

GENERAL REGULATIONS | FLANDERS CLASSICS BY BKOOL

This document contains all the information about the general rules for the Flanders Classics by Bkool competition

INTRODUCTION

Virtual Cycling is a cycling discipline which is done on a bicycle mounted on a smart trainer that is connected to an online device (computer, tablet or other mobile device).

The simulator recreates the different conditions of each race in a very realistic way: the distance, slope, power of the cyclist, draft, environment and even weather. Virtual Cycling is a discipline that has an increasing popularity among cycling fans.

CONCEPT AND FORMAT

Flanders Classics by Bkool is an innovative Virtual Cycling competition. Organized by [Flanders Classics](#), together with Bkool bicycle simulator software, this competition is made up of 6 independent online races, which run on simulations of the official routes from several of the most relevant UCI WorldTour calendar races:

- Omloop Het Nieuwsblad
- Gent-Wevelgem (GW)
- Dwars door Vlaanderen (DDV)
- Ronde van Vlaanderen (RVV)
- Scheldeprijs (SP)
- De Brabantse Pijl (BP)

To join Flanders Classics by Bkool, participants register on the Bkool cycling simulator platform, and perform at least one of the races in the competition.

Thanks to Bkool, cycling enthusiasts can train and race with their bicycles from their own homes, connecting their smart trainers or smart bikes to devices (smartphone, tablet or computer) and participating in online competitions on simulations of actual routes.

PARTICIPATION AND GENERAL REGULATION

1.- Minimum requirements

To participate in Flanders Classics by Bkool you must:

- Have a controllable smart trainer (any brand),
- Have a Premium Bkool Cycling simulator subscription (free trials are available),
- Be over 18 years old.

2.- Categories

The competition will have two categories:

- Absolute male.
- Absolute female.

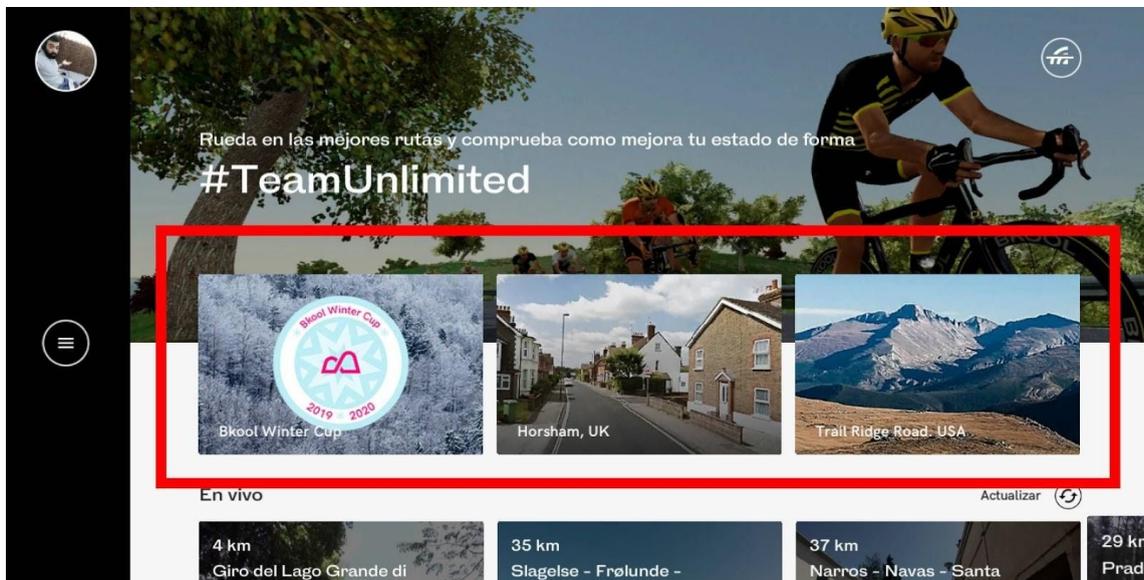
Each participant will be entered in the category designated by his or her gender.

3.- How to get involved

To be part of Flanders Classics by Bkool, participants will have to:

1. Sign up for a [Bkool Cycling](#) simulator subscription.
2. Ride at least one of the six official races of the competition with their trainer on the Bkool platform (it is important that they also must save each session once finished).

The races that are available at any given time will be highlighted at the top of the main HOME screen of the Bkool Cycling simulator.



The current races will be highlighted in the area highlighted in red.

4.- Online Competition

The competition format is purely online. Cyclists will face their opponents using the Bkool virtual cycling simulator. Each of the 6 online races is independent and will coincide in time with the actual professional circuit races held in Belgium.

5.- Calendar and Ranking

On the official website of the event, cyclists will be able to see the calendar of races, as well as the period available to participate in each of them. The results and classifications will be updated once a day, and will be posted on the official website as well.

EVENT

- Omloop Het Nieuwsblad (OHN)
- Gent-Wevelgem (GW)

COMPETITION DATES

From 2/20 to 2/28
From 3/2 to 3/27

- A puertas de Flandes (DDV) From 3/9 to 3/31
- Tour de Flandes (RVV) From 3/16 to 4/3
- Scheldeprijs (SP) From 3/23 to 4/7
- Flecha Brabanzona (BP) From 3/23 to 4/14

6.- Number of times you can participate in each race

Participants may participate in each race as many times as they wish within the official period that the race is active.

7.- Duration

Each of the events has a different route, which runs along the official routes of the UCI World Tour events. In no case is there a time limit to finish a race.

8.- Awards

All participants who finish at least one of the races in the competition will receive a finisher's certificate.

Those who complete all 6 individual races will automatically get a 3D Finisher jersey for their online avatar to wear on Bkool.

9.- Actions against possible irregularities

The organization of the competition reserves the right to disqualify, with prior notice, those participants who, due to faulty calibration of the trainer, or in relation to suspicious modifications of their physical qualities, jeopardize the proper functioning of the competition.

In the competitions, we will have an automatic management system designed to detect irregularities, which will be evaluated and supervised by a team of technicians who will analyze any suspicious results. To do this, they can inspect the ride data of all participants. In addition, they will have access to the profile history of all participants in the Bkool database to monitor the capabilities of each competitor.

All results are subject to review by Bkool, discarding those deemed inappropriate, either by the data recorded during the session, or because the data provided is not correct or truthful. Likewise, the participant's history will be monitored to verify that the data provided is true and does not present sudden, unrealistic changes in their physical or performance parameters.

Points that will be taken into account when invalidating results:

- Modifications of the user's weight, as well as fraudulent values.
- Sudden changes in performance when compared to your history.
- Averages of watts that do not correspond to reality (especially low Watts/Kg with speeds that do not correspond).
- Unrealistic speed or power peaks.
- Unrealistic speed averages.
- Improper calibration or errors of the devices used.
- Invalid Name.

10.- Technical requirements

Is it compatible with my computer or tablet?

Check the minimum requirements on the "[How does it work](#)" page of Bkool.com

Is it compatible with exercise bikes?

You can use the Bkool simulator with any conventional trainer or exercise bike by pairing a compatible ANT + or Bluetooth 4.0 speed, cadence, power or pulse sensor. In these cases, since we cannot control the resistance in the simulator, those sessions will not count towards the Flanders Classics by Bkool competition.

SUSPENSION OF COMPETITION

In extreme circumstances, the organization reserves the right to suspend or cancel any of the competitions. Under unforeseen circumstances or for other external reasons, if the organization feels obliged to suspend or cancel a race, it need not pay any compensation to the registered participants.

PARTICIPATION RULES

Participation in the competition assumes the acceptance of the rules described herein, as well as the decisions that the co-organizer, Bkool, adopts. Participants must have read and accepted the conditions of use of the Bkool platform when registering, and determined that their physical condition is adequate to perform the proposed activities.

Bkool relies on good faith that all participants will respect the rules, but will discard the sessions that for any reason do not give realistic results.

Any problem that occurs during the competition such as: loss of connection to the devices used, internet disconnections or delay (lag), computer problems, including those of the platform, are considered mechanical. Therefore, no adjustment will be made to the results or classifications to compensate for or correct these problems.

In the event that a technical problem with the Bkool platform has an impact on your results during a competition, try to find the most feasible solution. The stages must be completed in the period announced by the organization. Any previous or subsequent results will not be taken into account when making the final classifications of any stage.

The participant, within the announced period, can perform the stage as many times as he or she likes, with the best time being used for classification. The organizer will communicate in advance the period in which the proposed stages can be carried out.

Any claim will be directed to the organization through [the following form](#). The organizers will study it, requesting any additional data or evidence needed to substantiate the claim. In the case of performance values or data, official evidence that corroborates the data provided may be requested. After deliberation, the decision of the organizers will be final and cannot be appealed before any other organization.

The organization recommends that all participating cyclists have a complete medical check-up and a stress test to verify that their health status is correct for the physical activity to be performed.