

"bpost bank trofee" - 2012-2013 rules

Art. 1

The bpost bank trofee is a Golazo sports organization in collaboration with vzw Sportinez and is being organized for the 26th time.

Art. 2

All cyclists entitled to take part in the A-category CX races in accordance with UCI/KBWB regulations, are eligible for overall classification. Pre-registration is compulsory. Every cyclist receives four entry tickets (cyclist, 2x mechanics, support person).

Art. 3

The prize package of the bpost bank trofee 2012-2013, in the amount of 138.350 EURO, shall be divided based on the final ranking in three categories (Elite, U23, Women):

The prize package for the "Elites" amounts to 96.400 EURO, to be divided among the 15 best-ranked cyclists according to the below-mentioned standard:

1. 30.000 €	11. 750 €
2. 20.000 €	12. 650 €
3. 15.000 €	13. 500 €
4. 9.000 €	14. 500 €
5. 7.000 €	15. 500 €
6. 5.000 €	
7. 3.000 €	
8. 2.000 €	
9. 1.500 €	
10. 1.000€	

The prize package for the "Under 23" (U23) category amounts to 6.750 EURO, to be divided among the 5 best-ranked cyclists according to the below-mentioned standard:

1. € 2.500
2. € 1.500
3. € 1.250
4. € 1.000
5. € 500

The prize package for the "Women" category amounts to 16.200 EURO, to be divided among the 10 best-ranked cyclists according to the below-mentioned standard:

1. € 6.000
2. € 4.000
3. € 2.500
4. € 1.500
5. € 1.000

6. € 500
7. € 300
8. € 200
9. € 100
10. € 100

The "Newcomers – U17" category will receive prizes in kind, to be divided among the 5 best-ranked cyclists:

1. Prize in kind
2. Prize in kind
3. Prize in kind
4. Prize in kind
5. Prize in kind

Art. 4

- Elite riders

In the 2012-2013 season, the general classification will be based on time. The ranking is drawn up on the basis of the arrival of the riders, comparable to a stage race on the road. If a rider arrives at the finish line with more than five minutes delay, has been taken out due to the 80% rule or withdraws, he will be ranked at 5 minutes behind the winner of the stage. If a rider is not attending one of the stages of the bpost bank trofee, he will also be ranked 5 minutes behind the winner of the stage. The overall time scored in the 8 races is taken into account for the general classification of the Elite category.

When two riders score the same overall time (hours, minutes, seconds), the best result in one of the stages will decide their ranking in the general classification. If that result is also similar, then the result in the final stage in Oostmalle shall be decisive. Tenths and hundredths of a second shall not be taken into account for the ranking.

- Under 23 (U23)

Separate "under 23" races will be organized. Points shall be awarded to the first 20 U23 riders

25-22-19-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 and 1 point.

All points obtained in the 6 best races are taken into account for the final results of the "Under 23" category (U23). There is a U23 race in the 8 stages of the bpost bank trofee. In the event that a cyclist scores points in all 8 stages, he may drop his two worst results.

In case two riders score the same number of points, the result of the last round in Oostmalle shall be decisive.

- Women

The elite women can score points for the final ranking in 6 races: Oudenaarde, Essen, Loenhout, Baal, Lille and Oostmalle. The following points shall be awarded to the first 20 women of these races: 25-22-19-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 and 1 point.

All points scored in the 6 races are taken into account for the final results of the Women's category. These 6 races are: Oudenaarde, Essen, Loenhout, Baal, Lille and Oostmalle. For the programme and dates, see "Art. 8". In case two riders score the same number of points, the result of the last round in Oostmalle shall be decisive.

- Newcomers – U17

Separate races for newcomers shall take place. The following points shall be awarded to the first 20 newcomers. 25-22-19-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 and 1 point.

All points obtained in the 4 races are taken into account for the final results of the "Newcomers" category. The 4 races are: Loenhout, Baal, Lille and Oostmalle. For the programme and dates, see "Art. 8".

In the event of the same number of points, the result of the last round in Oostmalle shall be decisive.

Art. 5 Intermediate sprint ranking (Elite men only) bpost bank trofee.

An intermediate sprint is organized during every stage of the bpost bank trofee, as follows:

- after 1,5 lap at the "time-gap", riders can score extra bonifications for the general classification

- First rider crossing the finish line : 15 seconds bonification for the general classification
- Second rider crossing the finish line : 10 seconds bonification for the general classification
- Third rider crossing the finish line : 5 seconds bonification for the general classification

- at the same moment (passage of the time-gap), cyclists are also able to gain points for the intermediate sprint ranking:

- winner of the intermediate sprint: 3 points for the intermediate sprint ranking
- second in the intermediate sprint: 2 points for the intermediate sprint ranking
- third place of the intermediate sprint: 1 point for the intermediate sprint ranking

- In case of equal points, the results of Oostmalle shall be decisive.

- A separate ranking of the intermediate sprints is established for the elite men only. The final winner of the intermediate sprints is the cyclist who has gathered the most points in the intermediate sprints. This cyclist shall receive a cheque to the value of 2.500 EURO at the prize-giving.

- Points for the intermediate sprint ranking are only awarded to cyclists who, having received points in this regard, did indeed complete the concerned race.

Art.6

Finish bonifications:

For the general classification in the Elite category, there will also be bonifications at the finishline

- Winner of the stage : 15 seconds bonification in the general classification
- Second of the stage : 10 seconds bonification in the general classification
- Third of the stage : 5 seconds bonification in the general classification

Art.7

“Belgacom Fastest Lap” (Elite men only) bpost bank trofee

A “Belgacom Fastest Lap” is organized during every stage of the bpost bank trofee, as follows:

- All Elite men ride will carry an electronic chip. They will be given at registration. The chip must be returned after the race. If not, a deposit of 25 EURO shall be deducted from the registration fee.
- The cyclist completing the fastest lap is the winner of the “Belgacom Fastest Lap”.
- The second and third fastest laps also qualify for “Belgacom Fastest Lap” prize-giving.
- The three fastest laps can never be awarded to 1 cyclist: if more than 1 fastest lap is achieved by the same cyclist, the prize is subsequently awarded to the next fastest lap by a different cyclist.
- The first lap does not count.
- In order to qualify for prizes, cyclists must officially finish and be ranked in the final ranking.
- There are 3 cash prizes per stage :
 - Winner of the Belgacom Fastest Lap: 1.000 EURO
 - Second: 500 EURO
 - Third: 250 EURO

The “Belgacom Fastest Lap” for the entire bpost bank trofee season shall be awarded at the final prize-giving gala of the bpost bank trofee.

The cyclist who has the most victories in the “Belgacom Fastest Lap” ranking is the overall final winner and receives a cheque of 2.500 EURO.

In the event of an equal score, the winner of the Belgacom Fastest Lap is the one who has won a specific stage of the bpost bank trofee by the biggest margin.

Art. 8

The bpost bank trofee programme, 2012-2013 season:

14/10/2012: GP Mario De Clercq Ronse-Kluisbergen
01/11/2012: Koppenbergcross Oudenaarde
17/11/2012: Grote Prijs Hasselt
22/12/2012: Grote Prijs Rouwmoer Essen
28/12/2012: Azencross Loenhout

01/01/2013: Grote Prijs Sven Nys Baal
09/02/2013: Krawatencross Lille
24/02/2013: Internationale Sluitingsprijs Oostmalle

Art. 9

All prize winners shall be invited to the prize-giving. This prize-giving shall be held on Monday evening, the 25th of February, 2013. Every cyclist shall collect his/her prize personally unless he/she can provide a valid reason for being represented.

Art. 10

The first three cyclists of every race in all the categories of elite cyclists, U23, women and newcomers, shall be invited to the podium after the race to be honored. The leaders of every intermediate ranking shall also be invited to the podium after every race for the podium ceremony and should make themselves available to the press.

Art. 11

An intermediate ranking shall be established after every bpost bank trofee race which the cyclist will be able to consult upon registration for the following race. To be included in the intermediate ranking for elite riders, a rider has to finish at least once within five minutes of the time of the winner of one of the stages. In order to be included in the final ranking of the elite category, a rider has to start in at least four stages of the bpost bank trofee. The complete final ranking shall be published after completion of the last race on the official website www.bpostbanktrofee.be

Art. 12

A cyclist's village will be provided for all cyclists belonging to the categories of elite men, U23 and elite women. All cyclists shall have to set up their respective campers in the village in accordance with current organizational regulations. The team leaders of the (pro) continental teams are requested to contact the organization before to make the necessary practical arrangements with regard to receiving their respective campers.

Art. 13

All elite cyclists shall present themselves at least 15 minutes before the start of their race at the podium in order to sign the competition form.

Art. 14

Upon request of the organization, numbers 1 - 2 - 3 of the race 'elite' shall be invited to the organization's VIP area after prize-giving for a short interview. This is organized by the chief of press in consultation with the organization. In the event that numbers 1 - 2 - 3 do not wish to be interviewed, they will be fined an amount of € 500.

Art. 15

Any matters not provided in these rules shall be decided upon by the organizing committee.