Tour de France Fantasy Competition 2015 edition

Basic Rules:

- 1. Pick **9 riders** from the list of riders taking part;
- 2. Pick 4 teams from the list of teams taking part;
- 3. Pick another **3 riders** from the list of riders taking part to be used as **substitutes**. Changes can only be made on the rest days, and once replaced cannot be used again.
- 4. Based on the performance of each rider/team, you will score points in various categories.
- 5. Entries close at the time the first stage is due to start 12:00 (SA Time).
- 6. Entries can only be submitted using the submission form setup by Admin.

Prizes:

Prizes can be viewed online at the Fantasy Tour website. Thanks to Admin and their sponsors for the great prizes.

In the meantime, there will be daily prizes awarded for various categories as well as pre-selected stages, in order to give as many people as possible a chance to win a prize even if your team is not performing too well. There will be a limit of "one prize per person per week" so if you do win a second time in the same week, the prize will be awarded to the next successful person.

During the registration process of your team, you will be required to select your 9 riders + 4 teams + 3 substitutes as well as picking the following riders/teams on the following stages:

Stage	Stage Type
1	Stage winner of the Individual Time Trial, or the next rider picked
9	Winning team in the Team Time Trial
10	Stage winner on Bastille Day
20	Stage winner on Alpe d'Heuz
21	Stage winner on the Champs Elysees

- These picks do not score points for your team, and is only used to pick a daily prize winner;
- Picks have to be locked in before the start of the Tour, but can be changed on the rest days;
- If you do not change your pick on the rest days, the original picked rider will be used;
- If the stage winner was not selected, we move down the official results to the first selected rider/team.

The balance of the daily prizes will be awarded based on the performance of your team selection. Here's where the decisions you make will affect your chances to win a prize. Do you pick a team made up of GC contenders or Sprinters only, or do you go for a split between GC and Sprinters or a complete mix (GC, White, KOM, Sprinter and/or Breakaway specialists) and hope for the best? The following table indicates which criteria will be used for each stage:

	Stage:	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Competition leader				X						Х							
Green jersey leader			X						X								
White jersey leader						Х						Х					
KOM jersey leader													X				X
Lantern Rouge							X							Χ			
Rider in breakaway					X						Х					Х	
Most points scored or	ı stage	X						Х							X		

All riders picked that are in a breakaway on the stages prior to the above award date will qualify for the draw to win a prize. It's hard to predict when a breakaway with selected riders will take place.

Back to the main competition:

Points are awarded as follows:

- Stage points (Daily stages)
- General Classification (Yellow jersey)
- Young Rider's Classification (White jersey)
- Sprinter's Classification (Green jersey)
- Climber's Classification (Polka Dot jersey)
- Team Classification
- Most Aggressive rider

Additional points not included above, will be awarded depending on individual rider performance:

- Rider in possession of one, or more, of the race jerseys (yellow, white, green, polka dot, best team);
- Most Aggressive Rider bonus points awarded if the same rider is awarded this prize more than once;
- **Breakaway** depending on number of riders in the break, as well as riders in the break that finish ahead of the peloton.

Each stage is graded according to difficulty, with points available increasing according to the difficulty. It's used to determine the time cut on each stage, but will also be used to allocate points in various categories. The difficulty originates from the **Tour's official rulebook** as follows:

Stage	Stage Type	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Individual Time Trial						Х
2	Flat	Χ					
3	Medium		Х				
4	Medium (cobblestones)		Х				
5	Flat	Χ					
6	Medium	Χ					
7	Flat	Χ					
8	Medium		Х				
9	Team Time Trial						Х
10	High			X			
11	Medium				X		
12	High				Х		
13	Medium		Х				
14	Medium		Х				
15	Flat	Χ					
16	Medium		Х				
17	High				X		
18	Medium				Х		
19	High					Х	
20	High					Х	
21	Flat	Χ					

Yellow & White Jerseys

As these two categories work on time, each rider's GC/White Jersey time is converted to points using an **OVERAL INDEX** measured against the category leader's OVERALL time. The formula used to calculate this index is:

{(1-(((RiderTime/LeaderTime)-1)*10))*Riders*BETA}, where:

RiderTime Rider's current overall race time
LeaderTime Current race leader's overall race time
Riders number of riders completing the stage

BETA^{Yellow} 0.1
BETA^{White} 0.7

Examples: The following stages from 2014 are used as examples.

Yellow Jersey Points

Stage	No. Riders	Rider's Name	Leader's Time	Position	Rider's Time	Index	Points
1	198	Marcel Kittel	04:44:07	1 st	04:44:07	100.00%	19.80
1	198	Peter Sagan	04:44:07	2 nd	04:44:07	100.00%	19.80
1	198	Lars Bak	04:44:07	175 th	04:45:35	94.85%	18.78
13	173	Vincenzo Nibali	56:44:03	1 st	56:44:03	100.00%	17.30
13	173	Alejandro Valverde	56:44:03	2 nd	56:47:40	98.94%	17.12
13	173	Marcel Kittel	56:44:03	171 st	59:51:44	44.86%	7.76

White Jersey Points

Stage	No. Riders	Rider's Name	Leader's Time	Position	Rider's Time	Index	Points
1	27	Peter Sagan	04:44:07	1 st	04:44:07	100.00%	18.90
1	27	Rafal Majka	04:44:07	23 rd	04:45:37	94.70%	18.20
13	25	Romain Bardet	56:48:27	1 st	56:48:27	100.00%	17.50
13	25	Thibaut Pinot	56:48:27	2 nd	56:48:43	99.90%	17.49
13	25	Peter Sagan	56:48:27	5 th	58:03:49	77.90%	13.30

Riders with the same time get the same INDEX VALUE and therefore the same number of points. As there are time bonuses award on the first week there will (most probably) be time gaps, so the INDEX VALUE will be different even if the peloton finishes in the same time - and likewise the points decrease.

The maximum number of points available to score is 19.8 * 9 riders = 178.2 points. As the number of riders decreases or the time gaps start appearing on the GC, the maximum number of points per day decreases.

The minimum number of points available depends on the delta between the category leader's time and the time of each picked rider. The points are calculated on the General Classification for both YELLOW and WHITE jersey competitions only.

In previous years, the points were awarded to the top 10/15/20 riders on the GC, even though the riders were separated by a few seconds, and the points were not a true reflection of their performance on the Tour. This means a domestique in support of the GC favourites will also get a good haul of points.

Daily points

Every day, riders finishing the stage will score points according to the difficulty rating of each stage, as follows:

Stage	Stage Type	Grade	Factor	Points
1	Individual Time Trial	6	0.5	3.0
2	Flat	1	0.5	0.5
3	Medium	2	0.5	1.0
4	Medium (cobblestones)	2	0.5	1.0
5	Flat	1	0.5	0.5
6	Medium	1	0.5	0.5
7	Flat	1	0.5	0.5
8	Medium	2	0.5	1.0
9	Team Time Trial	6	0.5	3.0
10	High	3	0.5	1.5
11	Medium	4	0.5	2.0
12	High	4	0.5	2.0
13	Medium	2	0.5	1.0
14	Medium	2	0.5	1.0
15	Flat	1	0.5	0.5
16	Medium	2	0.5	1.0
17	High	4	0.5	2.0
18	Medium	4	0.5	2.0
19	High	5	0.5	2.5
20	High	5	0.5	2.5
21	Flat	1	0.5	0.5

Team Time Trial (TTT) - Stage 9

Teams score points as follows based on their finish position in the Team Time Trial. All other points are awarded as normal, i.e. Daily Stage, Category position and any other category that is awarded points.

Stage	Points
1 st	253
2 nd	231
3 rd	210
4 th	190
5 th	171
6 th	153
7 th	136
8 th	120
9 th	105
10 th	91
11 th	78
12 th	66
13 th	55
14 th	45
15 th	36
16 th	28
17 th	21
18 th	15
19 th	10
20 th	6
21 st	3
22 nd	1

Green Jersey

Points are awarded as per the Tour's Green Jersey classification, as follows (white columns), and then divided by 2 for the Fantasy competition. This keeps the points on offer similar to the other jersey categories:

	Interm	odiata				Finish Line		
Pos	Spri		Flat	Flat stages		lium	High Mountain	ITT
103	(All st		2-5-6-7-15-21		3-4-8-11-13-14-16- 18		10-12-17-19-20	1
1	20	10.0	50	25	25	12.5	20	20
2	17	8.5	30	15	22	11	17	17
3	15	7.5	20	10	19	9.5	15	15
4	13	6.5	18	9	17	8.5	13	13
5	11	5.5	16	8	15	7.5	11	11
6	10	5.0	14	7	13	6.5	10	10
7	9	4.5	12	6	11	5.5	9	9
8	8	4.0	10	5	9	4.5	8	8
9	7	3.5	8	4	7	3.5	7	7
10	6	3.0	7	3.5	6	3	6	6
11	5	2.5	6	3	5	2.5	5	5
12	4	2.0	5	2.5	4	2	4	4
13	3	1.5	4	2	3	1.5	3	3
14	2	1.0	3	1.5	2	1	2	2
15	1	0.5	2	1	1	0.5	1	1

The first 15 riders passing the Intermediate Sprint point, only one per stage, will score points. The first 15 riders at each stage finish, will score points, according to the type of each stage.

Updated – 19-Jun:

Official rules form the Tour available. Stage points revised according to the co-efficient score for each stage. Stages 10, 12, 17, 19, 20 (High Mountain) and the 1 (ITT) receive the same points as the Tour rules. Stage 2, 5, 6, 7, 15, 21 (Flat) and 3, 4, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 21 (Medium) stages are 50% of the Tour rules

Polka Dot Jersey

Below is a summary of the number of climbs on each stage, with summit finishes showing the type of climb (double points awarded):

Stage	HC	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Summit
1			No pointe	ما طمان میں		
2			No points	available		
3				1	3	
4					1	
5						
6					3	
7					1	
8				1	1	
9						
10	1				3	НС
11	1	1		3	1	
12	1	2	1			HC
13				1	2	
14			2		2	
15			1	1	2	
16			2			
17		1	2	2		Cat 2
18	1		3	3		
19	1	2	1			Cat 1
20	2					НС
21					1	

Points are awarded exactly as per the Tour's Polka Dot Jersey classification - according to the number of climbs, on each stage, as follows:

Position	НС	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
1 st	25	10	5	2	1
2 nd	20	8	3	1	
3 rd	16	6	2		
4 th	14	4	1		
5 th	12	2			
6 th	10	1			
7 th	8				
8 th	6				
9 th	4				
10 th	2				

Summit finishes on stages 10, 12, 17, 19 and 20 will have double points awarded, i.e. Stage 10 (HC) = 50 for first place, and Stage 19 (Cat1) has 20 for first place.

Updated: 19-Jun:

Double points for summit finishes updated – only awarded on stages 10, 12, 17, 19 and 20.

Updated: 26-Jun:

Cat1 climb removed from stage 20, due to route change.

Most Aggressive Rider

Every day, the Tour organisers award one rider with the Most Aggressive award. If your rider is selected, you will score points, based on the stage difficulty:

Points
No award
50
100
100
50
50
50
100
No award
150
200
200
100
100
50
100
200
200
250
250
No award

Team Competition

Daily points are awarded as per the Team classification after each stage, as follows:

Position	Daily
1 st	7
2 nd	4
3 rd	2
4 th	1

Bonus Points

Bonus points are awarded for the following categories:

- Category Leaders (Yellow, Green, Polka Dot, White and Team)
- Overall positions at the end of the Tour for the following categories:
 - Yellow (GC)
 - o Green (Points)
 - Polka Dot (KOM)
 - White (Young Rider)
 - o Team
 - Most Aggressive
- Breakaways
 - o No. of times in a break
 - o No. of times in a break that finished ahead of the peloton
- 100% Picks
 - Picking 9 riders that complete the Tour the original 9 riders picked from stage 01.
 - o Picking 4 teams inside the top 5

Daily bonus

Jersey holder	Daily
Yellow	1
Green	1
Polka Dot	1
White	1
Team	1

Overall – at the end of the Tour

Stage	Yellow	Green	Polka	White	Team	Most Aggressive
1 st	100	100	100	100	253	500
2 nd	85	85	85	80	231	
3 rd	71	71	71	60	210	
4 th	58	58	58	50	190	
5 th	47	47	47	40	171	
6 th	38	38	38	35	153	
7 th	30	30	30	30	136	
8 th	23	23	23	20	120	
9 th	17	17	17	10	105	
10 th	12	12	12	5	91	
11 th	8	8	8		78	
12 th	5	5	5		66	
13 th	3	3	3		55	
14 th	2	2	2		45	
15 th	1	1	1		36	
16 th			•	_	28	
17 th					21	
18 th					15	
19 th					10	
20 th					6	
21 st					3	

Most Aggressive

Bonus points are awarded to riders that receive the award more than once.

Frequency	Points
Twice	Additional 50 points
>Twice	Additional 100 points per award

Updated: 01-Jul:

100% picks – only qualifies if the original 9 riders from Stage 1 remain unchanged to Paris.

Breakaways

There are bonus points for every rider in a breakaway, as well as for every rider in a break that crosses the finish line ahead of the peloton. Breakaway points are not awarded on stage 01 (ITT) and stage 09 (TTT).

Depending on the grading of each stage, bonus points vary as per the following table:

Stage	Riders in	Riders in break finishing
Stage	Break?	ahead of peloton
2	10	50
3	20	100
4	20	100
5	10	50
6	10	50
7	10	50
8	20	100
10	30	200
11	40	400
12	40	400
13	20	100
14	20	100
15	10	50
16	20	100
17	40	400
18	40	400
19	50	1000
20	50	1000
21	10	50

Multiple Breakaways

Bonus points are awarded for riders that are repeatedly in a break, as well as finishing ahead of the peloton (if they were in the break).

Frequency	Rider in Break?	Rider in break finishing ahead of peloton
2	100	2000
3	150	3000
4	200	4000
5	300	5000
6	400	5000
7	500	5000
8	1000	5000

- Cycling-specific websites will be used to provide confirmation of the names of riders in a breakaway, if the information is not available on the Tour's official website. It will also be used to define whether it's a BREAKAWAY or an ATTACK by top riders.
 - Example: http://www.cyclingnews.com/races/tour-de-france-2014/stage-14/live-report
- Splits caused by crosswinds, or attacks on mountain climbs are not classified as a breakaway.
- There is no limit to the number of riders in the break, but the break usually won't have the classification leaders and their teams.
- This will be confirmed during/at the end of each stage.

100% Picks

Bonus points are awarded for the following:

- If all 9 riders, picked, finish the Tour;
- For each team, picked, in the Top 4 positions.

No. Riders	Points	
9	100	

No. Teams	Points
4	100
3	75
2	50
1	25

Tie-breakers

Should more than one Hubber select identical teams, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- The least number of changes to the team line-up before deadline day;
- If no changes by any Hubber, then the person that submitted their team list first;

In the event of a tie where team line-ups are different, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- 1. Total number of stage victories by the Hubber's list of riders;
- 2. If still tied, the total number of days each rider spent in one of the jerseys, and/or team competition;
- 3. If still tied, the cumulative time for all riders will be added together;
- 4. If still tied, the Hubber that submitted their team first, wins.