

Project Yellow Jersey Game Guide

A complete participant guide for joining the pool, selecting your Tour team, understanding the scoring, and following the standings during the race.

Short version: create your own account, verify your email, pick 15 active official Tour riders, make any team time trial podium picks shown on My Team, and save before the selection deadline. Your latest saved team is the team that counts when the race starts.

1. What The Game Is

Project Yellow Jersey is a Tour de France fantasy pool. You do not manage a team during the race. Your main job is to build one team before the selection deadline, then follow how your selected riders score stage by stage.

Your riders earn points when they finish high in a stage and when they hold classification jerseys. The app combines those rider points with any active team time trial prediction points, then uses the total to rank participants on the leaderboard.

The app is designed around the official rider list. That means the selection screen uses the official Tour riders that have been loaded into the pool. Before that list is available, you can still research riders elsewhere, but the actual team selection in the app only starts once riders are available in the app.

2. Registration And Email Verification

Registration is self-service. You do not need a personal invite link. Open the Join screen, enter your name, email address, optional team name, and password, then submit the form while registration is open.

Email validation is enabled. After creating your account, check your mailbox and open the verification link. You must complete this step before normal sign-in works. If the email is not visible, check spam or junk mail, then use the resend verification option from the login flow if needed.

Joining the pool also means you commit to paying the entry fee. Payment itself is handled outside the app. When payment has been received and recorded, your participant account will show that status.

What to do if you cannot sign in

- If you just registered, verify your email first.
- If your password is wrong or forgotten, use the password reset option.
- If your verification email expired or cannot be found, request a new verification email.
- If the registration deadline has passed, you may still be able to sign in, but you cannot create or change a valid team for the race.

3. Selecting Your Team

Open My Team after signing in. The selection screen shows rider cards from the official rider list. Select exactly 15 active riders. A rider is selected by clicking the rider card. If you change your mind, remove that rider from your selected team and choose another active rider.

The selection is intentionally simple: the app only asks you to choose the riders that should count for your pool team. There is no separate confirmation step. Use Save team to store your latest selection before the deadline.

You can save, come back later, make changes, and save again while the selection window is still open. When the selection window closes, your latest saved team is locked automatically. After that point the race has started for pool purposes and the team cannot be changed for scoring.

The search box is only a visibility tool. It narrows the rider cards shown on screen so you can find a rider by name or team more quickly. It does not change who is already selected, and your selected riders remain visible in the selected team area.

Important: if a selected rider becomes unavailable before the deadline, replace that rider before the selection window closes. Unavailable, withdrawn, or disqualified riders cannot be selected as valid active riders.

4. Official Rider List And Rider Status

The official rider list is the source of truth for participant selection. The Riders screen is read-only for normal participants and helps you inspect who is in the pool: rider name, team, bib number, rider status, how many pool teams picked the rider, and how often the rider has scored.

An active rider can be selected on My Team while the selection window is open. A rider marked unavailable, withdrawn, or disqualified may still appear for transparency, but cannot be added as a valid selection. This helps explain why a rider may be visible in the app but not selectable.

If the official rider list has not been loaded yet, the app may show that team selection is not available. That is expected. You can prepare outside the app, but final pool selection uses the official list once it exists in the app.

5. Normal Stage Scoring

For normal stages, your selected riders score when they finish in the official stage top 10. Only riders in your saved team can score for you. If a rider is not in your saved team, that rider's result does not count for your pool score.

The higher the stage finish, the more points the rider earns. These points are added to your stage score and also contribute to your overall leaderboard total.

Stage position	Points
1st	25
2nd	20
3rd	16
4th	13
5th	10
6th	7
7th	5
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

Example: if two of your selected riders finish 2nd and 8th on a stage, you receive $20 + 3 = 23$ stage result points before any jersey bonuses are added.

6. Jersey Bonus Points

Jersey bonuses reward selected riders who hold an official classification jersey after a stage. These bonus points are added on top of the stage result points for that same scoring update.

Jersey	Bonus points
Yellow jersey	10
Green jersey	3
Polka-dot jersey	3
White jersey	3

Example: if one of your selected riders finishes 4th on the stage and also holds the yellow jersey after that stage, that rider contributes 13 stage points plus 10 yellow jersey bonus points.

7. Team Time Trial Scoring

Some editions include a team time trial stage. For the current setup, Stage 1 uses a hybrid rule: your normal rider scoring can still count, jersey bonuses can still count, and you also make a small team podium prediction before the Tour starts.

On My Team, predict the top 3 teams for each team time trial stage shown by the app. You are predicting team podium positions, not individual riders. Each team can only be used once in the same podium prediction.

The team prediction points are deliberately modest so the team time trial matters without deciding the whole pool in one day.

Prediction result	Points
Exact 1st team	5
Exact 2nd team	3
Exact 3rd team	2
Team on podium but wrong position	1
Perfect podium bonus	+2

The maximum team prediction score is 12 points: 5 for exact 1st, 3 for exact 2nd, 2 for exact 3rd, plus a 2 point perfect podium bonus.

8. Team Time Trial Example

Suppose the actual team podium is: 1. Team A, 2. Team B, 3. Team C. Your prediction is: 1. Team A, 2. Team C, 3. Team B.

Team A is exactly correct in 1st place, so that earns 5 points. Team C is on the podium but predicted in the wrong position, so that earns 1 point. Team B is also on the podium but predicted in the wrong position, so that earns 1 point. Your team prediction score is 7 points.

Because the podium order was not perfect, you do not receive the 2 point perfect podium bonus. Any selected riders who also score from the stage result or jersey standings are added separately according to the normal rules for that stage.

9. Leaderboard, Daily Prizes, And Payouts

The Leaderboard screen is the main place to follow the pool during the Tour. It shows each participant's score, rank movement, stage points, jersey bonus points, daily prize status, overall ranking, and payout outlook.

Each scored stage can have a daily winner. The participant with the highest score for that stage wins the daily prize for that stage. If multiple participants tie for the highest stage score, that daily prize is split between them.

The overall standings are based on total points across all scored stages. Daily prizes and final standings are related but separate: a participant can win daily prizes even if they are not leading overall, and the final standings are decided by total points at the end.

Pool area	Share
Daily prize pool	50%
Final standings pool	50%
Final 1st place	50% of final pool
Final 2nd place	30% of final pool
Final 3rd place	20% of final pool

If final places are tied, the relevant payout slots are combined and split between the tied participants. The Payouts screen shows confirmed daily prizes and final payout rows after scores are updated.

10. Screen By Screen Guide

Screen	What it is for	What you should do there
Home	Starting point for the participant experience.	Open the main pool screens and orient yourself.
Game Guide	Rules, points, deadlines, payout logic, and help.	Use it when you need to understand how the pool works.
Riders	Read-only official rider list.	Review riders, teams, bib numbers, rider status, picked count, and scoring count.
Join	Self-service account creation.	Create your participant account while registration is open and start email verification.
Login	Account access.	Sign in, request a password reset, or resend a verification email.
My Team	Your selection screen.	Select 15 active riders, make team time trial podium picks if shown, and save your latest team.
Leaderboard	Pool standings during the race.	Follow stage scores, rank movement, overall standings, and payout outlook.
Stages	Stage result overview.	Review race results, jersey holders, TTT podium results, and top pool scores.
Payouts	Prize and payout overview.	View confirmed daily prizes and final payout rows after scores are updated.

11. Common Questions

Can I change my team after saving?

Yes, while the selection window is open. Save again after making changes. The latest saved team is the one that counts.

Why can I see a rider but not select that rider?

The rider may no longer be active or valid for selection. Replace that rider before the deadline if the app tells you the rider is unavailable.

Do I need to do anything after the Tour starts?

No team-management action is required after the selection window closes. You can follow results, standings, daily prizes, and payout projections as the organizer updates scores.

Why is a stage score not visible yet?

Scores appear after stage results and jersey information are imported or updated. If a stage has just finished, wait for the organizer to update the pool.