

## UCI Gran Fondo World Series

The UCI World Masters Road Championship or UCI World Cycling Tour to UCI Gran Fondo World Series format has been confirmed for 2017. For New Zealand riders, it will be similar to for 2016 when the Grape Ride was also a qualifier event. 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.

- The World Champions of 2016 are automatically qualified for the 2017 Championship
- 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
- A national licence from a UCI affiliated federation is required

**As New Zealand is hosting a Qualifier in 2017, we won't be able to use the wildcards system this year.**

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

The 20 qualifier events for the 2017 World Championships are

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| • 10-11 Sept 2016 | Poznan Bike Challenge, Poland                        |
| • 11 Sept 2016    | Amy's GF, Lorne, Australia                           |
| • 16 Dec 2016     | Spinneys Dubai 92, Dubai, UAE                        |
| • 3-5 Mar 2017    | Tour de Bintan, Bintan, Indonesia                    |
| • 4 Mar 2017      | Forest Grape Ride, Marlborough, New Zealand          |
| • 24-26 Mar 2017  | Rhodes Gran Fondo Tour, Rhodes, Greece               |
| • 29-30 Apr 2017  | Tour of Ayrshire, Kilmarnock, Scotland               |
| • 20 May 2017     | Schleck Gran Fondo, Mondorf les Bains, Luxembourg    |
| • 21 May 2017     | Cheaha Challenge Gran Fondo, Jacksonville, USA       |
| • 26-28 May 2017  | l'Albigeoise, Albi, France                           |
| • 3-4 June 2017   | Tour of Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Great Britain  |
| • 3-4 June 2017   | Tour de Campeche, Campeche, Mexico                   |
| • 9-11 June 2017  | Maraton Franja, Ljubljana, Slovenia                  |
| • 15-17 June 2017 | Grey County Road Race, Blue Mountain Village, Canada |
| • 7-9 July 2017   | La Leggendaria Charly Gaul, Trento, Italy            |
| • 8-9 July 2017   | Niseko Classic, Niseko, Japan                        |
| • 12-13 Aug 2017  | Gran Fondo Denmark, Helsingør, Denmark               |
| • 24-27 Aug 2017  | Gran Fondo World Championships, Albi, France         |

**Please note that the use of a national team kit is mandatory.**

Qualified riders will be able to purchase 2017 Gran Fondo national team kit from Champion System New Zealand.

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