Tour de France 2005 From july 2nd to july 24th

REGULATIONS OF THE RACE AND PRIZE MONEY





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Regulations of the race

f) General competitiveness ranking

The competitiveness prize rewards the rider who has made the greatest effort and who has demonstrated the best qualities of sportsmanship. This prize is awarded for each in-line stage by a jury chaired by the Tour de France deputy managing Director.

- The competitiveness winner of a stage wears red bibs in the following stage.
- A Super Competitor is designated by members of the jury at the end of the Tour de France.

> Article 26 - Bonuses

(art. 2.6.014 - 2.6.019 - 2.6.020, 2.6.021)

Bonuses are awarded at all in-line finishes, from the 2nd to the 21st stage included (except for the 4th and the 20th stages, which are time trials): 20", 12" and 8" are awarded respectively to the first three riders to cross the finish.

In each intermediate sprint, from the 2nd to the 21st stage included, 6", 4", 2" are awarded respectively to the first three riders to finish. The race management, in agreement with the stewards committee, reserves the right to move or cancel some intermediate sprints for which bonuses are awarded.

Bonuses are included in the general individual time rankings.

> Article 27 - Penalties

(Chapter 12 of the UCI)

The UCI table of penalties is applied in all cases. All sanctions and penalties count in the general rankings.

> Article 28 - Drug testing

(Chapter 14 of the UCI)

The Tour de France is subject to the rules of the Union Cycliste Internationale and the Fédération Française de Cyclisme governing the drug testing system that has been set up to detect riders who may be using banned substances. The organisation has instituted a certain number of provisions for riders and officials designated to perform the drug testing:

- Installation of a specially equipped caravan near the finish line of each stage to allow for the collection of samples in discreet and comfortable conditions;
- Transport of sample containers by private plane to the National Drug Screening Laboratory so that the analysis procedures may be undertaken and results communicated as quickly as possible.

As far as prizes are concerned, the consequences of a positive drug test are as follows:

- · Any rider testing positive following a given stage immediately loses all points and advantages won in that stage;
- Any disqualified rider loses all points and advantages won from the day the sample was taken.