



CHALLENGE CESENATICO

ATHLETE RACE BRIEFING

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SCHEDULE

Friday, May 8th 2026

09.00 AM – 08.00 pm OPENING OF THE RACE OFFICE/ DELIVERY OF CHALLENGE CESENATICO RACE KITS
at COLONIA AGIP

09.00 am – 08.00 pm CHALLENGE CESENATICO EXPO

09.00 am – 08.00 pm BIKE SERVICE C/O IMATRA CHALLENGE CESENATICO EXPO

06.00 pm - PRO PANEL & MUSIC

Saturday, May 9th 2026

07.00 am – 08.00 pm OPENING OF THE RACE OFFICE/ DELIVERY OF CHALLENGE CESENATICO RACE KITS
at COLONIA AGIP

08.00 am – 08.00 pm CHALLENGE CESENATICO EXPO

08.00 am – 08.00 pm BIKE SERVICE C/O IMATRA CHALLENGE CESENATICO EXPO

06.30 pm PRO BRIEFING

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 10th 2026

06.15 am – 08.45 am CHECK IN

06.15 am – 08.00 pm RACE OFFICE OPENING c/o COLONIA AGIP

09.00 am START CHALLENGE CESENATICO

05.30 pm AWARD CEREMONY

RACE VENUE



RACE KITS

1 BIB NUMBER

2 TATTOOS

1 COLORED CAP

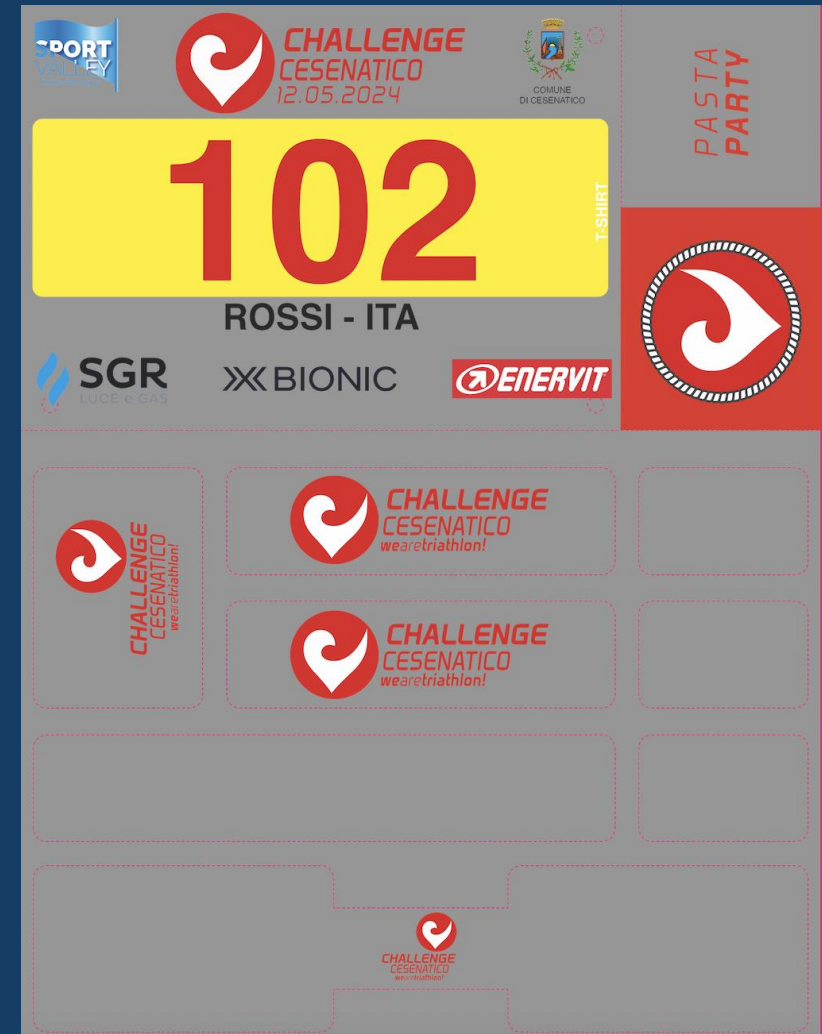
RACE STICKERS (BAG, BIKE, 3 FOR HELMET)

1 RED WRISTBAND

1 PASTA PARTY TICKET



THE TRANSPONDER WILL BE DELIVERED SUNDAY MORNING AT THE END OF THE CHECK IN



CHECK IN

- The transition area is in front of Colonia Agip along Viale Carducci
- The race bib has to be left at your place on the rack. The materials for bike & run must be placed to the left of the bike (side of the chain)
- The distance between the swim exit and the transition area is 100 meters.











SCHEDULE	CHECK POINT	BIBS
06.15 – 08.45 a.m.	A	PRO ATHLETES
06.15 – 07.30 a.m.	A	51 – 559
07.30 – 08.45 a.m.	A	560 - 1026

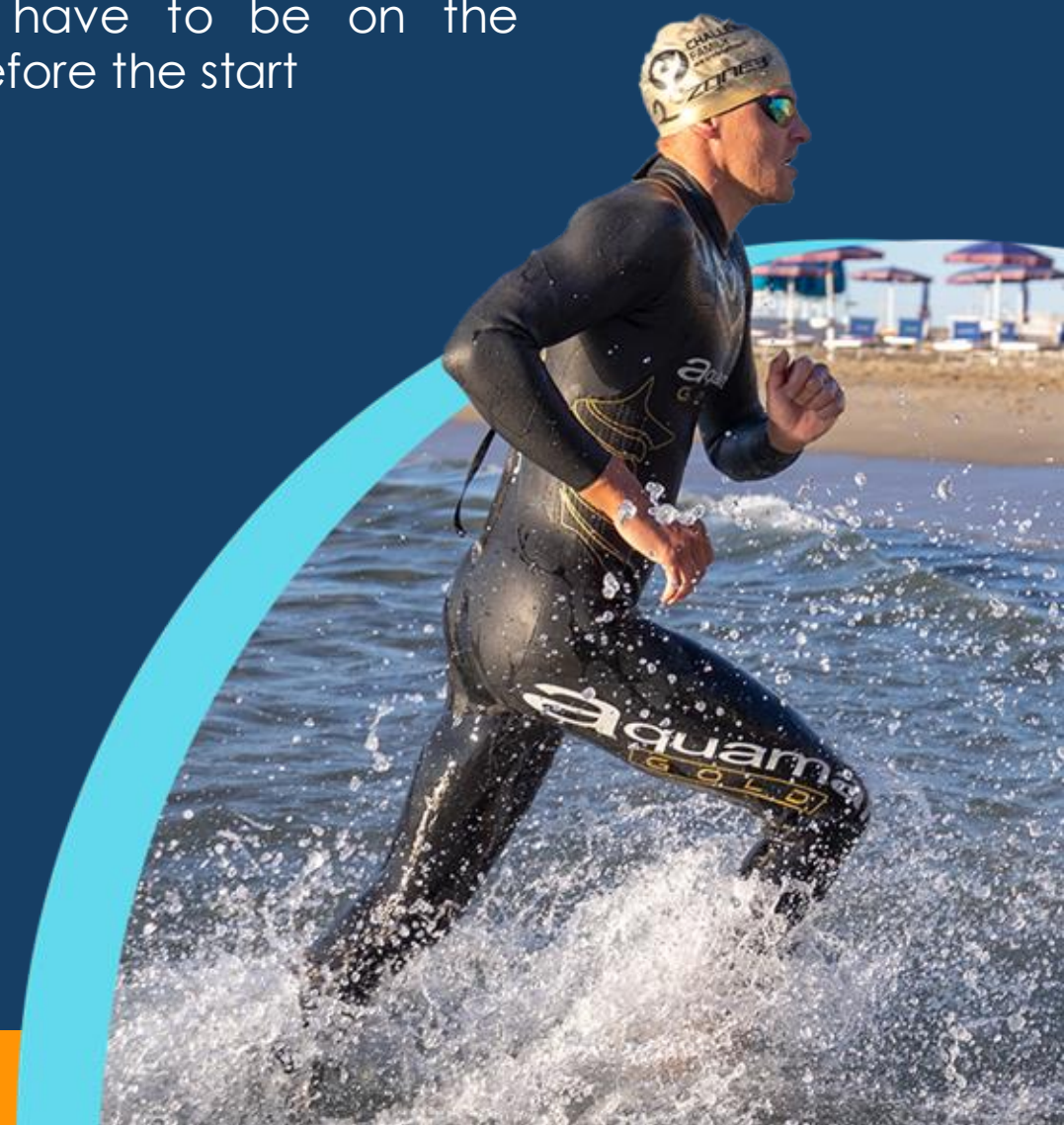
SWIM

•The start is from the Free Beach in front of Colonia AGIP

•All athletes have to be on the beach 15' before the start

RACE START SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

	START	CATEGORY	AGE	BIB #	SWIM CAP
1	9.00 a.m.	PRO MEN	-	1-35	
2	9.02 a.m.	PRO WOMEN	-	36-50	
3	9.05 a.m.	ALL WOMEN	-	51-164	
4	9.10 a.m.	M4 - M5 - M6	55-69 yo	166-313	
5	9.15 a.m.	M3	50-54 yo	314-466	
6	9.20 a.m.	S1 - S2	20-29 yo	467-559	
7	9.25 a.m.	S3	30-34 yo	560-644	
8	9.30 a.m.	S4	35-39 yo	645-733	
9	9.35 a.m.	M1	40-44 yo	734-828	
10	9.40 a.m.	M2	45-49 yo	829-967	
11	9.45 a.m.	SWIM/BIKE	-	970-1006	
12	9.50 a.m.	TEAM RELAY	-	1007-1026	



SWIM

The swim course will be marked by :

- **1** black buoy which has to be kept to the **left**
- **3** red buoys placed at the turning points and they must to be kept to the **right**



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Directional buoys of different colors will be placed along the swim course; they can be overtaken on both sides



BIKE

The bike course consist of :

- a flat connection section of 12,5 km
- a hilly lap of 30 km to be completed 2 times
- a final flat connection section of 15,5 km to reach the transition zone
- 1 aid station on each lap (km 26 e Km 56). The aid station is located in Longiano.
- overall elevation : 449d+
- drafting is strictly prohibited

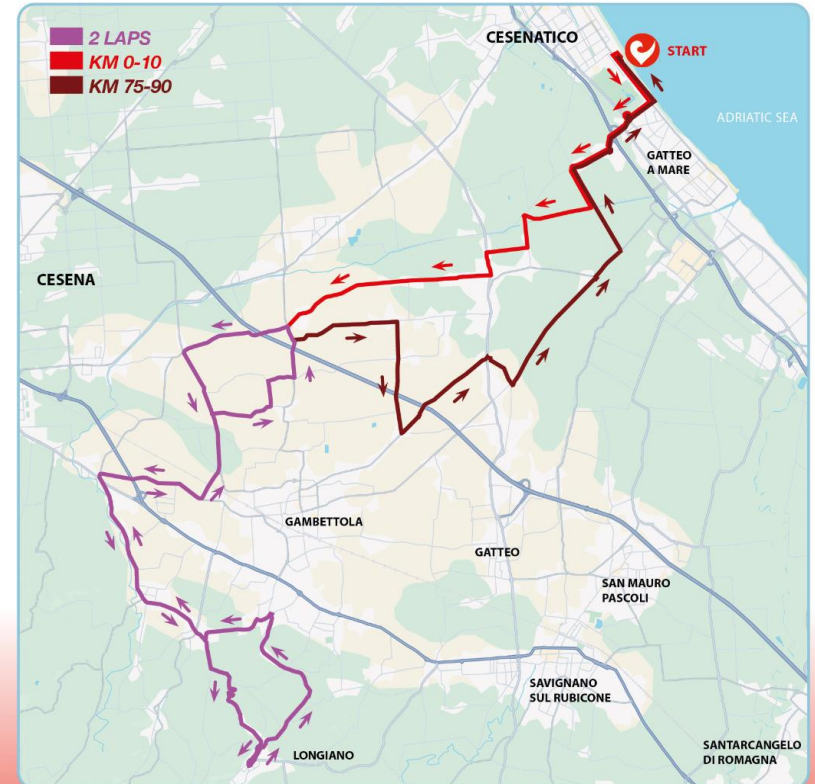


BIKE

- The Highway Code applies throughout the entire bike course; it is forbidden to cross the center line; **where the center line is not present, KEEP TO THE RIGHT**
- The bike course was resurfaced in several sections; athletes are kindly asked to pay maximum attention at all times.
- **CUT OFF** : The athletes could start the 2nd bike lap only until **12.45 pm**. After this, the athletes have to leave the transponder to the volunteers and have to continue with caution until T2.
The bike course has to be completed within 2.30 pm



BIKE 90km



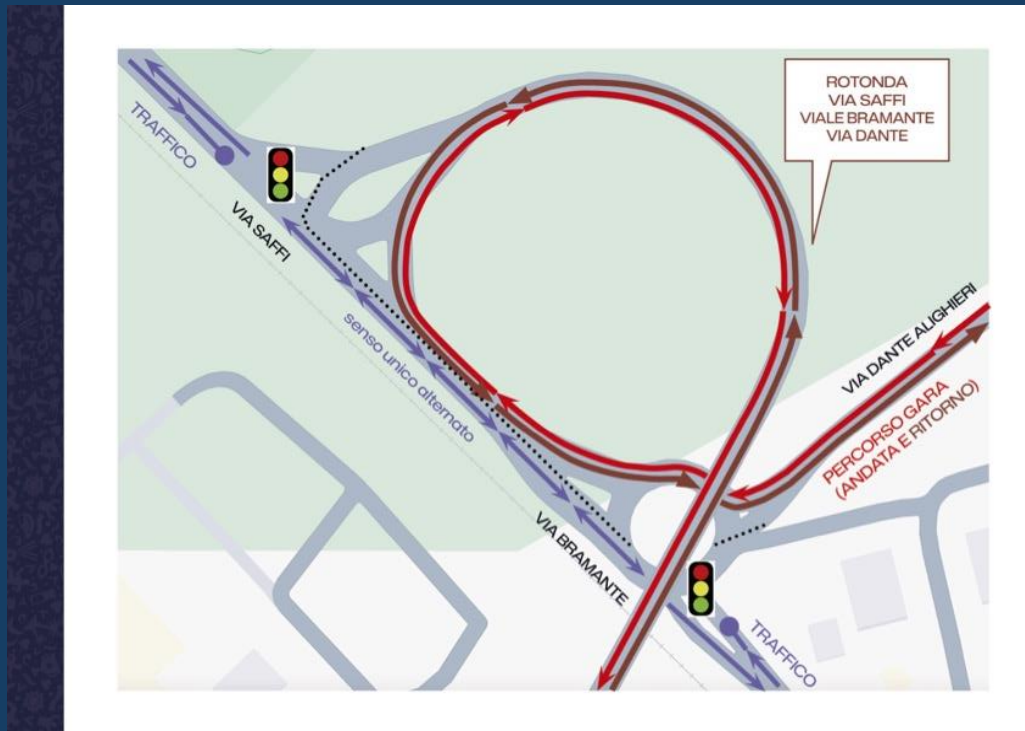
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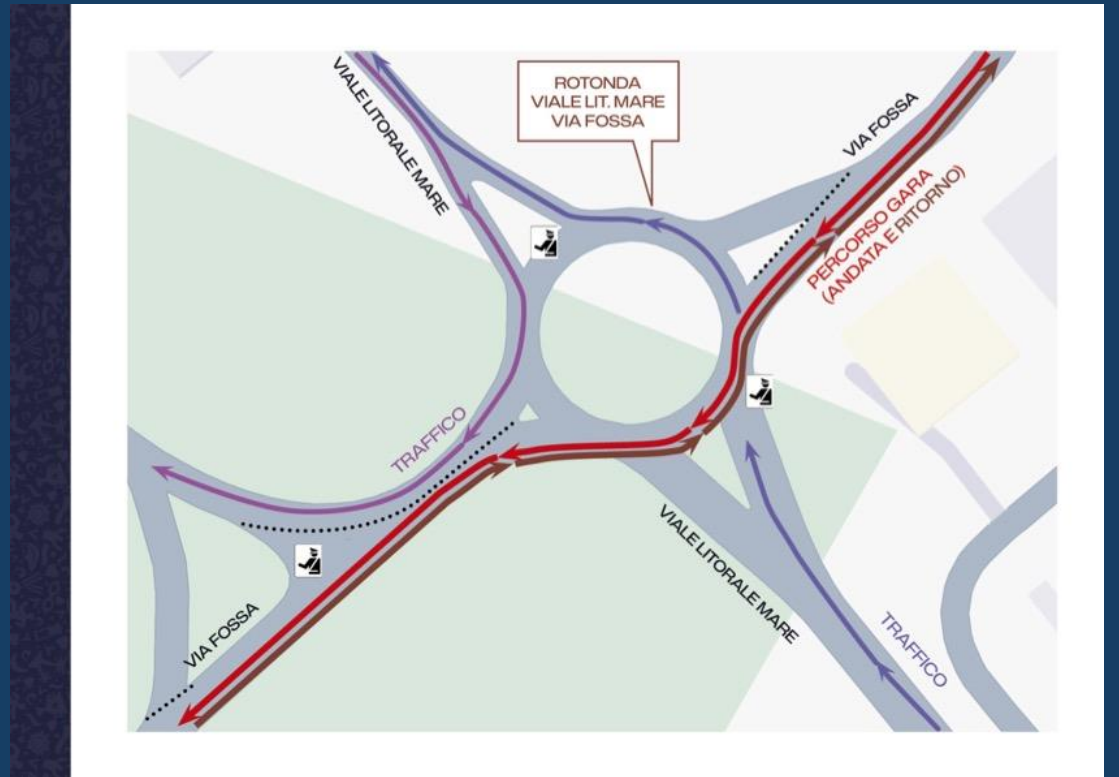
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BIKE – PONTS TO WATCH



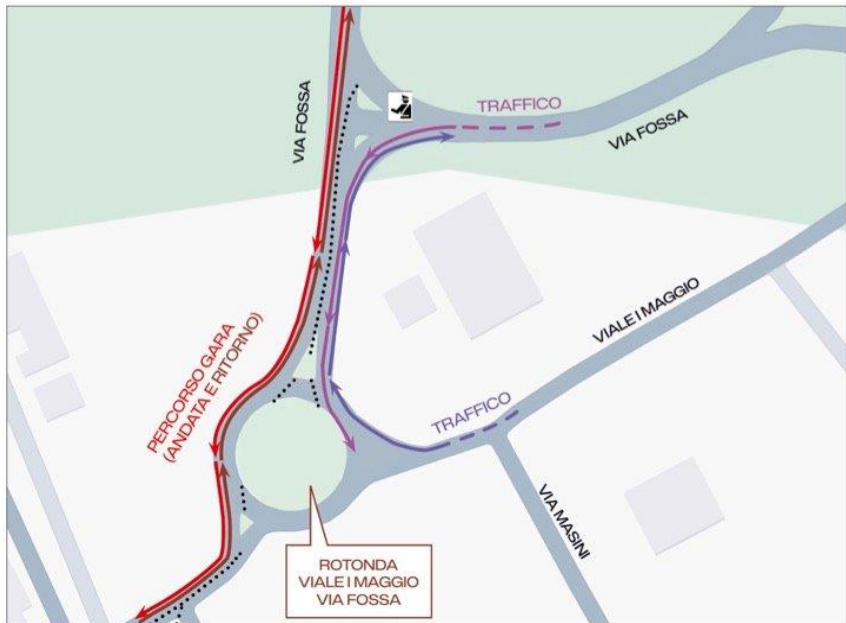
2*km/88*km – Overpass Bramante.
Athletes will ride along Bramante street. A dedicated lane will be set up to allow vehicle traffic in both directions



2,4*km/87,6*km - Ciclista's Roundabout

On the way out, the athletes will ride through the roundabout using the contraflow lane, while on the way back, they will follow the right direction.

BIKE – PONTS TO WATCH

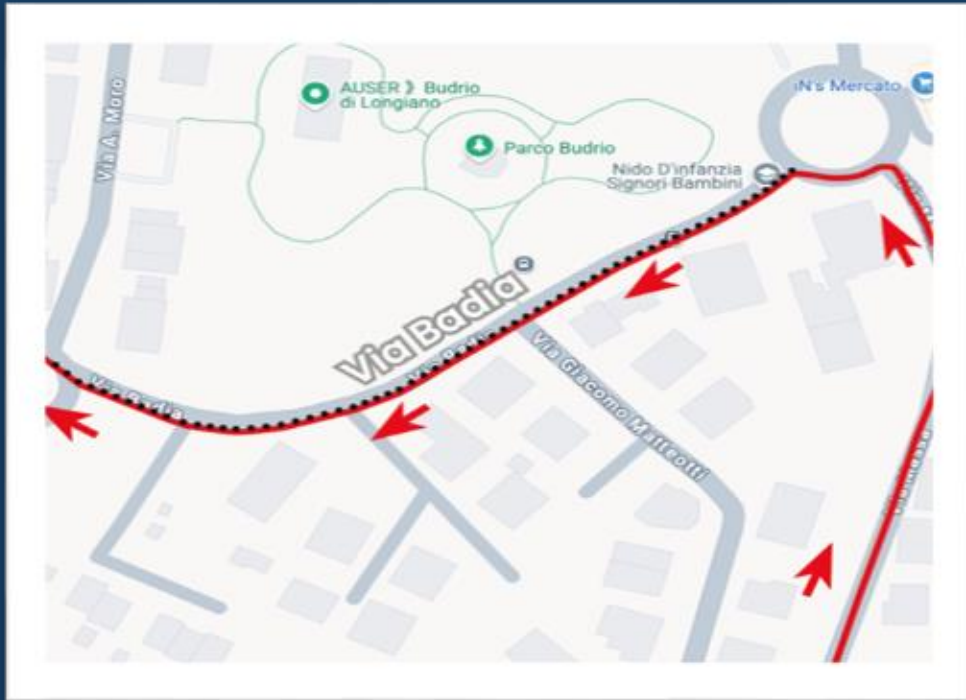


3*km/87*km – Fossa Roundabout Athletes will ride through the roundabout in the right direction of travel; while on the way back, they will ride in the contraflow lane

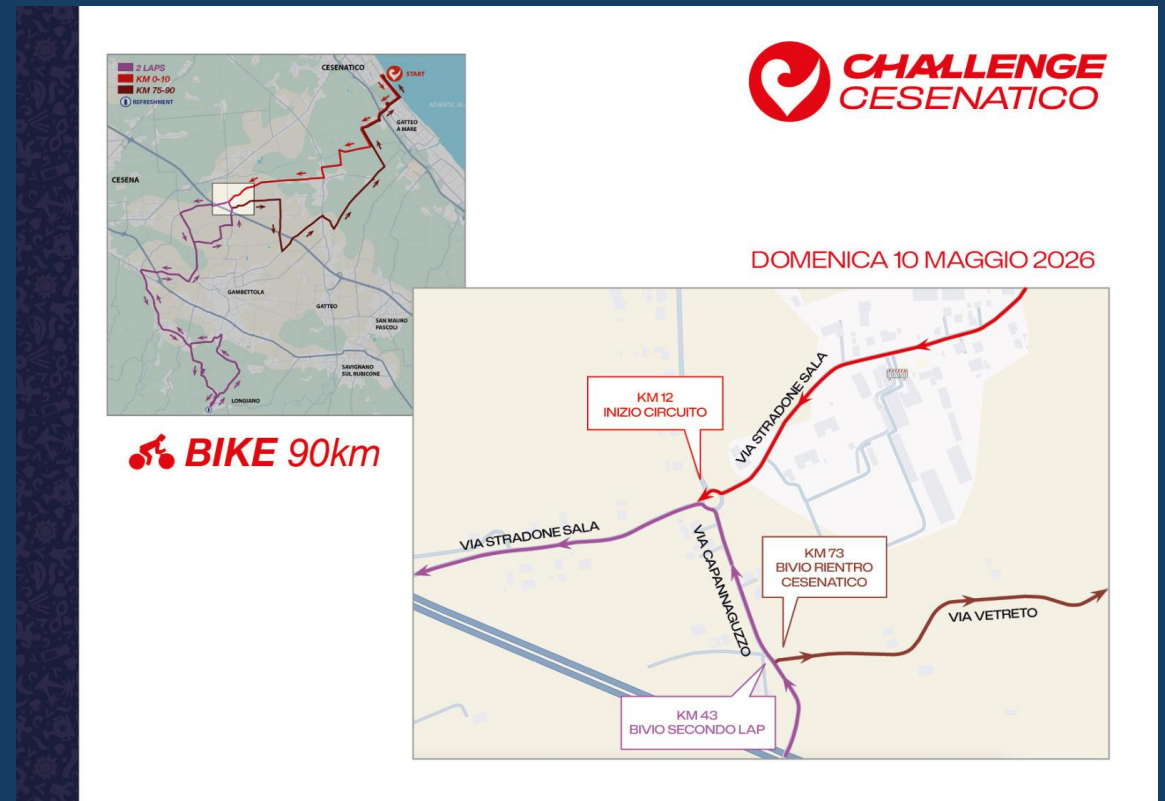


Al 28* - 58*km Balignano Downhill (Longiano) . A sealed-off stretch of 800m will be created starting from the intersection with Crocetta street to allow access to "La locanda della Luca". **Athletes will ride on the contraflow lane.**

BIKE – PONTS TO WATCH



30*km/60* km (Longiano) Between Massa Roundabout and Bar Smile Roundabout will be a sealed-off stretch. Athletes will ride on the contraflow lane.



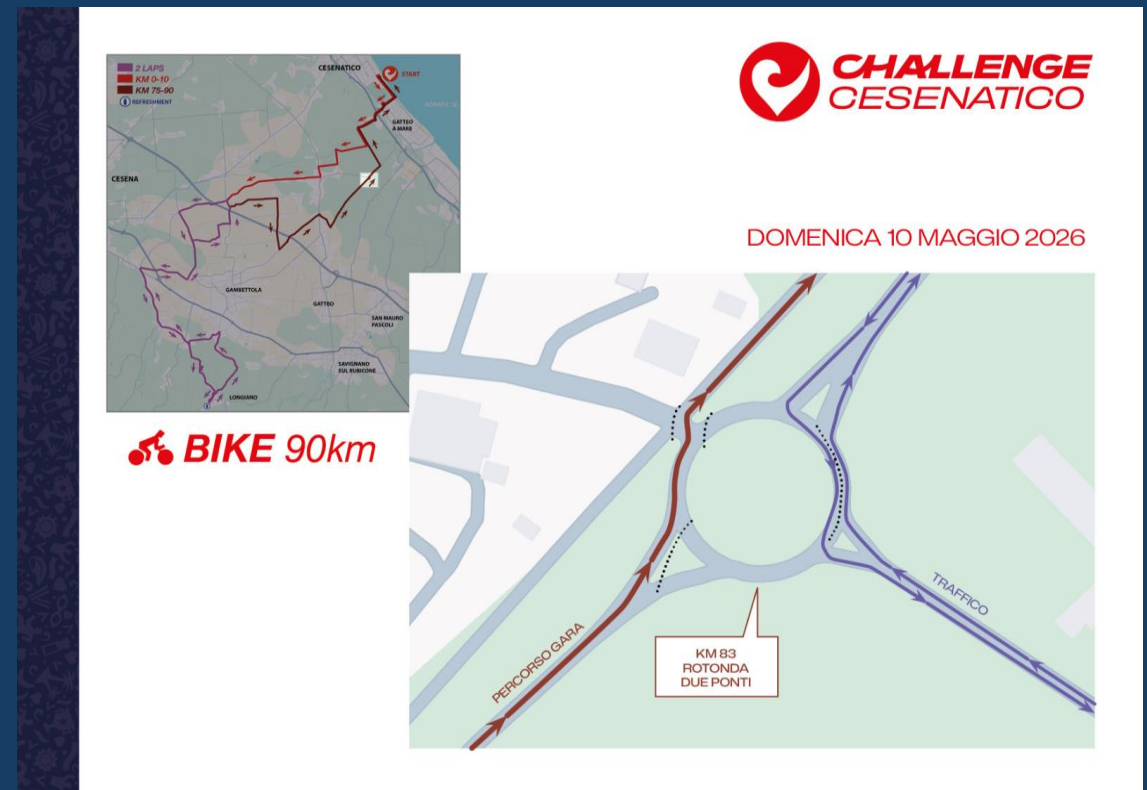
Intersection of Via Capannaguzzo – Via Vetreto (km 43) Athletes will have till 12.45 pm to start the second lap. Whoever does not respect the cut off will have to leave the transponder to our volunteer and come back to Cesenatico. At the end of the second lap (Km 73), the athletes will come back to Cesenatico, turning on the right to Via Vetreto

BIKE – PONTS TO WATCH



80* km – Gatteo

The section between Roundabout Verzaglia and Roundabout Casadei will be ridden in the opposite direction on a dedicated lane, allowing vehicle traffic to flow on the other lane.



83* Km- Gatteo

The Due Ponti Roundabout will be ridden in the opposite direction on a dedicated lane, allowing vehicle traffic to flow on the other lane.

BIKE – PONTS TO WATCH

The drivers who are in front of the race will leave the bike course, by turning right from DEI MILLE street on VIA PANZINI street, **while the athletes will continue towards the entrance to the transition area turning right on DELEDDA street**



RUN

The run course is consisting of 4* laps completely flat, with a section through the Levante Park of Cesenatico. At the end of the 4* lap, athletes must reach the finish line.



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FINISH LINE

The run course is consisting of 4* laps completely flat, with a section through the Levante Park of Cesenatico. At the end of the 4* lap, athletes must reach the finish line.

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RUN 21km

CESENATICO

PUBLIC PARK "LEVANTE"

VIALE DEI MILLE

VIALE CARDUCCI

V. DELEDDA

Transition Area

START

ADRIATIC SEA

4 LAPS

REFRESHMENT

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The map illustrates a 21km running course in Cesenatico, Italy, consisting of 4 laps. The course starts at the Adriatic Sea, goes through a refreshment area, and follows Viale Carducci, Viale Dei Mille, and Viale Zara. It includes a section through Levante Park and ends at Piazza Marconi. Key landmarks include Piazza A. Costa and Viale Bologna.



AID STATIONS

- BIKE COURSE AID STATION: one nutrition station at 26 km and 56 km on Longiano city with water, gels, energy bars and fruit (banana). There will be bottles with water and mineral salts
- RUN COURSE AID STATION: There will be 2 aid stations for each lap both located on **Marconi Square** with: water, gels, bars and fruit
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- SPECIAL NEEDS: The material must be delivered in a sealed envelope on Sunday May, 10 before 7.00 am to the race office.
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- LITTERING ZONE: the area will start 20mt before the aid station and will finish 150mt after it; the start and the finish will be clearly highlighted with signboards and lines on the ground.
- In accordance with the race rules, the referees will pay particular attention to whether athletes respect the environment**

AID STATIONS

The Athletes will find :

- ENERVIT BARS with or without caffeine
- ENERVIT BARS
- ENERVIT MINERAL SALTS
- NEREA WATER
- BANANAS

• On the bike course you will find bottles with iso



SWIM BIKE & TEAM RELAY

SWIM BIKE

The Athletes will also have to place their running shoes in the transition area

The race will end under the finish arch

Athletes after exiting T2 have to run until the end of the racks and go to the finish line (150m)

TEAM RELAY

The touch point will be in the transition area at the own bike rack

The athletes must hand the transponder over to next team relay member

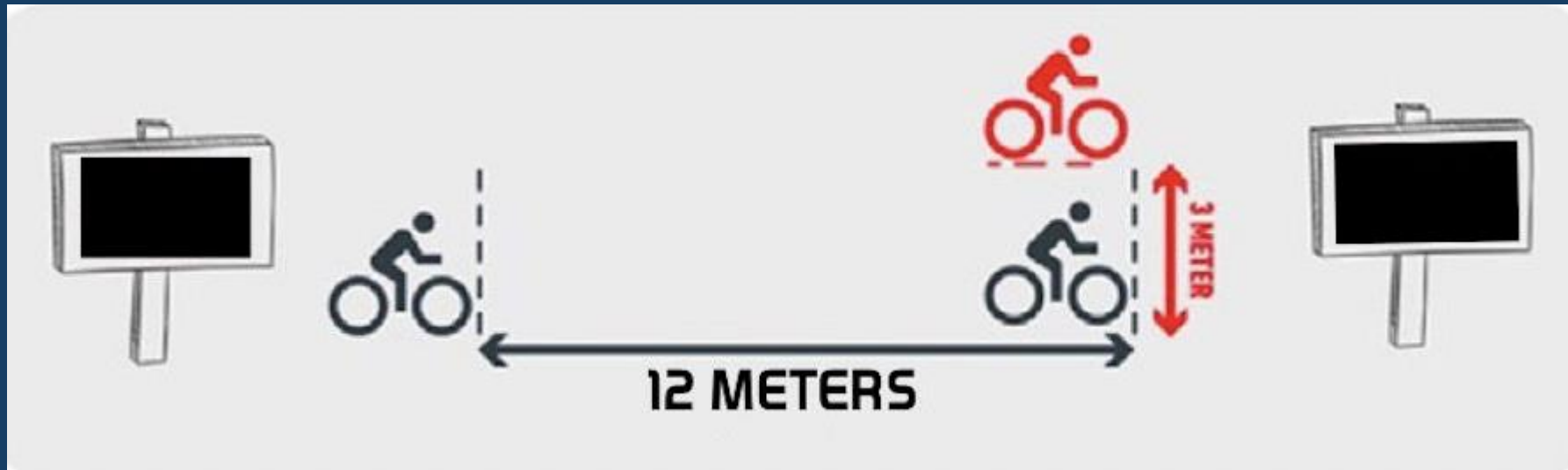
CUT OFF

- **SWIM** : 1h15' from the start of your own category
- **BIKE** : The bike course has to be completed by all participants by **2.30 pm**; the **athletes could start the second lap until 12.45 pm, not later**. After 12.45 the athletes have to leave the trasponder to Challenge Cesenatico's volunteer and come back to the transition area
- The race has to be completed by all participants by **5.30 pm**



DRAFTING ZONE

- The drafting zones are measured as a rectangular area that is 12 meters long starting from the front edge of the bicycle to the bike in front and the same margin to the bicycle that follows.
- Athletes have 25" to pass another athlete. Similarly, after an athlete has been overtaken, this athlete will have 5" to exit from this area and stay back



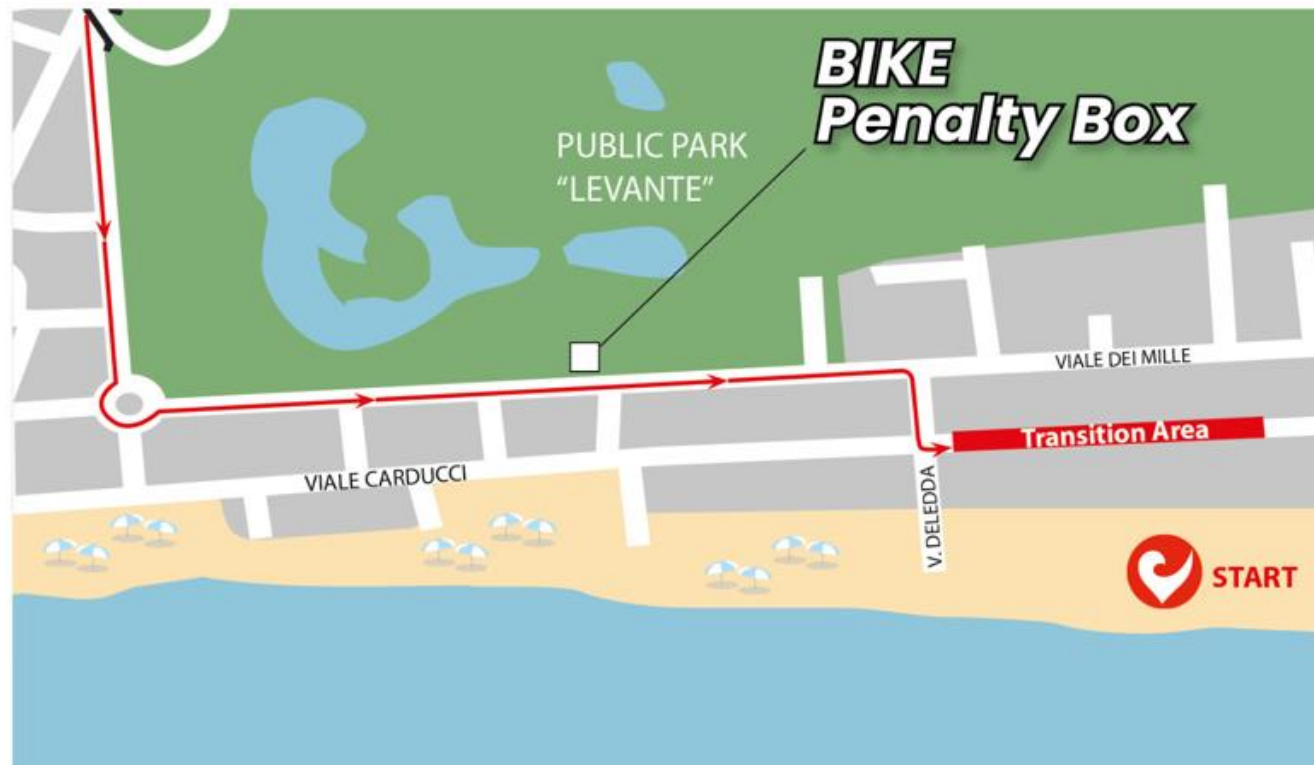
TIME PENALTY

- Time penalty in T1 (for all infractions committed on the start and swim course): the referee will show a yellow card when the athlete arrives at their station and will order them to stop without touching their material.
- Time penalty in the CYCLING SECTION: athletes who will be shown a blue card by the judge will have to stop for 2' at the penalty box that will be positioned 300m before the T2. It is the athlete's responsibility to stop after receiving the penalty and communicate their number which will be removed from the register once the penalty has been served.
- A yellow card will be shown for any other offences (warnings).
- Unsportsmanlike behavior or dangerous riding will be sanctioned with immediate disqualification and referral
- It's not allowed of carry bike bottles in your race uniform on the bike



PENALTY BOX

The penalty box will be placed on the bike course, 300m before the transition area



AWARD CEREMONY

- Every finisher will receive a medal and a T-shirt
- The first 6 Pro athletes (men and women) will receive prize money. A cut-off equal to 10 % of the time of the first finisher time will be applied.
- The first 3 men and women of the following age groups will also be awarded: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69

The best swim split AG male and female will be awarded by a special gift in memory of our friend Matteo Versari.



AWARD CEREMONY

Challenge Cesenatico is a qualifying race for THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers in each male and female age group and team relay categories

Qualifiers will receive their slot by e-mail after the race and will have four (4) weeks to confirm their spot after the qualifying race.

Athletes who qualified will received an email with the info about the registration. If an athlete does not confirm their registration within this time, the slot will automatically roll down up to the 12th place.



OTHER

BAG DEPOSIT

FINISHER TSHIRT

Recovery Zone e Pasta Party

Bike Service: c/o IMATRA

All collateral services will be placed at Colonia Agip

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