

REGULATIONS

The SKODA Titan Desert Almeria 2026 is an all-terrain bike (MTB) endurance race held in the form of a Challenge.

The competition takes place from 1 to 4 October 2026 consisting of 4 stages and is governed by these regulations.

1. Description of the Stages

STAGE	DATE	HOME	FINAL	DISTANCE	CUMULATIVE ELEVATION GAIN	DIFFICULTY
1ST STAGE	01/10/2026	Mojácar	Mojácar	73km	2053m D+	5*
2ND STAGE	02/10/2026	Mojácar	Almeria Circuit	74km	1650m D+	4*
3RD STAGE	03/10/2026	Almeria Circuit	Almeria Circuit	100km	2286m D+	5*
4TH STAGE	04/10/2026	Almeria Circuit	Mojácar	60km	670m D+	3*

* The organization reserves the right to modify the routes.

2.1 The Škoda Titan Desert Almería 2026 is open to the participation of runners from the Under-23 category or who turn 19 years old in the current year of the race.

2.2 Participation may only be made in one of the following ways:

2.2.1 On an individual basis

2.2.2 By Teams – made up of 3 runners, who participate individually, and who can be of different categories and sexes.

2.2.3 Mixed Duo Teams – formed by a male and a female rider.

2.2.4 Male Duo Teams – formed by two riders.

2.2.5 Women's Duo Teams – consisting of two riders

2.3 For a modality of participation to take place, there must be a minimum of 5 participants/teams registered.

2.4 Runners may be in possession of the corresponding licence issued by the RFEC or other National Federations or by a one-day licence

2.5 To determine the age category of each runner, the ages are calculated by reference to the age of the participant on December 31 of the year of the competition:

Under 23

A participant who must be between 19 and 22. You must hold an approved U-23 licence for competitive cycling.

Elite

A participant who must be between 23 and 29. You must hold an elite license approved for competitive cycling.

Master 30

A participant who must be between 30 and 39 years old. You must hold a Master license approved for competitive cycling.

Master 40

A participant who must be between 40 and 49 years old. You must hold a Master license approved for competitive cycling.

Master 50

A participant who must be between 50 and 59 years old. You must hold a Master license approved for competitive cycling.

Master 60

A participant who must be 60 and 75 years old. You must hold a Master license approved for competitive cycling.

The category of each participant, both male and female for federated athletes, will be framed in the category indicated by their license. For Non-Federated/One-Day Licenses, they will be placed in the category that corresponds to their year of birth.

Those participants who have a federation license issued by a federation other than the Spanish federation must request a document that authorizes the federated to participate in the event. Otherwise, this participant must contract the Day License issued by the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation itself.

For a category to take place, there must be a minimum of 5 participants registered, in the event that it is not constituted, it will go on to compete in the next category that is constituted.

3.1 The organization provides each of the registrants with:

A bicycle plate, an identification bracelet, two bibs, the online regulations and the route in digital format (GPX).

A geolocation system that must be installed in a hydration backpack.

3.2 An approved rigid safety helmet is mandatory throughout the event.

3.3 It is mandatory to wear the plate in a visible place on the front of the bicycle. It is forbidden to modify the license plate.

- 3.4 It is mandatory to wear the bib number visible on the hydration backpack and the second on the participant's jersey.
- 3.5 Those runners who opt for a team classification, in any of its modalities, must wear a jersey with the same design at the awards ceremony.
- 3.6 It is mandatory to wear a thermal blanket for the duration of the race.
- 3.7 All participants must present themselves at the start with a reserve of water of one liter (1) liter that will be delivered by the organization.
- 3.8 The use of a G.P.S. device is mandatory.
- 3.9 He can only wear the official leader's jersey of the Škoda Titan Desert Almería 2026, the leader of the race in both the men's and women's categories.
- 3.10 Bicycles with two wheels of equal diameter may participate, with the front wheel being the guideline and the rear wheel the driving wheel; and operated by a system of pedals acting on a chain. The propulsion will be carried out exclusively by the strength of the runner's legs, in a circular movement, with the help of a bottom bracket, and without electric or any other assistance.
- 3.11 Tandem bicycles will be accepted in the race, each participant will be identified with the same bib number. The tandems will have an exclusive classification for them and will not opt for the particular classifications of the stages or the general.
- 3.12 **E-Bike.** Participation in e-bike mode is accepted as non-competitive. The routes will be adapted to this type of bicycle and will be different from those of the competitive test. The e-Bike riders will share a few kilometers with the race and will not be able to interfere in it, giving priority to the participants in the race. The start of the e-Bike will be given separately from the departures of the rest of the participants.

Participants will be informed of the order of arrival.

You can participate in the 4 days or in the last 2 days.

4.1 The 4-day race consists of 4 online raid-type stages. Participants must sleep in the places assigned by the organization.

The stages are marathon races (raid) with individual classification by times that accumulate to establish an individual general classification.

4.2 The GPS tracks that will be given to each runner include all the details of the stages with the description of the route, kilometre points, profile with altimetry indication, start and finish points.

The points will be given in degrees and decimal minutes and DATUM WGS 84 format.

There will be no type of beacon along the route.

4.3 Participants must pass through the established checkpoints (CP) and in the order established by the organization. The absence of passage in a control entails a penalty in time.

4.4 It is mandatory to pass through all hydration stations (HE) in the order established by the organization.

4.5 The neutralised and liaison areas, if any, must be done by bicycle and along the route indicated by the organisation.

4.6 All participants must record the route they have completed on their GPS device, and must be available to the organization until the departure of the following day.

4.7 The course is open to traffic. Therefore, participants must follow the traffic rules in the areas where there are any, as well as circulate with caution in inhabited areas.

4.8 The route of each stage is mandatory.

The sports director assumes the direction of the event:

JON IRIONDO – Director Titan Word Series

MANUEL TAJADA – Technical and sports director

JORDI AÑOLS – Director of Logistics

MIQUEL ESTEVE – Director of Participant Relations and Registration

FRAN MELLEEN – Chief Marketing Officer

ÁLVARO VILCHES – Director of Communications

5.1 One hour before the scheduled time of departure, the signature control of each stage is opened.

5.2 Fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of departure, the departure signatures control will close.

5.3.1 On the first day, the boxes will be assigned according to the order of the bib. Taking the start in boxes of 50 by 50. The organization will inform of the formation of these boxes during the day prior to the test. Each box will take the start with a difference of 5 minutes, or what the organization determines. The start time of each participant will be the one that corresponds to their starting box.

5.3.2 The organiser will have the power to include in the 1st box those runners who they consider to be previous years according to their track record, sporting relevance or classifications

5.3.3 The rest of the stages will have the following reserved spaces:

Box 1:

- Top 20 overall finishers
- 3 first females
- 1st Mixed Duo Team
- 1st Male Duo Team
- 1st Women's Duo team

Box 2:

– 21st to 50th in the overall standings including the Male Duo teams if they are classified in that position

– 4th and 5th female in the Absolute General including the Women's Duo teams if they are classified in that position

Box 3:

– 51st to 100th in the absolute general classification including the Male Duo teams if they are classified in that position

– 5th and 6th female of the Absolute General including the Women's Duo teams if they are classified in that position

- Tandem Leader

Box 4:

– Other runners according to their order of arrival at the same.

5.4 Participants who are outside the classification and wish to start in the successive stages must do so from box 4.

5.5 The start will be given at the time set by means of an acoustic signal, and from this moment the timer will be started for all runners.

They may be launched or with neutralized sections

5.6 All runners must pass under the starting arch.

6.1 The organization will provide water to all participants at the start (1 liter) and during the route of the stage (at least one supply every 40 km). The situation of the Hydration Stations will be announced the day before the stage.

6.2 Each runner must write their bib number on bottles, food wrappers and other belongings with a permanent marker and in a clearly visible way. Improper disposal of these items will mean, once the offender has been identified by the organization through his bib, on the first occasion, a warning. On the second occasion, a one-hour penalty will be applied in the general classification. On the third occasion, it will mean disqualification.

6.3 At the start control, the organization may verify that all participants have their refreshments correctly labeled.

6.4 Each EH will be recognised as a PC for the purposes of the regulation.

7.1 Modifications, neutralizations, Control Closure and other aspects

The race management, together with the stewards, may modify, cancel or neutralise sections of the stages if there are adverse conditions or other reasons that justify it.

In case of problems or repairs on the bike or in case of medical assistance and the participant completes the entire stage by his/her own means, he/she must do so within the maximum time established. The time invested in the repair or assistance will be included in the time of the stage and there will be no possibility of extension over the maximum time assigned.

Any runner who has been out of control (FC), has abandoned the race (DNF) and wishes to start in the next stage, may do so, and will not score for the final general classification or for the following stages, nor will he opt for any other complementary classification if any, once in the entire competition. A second FC or DNF means the elimination of the test.

A limit on the arrival or closing time of control is established at different points along the route, which is set according to the characteristics of each stage, and which is communicated in the daily briefing and the penalties that are determined

8.1 Individual Stage Classification

Participants will be classified according to their order of passage through the finish line after verifying that they have completed the entire route correctly. This verification will be carried out with the electronic verification of the CP and EH. Failure to mark in a CP and EH has a time penalty.

8.2 Team classification in the stage

8.2.1 To be eligible for these classifications, all members of the team must have completed all the stages.

The classification of the teams in the stage will be obtained by adding the times invested by the three riders of each team, with the best classified being the one with the least total time. In the event of a tie, it will be resolved in favor of the team that has obtained the fewest points in the sum of the positions of said three riders. In case of another tie, it will be resolved in favor of the team with the best classified rider in the stage.

To establish the team classification, only formally registered teams with three riders in the race and who have confirmed it in the registrations the day before the start of the race are taken into account.

If they do so once the test has started, they will not be eligible for it.

8.2.2 The duo teams (whether mixed, female or male) must complete the course together without there being more than 1 minute difference between them at the passage of the CP and at the finish line. Otherwise, they will be disqualified from their team classification, moving on to the individual general classification with a penalty of 90 minutes.

9.1 Individual general classification by times.

The winner of this classification will be considered the runner who has completed the complete route of all the stages in the shortest time.

In the event that several runners have completed the same time, the winner will be considered the one who the sum of their positions in the different stages is less.

If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favor of the rider best classified in the last stage.

To be eligible for this classification, the rider must have qualified in all the stages.

For each of the categories that are disputed Sub-23, Elite, Master 30, Master 40, Master 50, Master 60 men and women, general classifications are established that are obtained taking into account the order of the individual general classification by times.

9.2 General classification by teams.

The winner of this classification will be the team whose sum of the team times of each stage is the lowest. In the event of a tie in time between several teams, it will be resolved in favor of the team whose sum of the places in each stage is the lowest.

If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favor of the team best classified in the last stage.

9.3 Best Andalusian Rankings

Only those born in Andalusia will be eligible for this Classification, and must verify with their ID or other document

The winner of this classification will be considered the runner who has completed the complete route of all the stages in the shortest time.

In the event that several runners have completed the same time, the winner will be considered the one who the sum of their positions in the different stages is less.

If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favor of the rider best classified in the last stage.

To be eligible for this classification, the rider must have qualified in all the stages.

9.4 Best Almerian Classifications

Only those born in the province of Almeria will be eligible for this Classification, and must verify with their ID or other document

The winner of this classification will be considered the runner who has completed the complete route of all the stages in the shortest time.

In the event that several runners have completed the same time, the winner will be considered the one who the sum of their positions in the different stages is less.

If the tie persists, it will be resolved in favor of the rider best classified in the last stage.

To be eligible for this classification, the rider must have qualified in all the stages.

10. Bonuses

Škoda Challenge. During the third stage or the one to be determined, the Škoda Challenge will be held. A timed uphill sector that will give the following bonuses on the general classification of the race.

60" to runner (male/female) with the fastest time

The first 3 classified of each of the stages (male – female) will have a bonus in time that will be applied to the result of the general classification of the day.

The distribution of bonuses will be as follows:

- Winner of stage 5"
- Second place in stage 3"
- Third classified in stage 1"

11.1 In order to maintain the safety of the participants and to maintain the spirit of adventure of the race, it is forbidden for any vehicle linked to any participant of the race to circulate on the track during the course of the race, and in front of the broom bikes of the race.

11.2 The exchange of material between the different participants in the race is allowed during the course of the race.

11.3 No external material or technical assistance is permitted during the development of a stage.

11.4 Participants may be assisted by mechanics, masseurs or physiotherapists, etc. from the end of one stage to the start of the next, but never in the course of the stage.

11.5 All these assistants must be accredited by the organization, and may only carry out their work in official hotels, official camps and authorized areas.

12.1 Awards protocol

12.1.1 Award Stage

At the end of each stage, the organization will deliver in the briefing that takes place at 8 p.m. or at the time stipulated, in the place prepared for this purpose, a trophy and the leader's jersey to the first classified in the individual general by times, both male and female. The jersey must be worn in the next stage.

12.1.2 Final Awards

At the end of the last stage, the protocol acts will be carried out, to which the first three classified of the following classifications must mandatorily appear with their regulatory sports clothing.

The first classified absolute male, female and U-23 receives:

- Free registration for the 2027 edition of the Škoda Titan Desert Almeria.

The first, second and third classified in all categories receive:

- Trophy.

The first, second and third classified in the Team classification, Male and Female Duos and Mixed Duo receive:

- Trophy.

13. Other considerations

13.1 It is the runner's responsibility to pass the control in the starting area and through the arch installed for this purpose.

13.2 It is forbidden to leave the stage track.

13.3 The use of any unfair method to gain time over other competitors is prohibited.

13.4 Only vehicles duly authorised by the organisation can follow the race.

13.5 All participants must be respectful of other participants, members of the organization, the media and the public.

13.6 The organization reserves the right to alter or modify these regulations at any time.

13.7 Registration in the Škoda Titan Desert Almería 2026 implies acceptance of these regulations.

13.8 Any aspect not indicated in these regulations will be resolved with the RFEC regulations and subsequently UCI

13.9 The organization will sanction any action related to the lack of care for the environment. It is forbidden to throw away, dispose of any type of waste, circulate off the roads or any other action that harms the environment.

13.10 Complaints

Against the decisions of the organization and/or official classifications, the appropriate complaints can be made in writing up to 30 minutes after the infraction has been communicated or the publication of the official classification, in the relationship store with the participants, having to make a deposit of 100 Euros, which will be returned in case of success.

14.1 Titan Legend Program

We will process your data (your name, surname, year of birth and gender) in order to show the position you occupy in the ranking of participants in the event according to the categories of the event. This ranking will be kept public on our website as a historical record. However, you may object to such processing at any time, without prejudice to the lawfulness of the processing carried out previously.

15.1 Penalties.

CONCEPT	EXCLUSION	IN TIME	DO NOT ALLOW EXIT	ECONOMICAL
External mechanical assistance during the stages	X			
Violent behavior between runners, officials, or the public	X			
Remove your helmet during the test	X			
Failing to pass the arrival control	X			
Not sleeping in the places assigned by the organization	X			
Do not pass under the starting arch	X			
Leaving the route and not completing the route of the stage	X			
Modify the proposed route		3 HOURS		
Failing to pass a checkpoint		3 HOURS		
Not passing through a checkpoint according to the order set by the organization		3 HOURS		
Not going through the arrival control, having gone through the previous control		3 HOURS		
Improperly disposing of food or drink wrappers, a second time or more		1 HOUR		
Not wearing the regulation helmet			X	
Not wearing the bib or the plate			X	
Not carrying the corresponding water reserve			X	
Not wearing the leader's jersey			X	
Wearing the leader's jersey without being one			X	
Do not wear a leotard or coulotte or trousers			X	
Cover the advertising of the plaque or bibs			X	
Disrespectful behavior towards other runners, officials, public or in relation to the environment (*)	X	X	X	100€ to 600€
Reaching the finish line without a license plate				100€
Cutting, bending, or handling the plate				100€