

Article 1 – Organization

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The race will start in İstanbul at Sultanahmet Square (TURKEY) on Tuesday 16th April 2019 and end in the same place on Sunday 21st of April according to the program given below:

16th April 2019 // Stage1 İstanbul-Tekirdağ // 156.7km (+neutral section 3.2km)
17th April 2019 // Stage2 Tekirdağ-Eceabat // 183.3km (+neutral section 2km)
18th April 2019 // Stage3 Çanakkale- Edremit // 122.6km (+neutral section 3.1km)
19th April 2019 // Stage4 Balıkesir-Bursa // 194.3km (+neutral section 3.2km)
20th April 2019 // Stage5 Bursa-Kartepe // 164.1km (+neutral section 5km)
21st April 2019 // Stage6 Sakarya-İstanbul // 172.4km (+neutral section 3.2km)
Total distance of 6 stages : 993,4 km (+total neutral sections 19.7km)

Hereby, this technical guide of the Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey 2019 presents general information for each stage together with stage route maps, elevation profiles, timetables providing cumulative distances in kilometres and maps for start & finish sections.

The race director, subject to prior notification to the UCI technical delegate (if present) and to the chief commissaire, can change the timetables and/or itineraries, if necessary, giving prior notice to the interested parties. Furthermore, the race director might summon the representatives for the "Extreme Weather Protocol" in compliance with Article 2.2.029 bis. In such a case, decisions can be taken and/or confirmed on the morning of the stage.

Article 2 – Type of Race

The race is reserved to “Men Elite” and “under 23” categories and points will be awarded for the "Individual UCI World Ranking", according to the provisions set out in Article 2.10.008 of the UCI regulations.

The first 3 riders in each stage will get respectively 40, 15, 6 points.

The rider holding the race leader (turquoise) jersey at each stage will get 6 points.

At the end of the tour, based on the standings in the General Individual Classification by Time following points will be given to Riders:

for the 1st-14th Riders respectively 300, 250, 215, 175, 120, 115, 95, 75, 60, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25 points,

for the 15th-20th Riders 20 points,
for the 21st-30th Riders 12 points,
for the 31st-50th Riders 5 points,
for the 51st to 55th Riders 2 points,
for the 56th-60th Riders 1 points.

Article 3 – Enrollment

According to Article 2.1.005 of the UCI regulations, the race is reserved to “UCI WorldTeams”, “UCI Professional Continental Teams” and National Team of the host country. In compliance with Article 2.2.003 of the UCI regulations, the number of Riders per team must be 7 (seven).

In any case, the Organization, so as to maintain the image and the reputation of the organization, reserves the right to reject, up to the start, the Riders or the Teams which, by their acts or statements, would prove to neglect the principles of sport fair play and the undertaken commitments explained in Article 1.1.023 of the UCI regulations.

Furthermore, in the event the Riders or the Team should fail during the race in complying with the principles set out in the previous paragraph, the Organization shall also reserve the right to expel them from the race at any time, in compliance with Article 2.2.010 bis.

Article 4 – General Provisions

The subjects listed hereunder are liable for the enforcement of the present regulations and for all that is not regulated under the present ruling of the current regulations issued by the UCI:

- the titular Riders,
- the Sports Directors and the Teams' Staff,
- all followers of the race accredited by the Organizer in a recognized and acknowledged official position.

Only the persons notified upon getting the identification badge by the owners of the authorized vehicles are entitled to follow the race. Each and every change or addition shall be notified to the Organization Manager. The cars and motorcycles' drivers shall comply with the enforced rules of the Highway Traffic Law (Republic of Turkey, Law No: 2918) and its related Regulations. They also have to obey the provisions issued by the Commissaires' Panel, Organization Manager and Officials. Persons without any function acknowledged by the Organizers or relevant to the race services as well as under-aged persons are not allowed to follow the race. In the event of non-compliance about "the circulation during the race" will apply to the articles of the Chapter 2, paragraph 4, UCI regulations.

The Organizing Society shall not be accountable for any damage caused by accidents or incidents before, during and after the race to spectators or people in general, even if not involved in the race itself, because of actions that have not been performed by the Organization itself. For all that is not regulated under the present ruling, the regulations issued by the UCI are enforced.

Article 5 – Rights and Duties of Riders

All registered Riders have the right, in compliance with the regulations in force, to compete in all the classifications as inscribed in this race guide (e.g. stage classification, general classification, points classification, mountains classification and special classifications such as Beauties of Turkey Sprints classification).

All Riders must behave in a sporting way during the race and at all other times. They are required to refrain from promoting or supporting any mass demonstration susceptible to assume the character of either fraudulent agreements prejudicing other Competitors or to appear as a protest against the Organizing Society or the Commissaires' Panel or other officials.

Moreover the titular Riders are requested:

- to attend and duly sign the signing board at the podium before the start of each stage which will be available for 70 minutes until 10 minutes before the stage start time.
- to wear rigid safety headgear (Article 1.3.031) at all times while racing;
- to carry a frame number and two body numbers provided by the Organization. These numbers should be worn clearly visible all time and should not be folded, cut, defaced in any way or further modified in size (Rain coats or similar garment should be transparent and race number must remain clearly identifiable. Riders whose body numbers are not clearly visible at all times will be penalized);
- to carry on a transponder chip at all stages supplied by the Organization and these must be affixed on the frame of the bicycle in order to automatically reading of their passage position on the finish line and in some other segments determined by the Organization. Failure or disregarding in complying with such obligation shall be considered as an infringement equivalent to the absence of body number and consequently punished in accordance with UCI Table 2.12.007/3.6. Furthermore, the crossing of the finish line that is determined with the aid of high-speed photo-finish camera equipment will be the final reference for the stage classification;
- to wear the jersey corresponding to their relevant team as well as the World Championship or National Championship jerseys; in the order of priority in compliance with Article 1.3.071;
- to refrain from answering to interviews during the race;
- to comply with all traffic rules and the instructions of traffic police and race officials;
- to quickly leave the left side of the road free for motorcycles and vehicles authorized to overtake the peloton;
- in case of drop-out in the course of the race to remit the body number to a commissaire or to the official present in the "Broom wagon";

- to refrain, after having crossed the finish line, from crossing the line a second time while still wearing his body number and thus until the finish judge or the finish commissaire in charge authorize the crossing (UCI Table 2.12.007/1.6);

- The General Individual Classification by Time leader and the stage winner shall show up at the press room for a press conference with the accredited journalists (Article 2.2.082);

- to undergo the Anti-Doping procedure, the convened Riders shall go to the premises indicated by the Organizer.

In addition to above mentioned issues Riders;

- may only exchange equipment, wheels or bicycles with members of their own team. They may only assist riders who have suffered an accident, puncture or other mechanical trouble who are members of their own team.

- may not push another rider or be pushed or receive a tow or a pull by another rider or other person. They may not take pace or receive or take a push or tow from any vehicle.

- The leaders of the General Classification, Points Classification, Mountains Classification and Beauties of Turkey Sprints Classification shall respectively wear the Turquoise Jersey, Green Jersey, Red Jersey and White Jersey. All of these jerseys are provided by the Organization. This order also specifies the priority between the different leader's distinctive jerseys. In case a Rider should be leading more than one classification, he would wear the distinctive jersey having a priority in the order mentioned above. The remaining jerseys would be put on at an honorific title by the successive Riders in the ranking of the relevant classifications. Provided that they are not already entitled to different classification (Article 2.6.018). The jersey-holder has to wear his distinctive garment from the beginning of the signature ceremony until to the prize-giving ceremony including any possible press conferences.

Article 6 - Responsibilities of Teams

Team Managers represent their teams and are primarily responsible for all their activities and behaviour from a technical point of view and also for the discipline of the team and all its members.

Team vehicles being driven in the race will be positioned in a convoy order determined by the classification of their first rider in the General Individual Classification by Time ranking. For the first stage the vehicle order will be determined by drawing lots.

All team vehicles must be driven safe and responsibly. Team drivers shall comply with the enforced rules of the Highway Traffic Law (Republic of Turkey, Law No: 2918) and its related Regulations together with the provisions issued by the Commissaires' Panel and Organization Officials.

Article 7 – Race Headquarters & Meeting

Race headquarters will be available from April 15th, Monday, 10:00 - 22:00 and April 16th, Tuesday, 08:00 - 10:00 at “WOW Istanbul Hotel & Convention Center” (<https://www.wowhotelsistanbul.com/en/contact-and-location.html> Lat: 40.987918°, Long: 28.830286°). Official accreditations and preliminary operations will also take place in the same place.

With respect to UCI Regulations, following meetings will be held on April 15th, one day before the tour takes starts. All meetings will take place on the same hotel where the race headquarters also resides.

The confirmation of the starting Riders (start lists & license check) and the collection of race numbers (including jersey numbers, frame numbers and transponder chips) by the Team Representatives is set at the Race Headquarters on April 15th, Monday, from 14:00 to 15:45 (GMT+2).

Subsequently, the Team Managers’ meeting, organized in accordance with Articles 1.2.087/2.2.093 of the UCI regulations, in the presence of the Members of the Commissaires’ Panel and the Officials from the Organization Management, will take place at the Race Headquarters on April, 15th, Monday, 16:00 (GMT+2).

On April 15th, Monday, at 18:00, another meeting in participation of all drivers (incl. motorbike & car drivers), traffic police and the Race Director together with relevant Officials of the Organization will take place at the Race Headquarters.

Meetings schedule:

Date & Time (GMT+2)	Scope of the Meeting	Location
April 15th, Monday 14:00 – 15:45	Race Number Distribution (Start list & license check, Race & frame number distribution, transponder chip distribution) Team Representatives shall attend	at the Race Headquarters in the meeting room
April 15th, Monday 16:00 – 16:45	Team Managers’ Meeting Team Managers’ shall attend	
April 15th, Monday 17:00 – 18:00	Commissaires’ Panel Meeting Exclusively limited with UCI & National Commissaries. Attendance of press is not allowed.	
April 15th, Monday 18:00 – 19:00	Drivers’ Meeting All drivers who will drive in the peloton shall attend incl. security motorbike drivers (marshals)	

Article 8 – Preliminary Operations at the Start

For each stage Riders shall assemble at the start area mentioned in this Race Guide. For the road race stages, all Riders in the start list must show presence at the Podium for signing ceremony and shall duly sign the starting board (Article 2.3.009). Afterwards, Riders should take their positions at the actual starting point. In addition for all stages the Organizer will set the team order for team presentation and signing ceremony. This order list will be communicated the day before with the official communication.

Article 9 – Radio Tour

The Radio Tour Frequency will be announced at the Team Managers' Meeting.

Organizers will provide the radio equipment for every team vehicle in the race and to all vehicles or person whom shall need it.

Article 10 – Time Keeping

Timekeeping service, with the assistance of the finish judge, will be in charge of recording the official timings. This will be guaranteed by transponder timing chips and high speed photo finish camera equipment. It is compulsory for Riders to affix the transponder timing chip to the frame of his bicycle.

Article 11 – Time Bonuses

According to Article 2.6.019 of the UCI regulations, time bonuses valid for the General Individual Classification for each stage will be as following;

- for each Intermediate sprint the time bonuses for the first three riders crossing the line will be respectively 3 seconds , 2 seconds and 1 second.
- upon finishing each stage respectively 10 seconds, 6 seconds and 4 seconds time bonuses will be assigned to the first three riders crossing the finish line.

Article 12 – Feeding

Refreshments shall be supplied according to the provisions set out in Articles 2.3.025/26/27 of the UCI Regulations. Feeding zones are marked on the stage maps and listed in the time schedules, besides they are marked with signposts along the race route.

Article 13 – Environment Protection

In accordance with article 2.2.025 of the UCI regulations, there shall be no littering at any Staging Area, Start / Finish venues, Feed Zones.

The Organization commits itself to protecting the environment by providing dedicated containers for waste separation in hospitality areas. In addition to providing "Green Areas", the Organization will

deploy appropriate staff to collect any objects or waste attributable to the race right after the race has passed. Organization kindly invites all the followers and people who involved in the event to behave in way respectful to environment.

Article 14 – Neutral Technical Assistance

The Organization will provide 4 neutral support vehicles (3 cars + 1 motorbike) from Shimano for technical assistance.

Article 15 – Medical Service

Medical Service appointed by the Organization is provided by an adequate number of Doctors and Paramedics. The service is operative during the race and available before the start and after the finish of the race. In case of need, upon getting in contact with the Race Doctor or Organization Officials, ambulance(s) will take the Rider(s) to the hospitals mentioned in this race guide.

Article 16 – Stage Finishes

Stage finishes shall be announced in advance by a red signpost located one kilometre from the finish line and by an arch reading “FINISH” in coincidence with the time keeping and photo finish line.

It is mandatory for all vehicles to perform a deviation (detour) from the race route where indicated by the Organizer in order not to cross the finish line (exceptions may involve for the Race Director, the Commissaires’ Panel, Broom Waggon and the Race Doctor)

In the case of a crash, puncture or mechanical incident beyond the signpost indicating the finish within three kilometres, the rider(s) affected shall be credited with the time of the group in whose company he was (they were) when the accident occurred, in compliance with Article 2.6.027 of the UCI Regulations. However, this rule does not apply to stage 5 (Bursa-Kartepe) which features a summit finish. For all that is not regulated under this ruling, the irrevocable decision taken by the Commissaires’ Panel in consultation with the Organization shall apply.

Article 17 – Finishing Time Limit

To determine the time limit of the stages, they have been divided into two categories as below depending on their route characteristics:

For the stages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 finish deadline will be %12
For the stage 5 finish deadline will be %15

of the time of the stage winner according to Article 2.6.032 of the UCI Regulations.

In case of exceptional circumstances, unpredictable and of force majeure, confirmed accidents or incidents, the Commissaires’ Panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the Organization.

Article 18 – Penalties

Infringements will be sanctioned according to UCI Rules and to the “Table of race incidents” (2.12.007). The UCI scale of penalties is the only applicable one. All punishments and penalties are applied to the individual general classifications. They may, depending on the gravity of the infringement and if so decided by the Commissaires’ Panel, be applied to the individual stage classification.

Article 19 – Official Prize-Giving Ceremony

After every stage finish;

- the stage winner together with the 2nd and 3rd Riders,
 - the leader of the General Individual Classification by Time who receives the “turquoise jersey”,
 - the leader of the General Individual Classification by Points who receives the “green jersey”,
 - the leader of the Mountains Classification who receives the “red jersey” and
 - the leader of the Beauties of Turkey Sprint Primes Classification who received the “white jersey”
- shall attend the official award ceremony.

Besides, the stage winner of the day and the leader of the General Classification by Time shall participate in the spot interview and the press conference (Article: 1.2.112/ 113 and 2.6.018 bis).

Riders required for the ceremonies must report to the podium by the finish line immediately offer they have completed the stage and may not depart from the podium until released by the Organization Officials. Offensive actions from Riders regarding ceremonies and misbehaviour on the podium will be penalized.

Article 20 – Anti-Doping

The use of any form of drugs, as defined in the UCI Regulations, is strictly prohibited.

The Doping Control Officer (DCO) charged by the CADF and acting on behalf of UCI will perform the anti-doping control according to the UCI Regulations, in compliance with the CADF's instructions and procedures, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the UCI ADR-TIR.

Anti-doping controls may be imposed during the race and competitors must check daily to see if they are required for the control. A notice will be displayed close to the race finish and at the control station stating which riders are required. UCI Regulations relating to controls will be strictly applied. Any controls imposed will be in the mobile unit nearby the finish line. The local anti-doping legislation will be applicable in addition to the UCI's anti-doping regulations.

Article 21 – General Individual Classification by Time

The Leader of the General Individual Classification by Time will wear the “Turquoise Jersey”.

In compliance with the provisions set out in Article 2.6.014 of the UCI Regulations, the General Individual Classification is established by adding together the times achieved by each rider in each

stage. Time bonuses and penalties are considered for this classification. The rider with the lowest aggregated time is the leader.

In accordance with Article 2.6.015 of the UCI Regulations, in the event of a tie in the general ranking, the fractions of a second registered during individual time trials (including the prologue) shall be added back into the total time to decide the order. If the result is still tied or if there are no individual time trial (ITT) stages the places obtained in each stage shall be added and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the last stage ridden shall be taken into consideration.

Article 22 – General Individual Classification by Points

The sum of the points will determine individual ranking and every day its leader will wear the “Green Jersey”.

The individual points ranking is obtained by adding together the points recorded in each of the six stages and the sum of the points assigned in all the intermediate sprints.

Points are awarded for each intermediate sprint as specified in the stage details section of this race guide. For the first 3 riders crossing the intermediate sprint gate, respectively, 5 points, 3 points and 1 point are awarded.

In addition, for each stage finish, following points are awarded to riders;

1st : 15 points, 2nd : 14 points, 3rd : 13 points, 4th : 12 points, 5th : 11 points, 6th : 10 points, 7th : 9 points, 8th : 8 points, 9th : 7 points, 10th : 6 points, 11th : 5 points, 12th : 4 points, 13th : 3 points, 14th : 2 points and 15th : 1 point.

According to the provisions set out in Article 2.6.017 of the UCI regulations, in the event of a tie in the General Classification by Points the following criteria will be applied;

1. Number of stage victories
2. Number of intermediate sprint victories
3. General individual classification by time

To receive the prizes for the general classification by points, each rider must have completed the whole course of the race within the time limits set by the race regulations.

Article 23 – Mountains Classification

The sum of the points scored on all the categorized climbs will determine mountains classification ranking and every day its leader will wear the “Red Jersey”.

The following points will be awarded to Riders for the mountains classification:

- HC category climb, for 5 Riders: 15 points, 10 points, 8 points, 5 points, 3 point;
- 2nd category climb, for 4 Riders: 5 points, 3 points, 2 points, 1 point;
- 3rd category climb, for 3 Riders: 3 points, 2 points, 1 point.

In accordance with Article 2.6.017 of UCI the Regulations, in the event of a tie in this classification the following criteria shall be applied until the tie is broken:

1. Number of first places in the highest category climbs,
2. Number of first places on the climbs in the next inferior category and so on,
3. General individual classification by time.

To receive the prizes for this classification, each competitor must have completed the whole course of the race within the time limits as set by the race regulations.

Article 24 – Beauties of Turkey Sprint Primes Classification

The leader of the Beauties of Turkey Sprint Primes Classification will wear the “White Jersey”.

Points will be awarded for each of the Beauties of Turkey Sprint primes as specified in the stage details section of the race guide. Respectively, 5 points, 3points and 1 point are awarded for the first 3 Riders crossing the Beauties of Turkey Sprint Prime gate.

In the event of a tie in this classification, following criteria shall be applied until the tie is broken:

1. Number of stage wins,
2. Number of wins in the Beauties of Turkey Sprint Primes,
3. Final standings of the Riders in the general individual classification by time.

Article 25 – Team Classification

According to the provisions set out in Article 2.06.016 of the UCI Regulations, the team classification for the day shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team, including any time penalties.

In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated by the sum of the places acquired by their best three placed riders on the stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the placing of their best placed rider on the stage classification.

The general team classification shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team in each stage ridden.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the teams are separated:

- Number of first places in the daily team classifications,
- Number of second places in the daily team classifications,
- etc.

In the event that the position is still tied, the teams are separated by the placing of their best placed rider in the general individual classification by time. Any team reduced to fewer than three riders shall be eliminated from the general team classification.

Article 26 – Race Management

The Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey (a.k.a Tour of Turkey) will be managed in compliance with the UCI regulations through the UCI Commissaires appointed according to Article 1.1.070 and in collaboration with the Turkish Cycling Federation and by the Race Director stated in this race guide.

Article 27 – Other Issues

Due to Eurasia (undersea) Tunnel crossing on the 6th stage route, maximum vehicle height SHALL NOT EXCEED 2.70 METERS including all carried equipment; spare bicycles, wheelsets etc. All drivers included in the race are responsible for checking their vehicles against this limitation. All heavy vehicles and those not meeting this limitation will be deviated to alternative route for finish. This regulation only applies for the 6th stage.

The Commissaires' Panel will treat all cases not mentioned in the present regulations. All decisions must comply with the UCI regulations.

All persons by taking part in the race, whether as Riders, Officials and Guests or in any other capacity, confirm that they accept and agree to abide by these regulations.

All above mentioned written regulations for the 55th edition of Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey are approved by the Turkish Cycling Federation.