

UCI Gran Fondo World Series

The UCI have renamed the World Masters Road Championship or UCI World Cycling Tour to UCI Gran Fondo World Series and confirmed the format for 2016. See more information at <http://www.uciworldcyclingtour.com/> or <http://www.ucigranfondonworldseries.com/>

The concept of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series will remain the same.

- Riders who take part in one of the qualifier events held worldwide and who finish in the first 25% of their age group qualify for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.
 - If a qualified rider turns down their spot, it is offered to the next finisher
- The first 3 in each age category will also qualify directly to the World Championships, independent of the number of starters in that age group.
- National Masters Champions in Road Race and Time Trial will also qualify.
- Riders who participate in 3 qualifier events during the season will also qualify

As New Zealand is hosting a Qualifier in 2016, we won't be able to use the wildcards system this year.

The full regulations are at <http://www.ucigranfondonworldseries.com/>

The 14 qualifier events for the 2016 World Championships are

- 11 – 13 Sept 2015 Poznan Bike Challenge, Poland
- 13 Sept 2015 Amy's GF, Lorne, Australia
- 18 Oct 2015 Amashova Durban Classic, Durban, South Africa
- 11 – 13 Mar 2016 UCI GF World Series, Perth, Australia
- 2 Apr 2016 Forest Grape Ride, Marlborough, New Zealand
- 22 – 24 Apr 2014 Rhodes Gran Fondo Tour, Rhodos, Greece
- 6 – 8 May 2016 Gran Fondo Denmark, Helsigor, Denmark
- 26 May 2016 Road Brazil Ride, Botucatu, Brasil
- 27 – 29 May 2016 Grey County Road Race, Blue Mountain Village, Canada
- 29 May 2016 L'Albigeoise, Albi, France
- 4 – 5 Jun 2016 Tour of Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Great Britain
- 10 – 12 Jun 2016 Maraton Franja, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 10 Jul 2016 Niseko Classic, Niseko, Japan
- 15 – 17 Jul 2016 La Legendaria Charly Gaul, Trento, Italy

The 2016 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships will take place from September 1 to 4 in Perth, Australia - <https://www.granfondonworldseriesperth.com.au/news/2014/11/27/perth-to-host-2016-uci-amateur-road-world-champion>

Please note that the use of national team kit is mandatory, Cycling New Zealand will have kit available for riders to purchase.

Riders wishing to purchase kit should contact Bryan.simmonds@cyclingnewzealand.nz.