71,6	690
			Macerata (1° passaggio)	139,2	298

To each passage of the G.P.M. line, the following points shall be attributed::

- 1st in the place list points 5
- 2nd " points 3
- 3rd " points 2
- 4th " point 1

The general place list is made out by the sum of the gained points; the leader of the G.P.M. placement shall wear the green jersey.

According to article 2.6.017 of the UCI Regulations, in the case of ex aequo in the G.P.M. general individual place list, the following discriminating factor should apply:

- Number of first places gain in the G.P.M.
- General individual place list

Each rider will have to bring to an end the totality of the race, to be able to benefit of the prizes resulting from the final general place list.

Article 14 – General individual place list by the time

In compliance with the provisions set forth by articles 2.6.014 and 2.6.015 of the UCI Regulations, the general individual place list is made out by the sum of the time recorded by each competitor for each stage. Bonuses and possible penalties of time are taken into account in the computation of the same place list.

Article 15 – General individual place list by the points

The place list by the points is made out by the sum of the points gained in each of the six stages exception being made for the teams' time trial and in the special passage lines. (intermediate sprints)

The Special Passage Lines are the following:

	Thursday, March 10,				
2a	2011	CARRARA - INDICATORE (AREZZO)	Empoli	99,5	28
			Figline Valdarno	157,0	127
3a	Friday, March 11, 2011	TERRANUOVA BRACCIOLINI - PERUGIA	Castiglion Fiorentino	50,3	276
			Pretola	157,2	197
	Saturday, March 12,				
4a	2011	NARNI - CHIETI	Casalincontrada	193,2	315
			Bucchianico	208,7	366
	Sunday, March 13,				
5a	2011	CHIETI - CASTELRAIMONDO	Sarnano	140,1	517
			Castel Santa Maria	220,4	518
	Monday, March 14,				
6a	2011	USSITA - MACERATA	Filottrano	106,5	272
			Macerata (2° passaggio)	158,4	298

To each special passage line, the following points shall be attributed:

- 1° points 5
- 2° points 3
- 3° points 2
- 4° point 1

To each arrival of the six stages, the following points shall be attributed:

1°	points	12
2°	points	10
3°	points	8
4°	points	7
5°	points	6
6°	points	5
7°	points	4
8°	points	3
9°	points	2
10°	point	1

The sum of all points shall determine an individual place list and the daily leader will have to put on the red jersey.

According to article 2.6.017 of the UCI Regulations, in the case of ex aequo in the general place list by the points, the following discriminating factor shall apply:

- Number of stage victories
- Number of victories in the special passage lines (intermediate sprints)
- General individual place list

Each rider will have to perform the entire race in order to be able to benefit of the prizes of the final general place list.

Article 16 – Best Junior

The junior place list applies to Junior riders born after January 1st, 1986.

The first rider with the best placement in the general individual place list by the time, shall be considered the daily leader of the Juniors.

Upon the conclusion of the last stage, he will be declared winner of the Junior place list.

Article 17 – Place list by teams

According to article 2.06.016 of the UCI Regulations, the standing by teams is determined by the sum of the three best timings for each team, with the exception of the team's time trial, for which the recorded time for each respective team is due to be summed. Such calculation includes possible penalizations in the form of time.

In case of ex aequo the teams shall be classified according to the sum of the places obtained for the stage by their first three racers; in case of further equality, the teams will be classified according to the placement of their best racers in the arrival ranking.

The general place list by teams is determined by the sum of the three best individual times of each team, in all the performed stages.

In case of ex aequo, the following discriminating factor applies:

- Number of first places in the daily place list by teams;
- Number of second places in the daily place list by teams;
- and so on.

In case of further parity, the teams shall be classified according to the placement of their best rider in the general individual place list.

Each team whose number would be reduced to less than three riders, shall be cancelled from the general place list by teams.

Article 18 – Time allowance

Time allowances valid for the general individual place list have been taken into consideration for all stages, exception being made for the time trial stages (both individual and by teams) and the special passage lines.

Time allowances are attributed as follows:

- for each special passage line, the first three of the place list are respectively assigned 3", 2" and 1"
- for each stage arrival, the first three of the place list are respectively assigned 10", 6" and 4"

Article 19 – Prescribed and special prizes

As far as the 46th Tirreno – Adriatico is concerned, the following prescribed and special prizes shall be awarded:

Euro 10.000,00 for each of the seven stages (for a total amount of €70.000,00), split as follows:

1 st in the place list	€	4.000
2 nd “	€	2.000
3 rd “	€	1.000
4 th “	€	500
5 th	€	400
6 th	€	300
7 th	€	300
8 th	€	200
9 th	€	200
From 10 th to 20 th	€	100

Euro 35.000,00 for the final general place list, split as follows:

1° in the place list	€	14.000,00
2° “	€	7.000,00
3°	€	3.500,00
4°	€	1.750,00
5°	€	1.400,00
6°	€	1.050,00
7°	€	1.050,00
8°	€	700,00
9°	€	700,00
From 10° to 20°	€	350,00
TOTAL AMOUNT	€	35.000,00

SPECIAL PRIZES

The following prizes shall be attributed to the first five riders placed in the final place list by the points, in the final place list of the G.P.M and in the best Junior place list:

to the 1° in the place list	€	4.000,00
2° “	€	2.000,00
3° “	€	1.000,00
4° “	€	700,00
5° “	€	300,00
TOTAL AMOUNT	€	8.000,00

The following prizes shall be attributed to the first three teams appearing in the teams' place list by the time:

to the 1° in the place list	€	6.000,00
2° ”	€	3.000,00
3° “	€	2.000,00
TOTAL AMOUNT	€	11.000,00

SUMMARY

The total amount of prizes will thus be the following:

Stage prizes (€10.000,00 x 7)	€	70.000,00
Placement prizes	€	35.000,00

Place list by the points	€	8.000,00
Place list G.P.M.	€	8.000,00
Place list best Junior	€	8.000,00
Place list by teams	€	11.000,00
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TOTAL AMOUNT	€	140.000,00

The above mentioned charts refer to the value that the organization makes available to the A.C.C.P.I. for the distribution to the associate and/or to the delegating parties.

Article 20 – Medical checkup

For each stage the medical checkup will take place upon arrival, at the Mobile Clinic, according to the UCI anti doping regulations.

Article 21 – Awards ceremony

Upon the arrival of each stage, the winner of the stage, the first racer in the general place list wearing the blue jersey, the first racer in the place list by the points wearing the red jersey, the leader of the general climber’s classification wearing the green jersey, and the first rider in the place list of the Best Junior wearing the white jersey, are due to attend the award ceremony.

Moreover, the stage’s winner and the leader of the general place list shall take part to the press conference with the accredited journalists.

Article 22 – Sanctions

Applying sanctions are those set forth in the “Sanctions Chart” according to article 12.1.040 of the UCI Regulations.

Article 23 – General provisions

Only persons identified upon collection of the identification sign by the owner of the relevant motor vehicle, are entitled to follow the race. Possible changes or additions shall be notified to the Organization Manager. Drivers of duly identified cars and motorbikes shall comply with the provisions set forth by the Rules of the Road and shall furthermore comply with the rules set out by the Organization Manager and his collaborators. Persons who are not recognized as having roles acknowledged by the organizers and services-related functions as well as under-age persons, are not allowed to follow the race.

The Organization shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for damages deriving from accidents occurred prior, during or after the race and deriving from actions not ascribable to the same organization, to persons in general, even if unrelated with the race.

For all that is not regulated under this ruling the UCI and FCI regulations shall apply.