

## SQUALI GRAVEL

May 13, 2023

The first edition of the "Squali Grave" bike tour, which covers the entire Conca Valley, is open to all lovers of non-competitive cycling. It is not a race, there is no competition, just fun.

You can participate with a gravel bike, Mtb, or e-bike.

There will be two routes for different needs:

- "Verdesca Tour" 50Km 770d+
- "Toro Tour" 105Km 2250d+

There will be two refreshment stands along the "Toro Tour" and one refreshment stand for the "Verdesca Tour," with refreshments for all and the finish line.

### PROGRAM

- Friday, May 12, from 3 to 7 p.m. registration/race packet pickup at the Shark Arena at the Acquario di Cattolica
- Saturday, May 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. registration/race packet pickup at Shark Arena at the Acquario di Cattolica

START SATURDAY, MAY 13, 9 A.M.

### ROUTES

TORO TOUR (orange signs)

Km 105

Elevation gain +2250m

53% gravel, dirt roads; 16% secondary roads; 31% paved roads

On your own with GPX track

Refreshment stands:

Montegrimano (km 63)

"Al Capannino" at Croce di Montecolombo (km 81)

This is an extraordinary journey from the sea to the first foothills of the Apennines, from the ancient communication routes of the lower Conca valley to the badlands on the southeastern borders of Romagna.

The route is the scene of numerous ancient and modern battles. The itinerary initially follows the front on the infamous "Gothic Line," fought in September 1944.

The entry into the Montefeltro area is the turning point. This area features many forts and castles that you can admire from the ridge road that connects Montegrimano, Monte Licciano, and Sassofeltro.

The descent to the bottom of the valley is just a pause, and then you will climb back up the slope for the grand finale through the countryside of San Clemente and Misano Adriatico towards the sea.

VERDESCA TOUR (green signs)

Km 50

Elevation gain +770m

75% gravel, dirt roads; 25% paved roads

Guided tour

Refreshment stand: "Al Capannino" at Croce di Montecolombo (km 24)

The long climb from the sea along the Conca Valley passes through the most varied landscapes, olive groves, vineyards, reed thickets, small woods, and sunflower fields continually appear and disappear and always alongside the river until the village of Taverna.

Looking up, the castles of Montefiore and Montecolombo overlook us. A couple of fords certainly do not deter the continuation of this itinerary, where the tiny churches of Gemmano and Carbognano on the heights show us the right way.

Leaving the river, you continue cycling through smaller valleys with countless farming villages until we reach San Clemente, recognizable from afar by its castle resting on a hill.

From here, the view of the sea will not leave us again, and we will return to the coast through the picturesque country roads of the villages in the Misano Adriatico area.

All in all, a quiet ride but full of rugged climbs in the agricultural landscape of this part of Romagna.

## RULES

### 1. PREMISES

The Squali Gravel is a sporting event organized by the ASDC Valle del Conca association, regularly affiliated with Uisp, FCI, and CONI. It is a non-competitive cycling event on May 13 in conjunction with the Granfondo Squali the following day.

### 2. ROUTES

- Verdesca Tour 50Km 770d+

- Toro Tour 105Km 2250d+

Both routes are on trails, featuring dirt roads and paved secondary roads.

The routes start from the "Shark Arena" at the Acquario di Cattolica and end in the Conca Village 500m from the starting point, where final refreshments will be offered and then move on to the Shark Arena for the final award ceremony.

The short route will be fully guided. The long route will be signposted at the main intersections, and a few days before the event, the GPX track will be made available to upload to your own devices.

### 3. PARTICIPATION

The sporting event is open to all Italian and foreign cyclists who are adults at the time of registration and meet the following requirements:

- Course length 105km: in possession of a health certificate for competitive cycling and cycling membership card issued by ASD affiliated FCI or other affiliated bodies. For those who do not have a cycling membership, a daily insurance policy will be provided after signing a waiver.
- Route 50km: in possession of a cycling membership card issued by ASD affiliated FCI or other affiliated bodies. For those who do not have a cycling membership card, a daily insurance policy will be provided upon signing a waiver
- For underage athletes, the consent of a parent or guardian and the above requirements are required.

For all other conditions of participation, please refer to the compliance with the current UISP Sports Regulations for Cycling Events.

Since this is not a competition, there is no final ranking.

### 4. REGISTRATION FEE

The standard registration fee for the event is EUR 20 until Monday, April 10, EUR 25 until Tuesday, May 9, Friday and Saturday, May 13 the one-time fee, payable directly to the secretary, is EUR 30.

The registration fee entitles the participant to:

- official enrollment
- route signposting (at important crossings)
- emergency medical treatment
- the "race packet" with a race number to attach to the bike and a wristband for refreshments
- gpx map of the long route
- short route guides
- refreshments along the routes and at the finish line.

The entry fee is non-refundable, cannot be transferred to another participant, and cannot be used for another edition. The event will take place in all weather conditions. If the event is interrupted due to severe weather conditions or emergencies beyond the Organizer's control, the entry fee cannot be refunded in any circumstance. The route may be changed due to bad weather conditions.

### 5. CONDUCT OF THE EVENT

The event is a cycling tour on unpaved roads and paved secondary roads. The routes are open to traffic, and all participants must observe the road traffic regulations. Participation can be with a gravel bike, Mtb, or e-bike.

By registering for the event, the participant is aware that:

- the routes are not fully marked (and that it is necessary to refer to gpx tracks),
- he/she travels at their own risk, and that this event is a leisure event and does not special rights to its participants with respect to other trail and road users,
- the organizers do not provide mechanical assistance along the route, let alone a towing service for participants and their vehicles,
- the organizers are not obliged to search for participants on the route, and that they agree to inform the organizer of their withdrawal by calling or texting the phone number provided by the organizer

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANT

The participant is aware that Asdc, which organizes the event, is not a professional organizer and acts only for recreational purposes and not for profit (Article 1174 of the Italian Civil Code). Therefore, the Organizer is exempt from any liability related to the conduct of the event, and in particular from:

- damages suffered or caused by participants,
- loss of the route by participants,
- injuries of various kinds suffered by participants,
- any damage reported to the bicycles of the participants,
- thefts reported by the participants.

The participant is obliged to carry the following minimum safety equipment throughout the event:

- a GPS device and/or GPS-enabled smartphone with sufficient power reserve for the entire route
- an approved helmet to be worn at all times
- trouble-shooting tools (multitool) and breakdown kit (inner tube and/or patches, levers, pump and/or air canisters)
- appropriate clothing

Participants are also required to:

- be adequately and physically prepared for the chosen route,
- have good knowledge of the use of GPS and orientation,
- offer aid to anyone in distress along the route
- respect and keep the places traversed clean, avoiding littering along the route and delivering it to the appropriate collection containers.

## 7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Each participant of the event:

- declares that they have read and approved these regulations and accepts every part of them,
- declares that they are aware that the event is non-competitive and non-ranked

- declares that they are aware that part of the route is off-road, that some sections may be rough and require good riding technique, and that the participant will overcome difficult sections at their discretion by getting off the bicycle and proceeding on foot
- declares to have experience in GPS navigation on off-road and/or otherwise untracked routes
- declares that they are aware that the route is not fully marked, not monitored, and there are no safety stations and/or rescue personnel along the route,
- declares that they are aware of the possibility of adverse weather conditions and are equipped accordingly,
- declares that they do not use doping, drugs, or medications that may alter their performance or lead to situations of harm or endanger themselves or others
- declares that they have all the necessary materials to participate in events such as this one and that they will independently walk the route required by the organization
- declares that they are aware that unforeseen events such as wind, rain, cold, and encounters with unattended and/or wild animals may occur along the route and that they are adequately prepared for them,
- declares that their equipment is in excellent condition and ready for use on a route such as the one chosen
- vouches for their conduct during and after the event
- declares that they are in good physical condition and have undergone a medical examination, where required
- agrees to the use of their data, including for commercial purposes, according to the provisions of the Privacy Law No. 196 of 30/06/2003,
- authorizes the Organizer Asdc to use any image or video produced during the event to promote the event or for other lawful purposes.

## 8. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND USE OF PARTICIPANTS' IMAGE

Participation in the event involves the processing of the personal data of the participants. By registering for the event, the participant consents to the processing of their personal data by the organizing association A.S.D. Valle del Conca and their disclosure to third parties for purposes related to the event.

The participant acknowledges and accepts that, given the public nature of the event, the purpose of the dissemination and marketing services of the video and photographic recordings of the event, and the impossibility of selectively restricting video and photographic filming, the registration and participation in the event requires permission to film and use their image in the manner and for the purposes indicated in these Rules.