Terms and conditions of participation in the Velogemel World Championship

in 1. General provisions

Upon purchase or receipt of a valid ticket, the buyer/participant agrees to the terms and conditions of participation. The participants acknowledge the organiser's exclusion of liability for damages of any kind. Participation is only permitted with a classic Velogemel (wooden frame with two runners).

If the respective conditions so require, the organiser alone reserves the right to shorten the Velogemel WM, to relocate the route, to postpone the start or possibly to cancel it (danger of avalanches, strong wind, etc.).

If the participant cannot participate in the Velogemel World Championship for personal reasons (car breakdown, delay, bad weather, etc.), the entry fee will not be refunded. In case of participant illness or accident, the entry fee will only be refunded if a medical certificate is provided less a handling fee of CHF 5.

in 2. Registration

The participation tickets can be purchased online until Wednesday, 03th February 2027 at www.velogemelgrindelwald.com.

Late registration:
Late registrations will be accepted from Thursday, 04th February 2027 (late registration fee + CHF 5). Late registrations are also possible on site. The entry fee must/can be paid directly on site.

For late registrations, please contact Grindelwald Tourism:
Tel. +41 33 854 12 12, e-mail event@grindelwald.swiss

in 3. Entry fee

The (online) entry fee is CHF 30 for men and women (born in 2009 and before) and CHF 20 for juniors (born in 2010 after). Late entry fee on site plus CHF 5.

In case of late registration, the entry fee must/can only be paid in cash. Debit & credit cards are not accepted.

in 4. Eligibility for participation

All participants must have been born in 2020 or before.

The number of participants is limited to 125.

in 5. Categories-Individual

Men: Born in 2009 or before (ranking: by time, prizes for the top 3 winners)

Women: Born in 2009 or before (ranking: by time, prizes for the top 3 winners)

Junior girls: Born in 2010 or after (ranking: by time, prizes for the top 3 winners)

Junior boys: Born in 2010 or after (ranking: by time, prizes for the top 3 winners)

in 6. Team ranking

A team consists of 3 to 10 participants, with the team having the smallest difference between the individual times winning the team ranking. The more members participate in the team, the better the chances of winning.

in 7. Safety

The route follows the existing sledging runs, but they are not specially prepared or adapted for the event. The track is NOT additionally protected with special safety nets and padding. The Rules of Sledging Conduct (*german only*) must be followed.

If an accident occurs on the track during the race, all participants are subject to Rule No. 9 of Sledging Conduct (in case of accidents everyone must provide assistance).

Participants must behave responsibly and are accountable for their own safety as well as the safety of their competitors and people around them. When selecting your sledge driving style, please follow sledge rules 1 to 5.

in 8. Race mode

Riders start individually approximately every 30 seconds. (Can be adjusted depending on the situation).
The race finishes at the latest 30 minutes after the start of the last competitor.
Participants who finish later will be considered as not having crossed the finish line.

in 9. Start order

The start order is random. If participants want to start one after the other, they are positioned at the end of the starting field. If this could result in an advantage for individual participants (weather conditions, etc.), the participants are picked randomly.

in 10. After the race (start numbers)

Start numbers will be distributed at the beginning of the race. They must be worn in a clearly visible place. Each participant is responsible for returning the start number right after the finish line. The start number must be handed in immediately at the finish line to the designated helpers.

A fee of CHF 75.00 will be charged to the participant for lost and unreturned start numbers.

in 11. Postponement/shortening of the race

If the respective conditions so require, the race management alone reserves the right to shorten the race (lack of snow, wind, etc.), postpone it or possibly cancel it (danger of avalanches, etc.).

in 12. Refund

If the race is cancelled for reasons beyond the control of the organising committee (pandemic, weather, etc.), the entry fee will not be refunded.

in 12. Data use

Participants agree to the use of photographic material from the races to show rankings, websites and for other PR purposes of the organiser and third parties. By registering, the participants consent to the publication of their name, place of residence and in particular their year of birth on official starting/ranking lists in printed or electronic form by the organiser or third parties.

in 13. Insurance

The organising committee of the Velogemel World Championship (Grindelwald Tourism AG incl. helpers) assumes no liability for any participants/competitors as well as spectators for damages caused by participants/competitors or helpers. The organising committee of the Velogemel WM also accepts no liability for minor negligence. Insurance cover against accidents and liability is the responsibility of each individual participant.