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Elite – U23 – Juniors

Middelkerke (Belgium)

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TECHNICAL GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Cyclocross European Championships 2025 head to Flanders, Middelkerke.

The time has come! In 2025, the Cyclocross European Championships will take place in Flanders for the very first time. On November 8 and 9, the best European riders will battle it out in Middelkerke for the coveted white-and-blue jerseys. With this appointment, Flanders strengthens its status as a host of top-level international sporting events, and Middelkerke further establishes itself as a major cycling hub.

Flanders as a sports magnet

"The European Championships in cyclocross are another opportunity to put Flanders on the international map and to inspire our own people to get active," says Flemish Minister Ben Weyts. "In 2025, cyclocross returns to the cradle of the sport." In recent years, Flanders has already hosted several major sporting events, including the Cyclocross World Championships in Ostend (2021), the Road Cycling World Championships (2021), and the 3x3 Basketball World Cup in Antwerp (2022). Upcoming events include the World Championships in breaking and gravel racing.

Middelkerke at the heart of cycling

The choice of Middelkerke is no coincidence. The coastal municipality has a strong reputation in cycling, having previously hosted the Belgian Time Trial Championships (2019), the Cyclocross Belgian Championships (2022), and the Road Belgian Championships (2022). Middelkerke has also been home to the North Sea Cross for over 60 years. "After the disappointment of a Belgian Championship without spectators in 2022, we now have the chance to welcome fans in full force," says mayor Jean-Marie Dedecker. "The course on the military domain in Lombardsijde is pure, natural, and challenging. This European Championship will be a spectacle."

Strong support and experienced organisation

Both the Municipality of Middelkerke and the Flemish Government are contributing to the event. The organisation is in the hands of Golazo, which organizes more than 20 cyclocross races annually. "With our expertise, we'll deliver a championship that the municipality, Flanders, Belgian Cycling, and the UEC can all be proud of," says Christophe Impens of Golazo.

The Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) also supports the choice of Flanders. "The history and cycling passion of this region guarantee success," says UEC president Enrico Della Casa. "The passionate Belgian fans will be able to enjoy cyclocross at the very highest level."

Belgian Cycling confident in success

"Belgium is and remains the cradle of cyclocross," states Tom Van Damme, president of Belgian Cycling. "We want to regularly host top international events like World and European Championships. There's no better promotion for the sport."

With the riders' passion, government support, and experienced organisation, the 2025 Cyclocross European Championships in Middelkerke promise to be an unforgettable sporting celebration.

1. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

1.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Organising Committee: Golazo Events

Email: info@golazo.com

Website: <https://middelkerke2025.be/>

President:

Christophe Impens (BEL)

Race director & course:

Erwin Vervecken (BEL)

Project manager And Communication:

Matti Verhaegen (BEL)

Event manager:

Stijn Carnotensis (BEL)

Press And Communication:

Guy Vermeiren (BEL)

Host Federation: Belgian Cycling

Email: info@belgiancycling.be

Website: <https://www.belgiancycling.be/>

President:

Tom Van Damme (BEL)

Managing Director:

Nathalie Clauwaert (BEL)

Vice-president:

Thierry Maréchal (BEL)

Vice-president:

Geert Barbry (BEL)

Director Sports:

Massimo Van Lancke (BEL)

1.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

UEC Management Board

Enrico Della Casa (ITA)

President

Katarina Jakubova (SVK)

Vice President

Raivo Rand (EST)

Vice President

Georgios Georgiou (CYP)

Vice President

Bernd Dankowski (GER)

Member

Dafna Lang (ISR)

Member

Sabrina Tsakona Twiss (GRE)

Member

UEC General Secretary

Alasdair MacLennan (GBR)

UEC Technical Coordinator

Jos Smets (BEL)

UEC Technical Collaborator

Vladimirov Petsas (GRE)

UEC Press Office

Stefano Bertolotti (ITA)

UEC Technical Delegate

Eddy Lissens (BEL)

UEC Photographer

Massimo Fulgenzi (ITA)

UEC Video Operator

Christian Bohm (ITA)

UEC Cyclo-Cross Commission

Peter Privara (SVK)

President

Geert Barbry (BEL)

Member

Edward Collins (GBR)

Member

1.3. COMMISSAIRES PANEL

President of the Commissaires Panel

Wilfred Haan (NED)

Technical commissaire (UCI)

Ernesto Maggioni (ITA)

UCI Commissaire (UEC)

Eric Follon (BEL)

Commissaires (BEL)

Demunter Patrick, Deryckere Jurgen, Dobbelaere Guy, Genetelli
Laurent, Geysen Luc, Jooren Jempi, Smeyers Ludo, Vandermeulen
Xavier, Vanlint André

Race Secretary

Willems Mia

Timing, results

Chronorace

Announcers

Niko De Muyter, Willy De Clercq

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Middelkerke must be covered by the National Federations.

<u>Nearest airports:</u>	Ostend-Bruges International Airport	11 km from the venue
	Brussels International Airport	139 km from the venue
	Brussels South Airport	181 km from the venue

By train Ostend train station 16 km from the venue

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card.

2.2. VISAS

Visa obligations must be respected.

Each Federation is responsible for obtaining all necessary documents for their delegation to enter the country. More information can be found on <https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/travel-belgium/visa-belgium>

For all invitation letter requests please contact the UEC: mail@uec.ch

All riders and attendants must hold an insurance valid in Belgium.

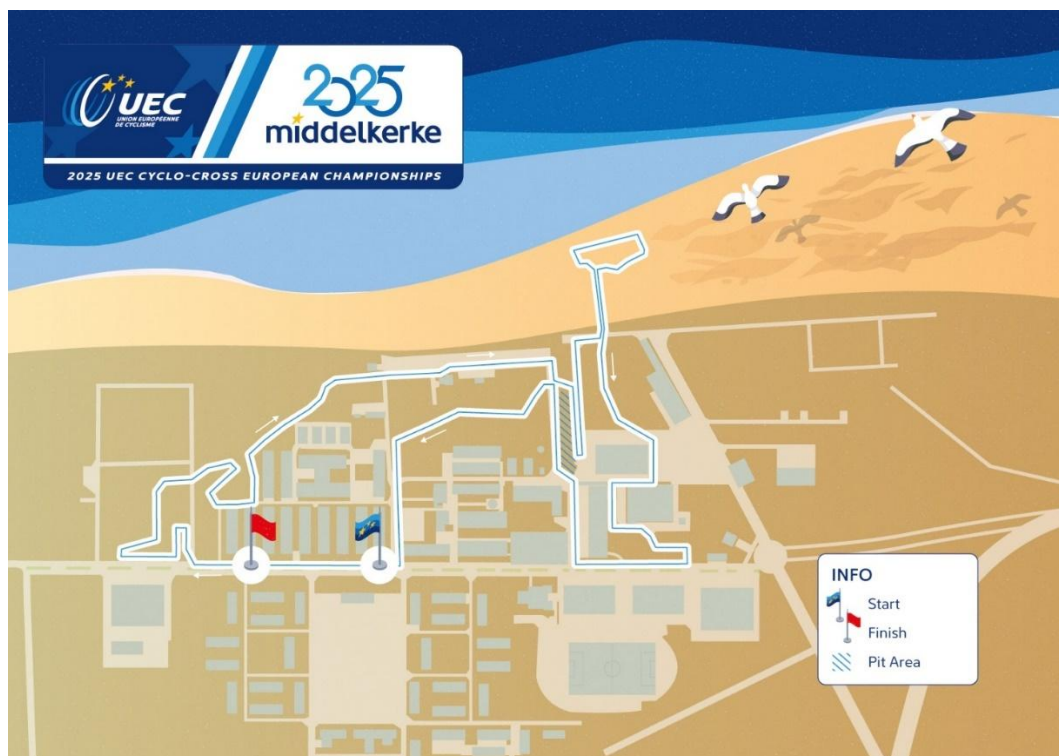
2.3. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"

Matrozenlaan 16

8620 Nieuwpoort

2.4. RACE COURSE



2.5. ACCOMMODATION UEC OFFICIAL HOTEL

To be confirmed

2.6. MEDICAL – EMERGENCY

Emergency

Emergency 112
Police 112

Medical team of the Organising Committee

Medical team : MedPrevent tel. nr. TBC
Emergency number outside the competition hours: 112

Details of the medical team :

1 doctor and 1 nurse
2 ambulances
4 paramedics

Fire department (3km) 112

Hospitals

AZ Oostende	AZ West
Konterdamkaai	Ieperse Steenweg 100
8400 Oostende	8630 Veurne
16 km	17 km

3. TEAM SERVICES

3.1. ACCREDITATION

Accreditations can be collected from Thursday, 6 November at the accreditation centre:

Calidiris (1st floor)
Strandlaan 1
8430 Middelkerke

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive at the venue as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

Accreditation Centre opening times

Thursday, 6 November	09:00 – 11:00 (<i>training session volunteers</i>)
	11:00 – 13:00 LOC, staff only
	13:00 – 17:00
Friday, 7 November	10:00 – 17:30
Saturday, 8 November	09:00 – 16:00
Sunday, 9 November	08:00 – 14:00

Permanence (LOC office) is located:

Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"
Matrozenlaan 16
8620 Nieuwpoort

Permanence opening hours

Thursday	6 November	13:00 - 18:00
Friday	7 November	08:00 - 18:00
Saturday	8 November	08:00 - 18:00
Sunday	9 November	08:00 - 17:00

3.2. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Friday, 7 November 09:00
Calidiris
Strandlaan 1
8430 Middelkerke

Saturday, 8 November 09:00
Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"
Matrozenlaan 16
8620 Nieuwpoort

3.3. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS / LICENSE CHECK

Registration, check clothing and confirmation of starters will take place:
Calidiris
Strandlaan 1
8430 Middelkerke

Friday, 7 November 10:00-12:00

Team Managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licenses (with passport/ID card for the juniors category) and provide a sample of teams' apparel.

3.4. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

The meeting will take place in:
Calidiris
Strandlaan 1
8430 Middelkerke

Friday, 7 November 18:00

Attendance is required by:

- UEC representative
- UCI Commissaires
- Team Managers
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Coordinator
- UEC Technical Delegate

4. MEDIA

4.1. MEDIA CENTRE

Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"
Matrozenlaan 16
8620 Nieuwpoort

Media Centre Opening hours:

Friday, 7 November	09:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 8 November	10:00 – 18:00
Sunday, 9 November	08:00 – 20:00

In order to access the Media Centre, an accreditation is required.

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website www.uec.ch

Media accreditation can be collected at the accreditations centre and photographers' bib's can be collected the media centre during opening hours.

€50 will be requested for the bib as deposit. It will be refunded when the bib will be returned.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive at the venue as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

For any requirements, LOC Press Officer Guy Vermeiren, email address: gvermeiren2014@outlook.com

UEC Press Officer Stefano Bertolotti: s.bertolotti@uec.ch

4.2. FLASH INTERVIEW ZONE

Next to the Awards Ceremony podium, a flash interview zone will be organized open for the media, where media can have a short interview with riders they wish to do so.

5. COMPETITION PROGRAMME **subject to TV adjustment*

Friday, 7 November

10:00 - 12:00 Confirmation of starters / License check
13:00 - 14:00 Course inspection
14:00 - 17.30 Official training - all categories
18.00 Team Managers' meeting

Saturday, 8 November

09:00 - 10:30 *Official training*
11:00 - 11:40 **Women Junior (40')**
11:50 - 12:00 Award ceremony Women Junior
11:50 - 12:30 *Official training*
13:00 - 13:50 **Men U23 (50')**
14:00 - 14:10 Award ceremony Men U23
14:00 - 14:30 *Official training*
15:00 - 15:50 **Women Elite (50')**
16:00 - 16:10 Award ceremony Women Elite
16:00 - 17:30 *Official training*

Sunday, 9 November

09:00 - 10:30 *Official training*
11:00 - 11:40 **Men Junior (40')**
11:50 - 12:00 Award ceremony Men Junior
11:50 - 12:30 *Official training*
13:00 - 13:45 **Women U23 (45')**
13:55 - 14:05 Award ceremony Women U23
13:55 - 14:30 *Official training*
15:00 - 16:00 **Men Elite (60')**
16:10 - 16:20 Award ceremony Men Elite

6. EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Article 1 - GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 The Union Européenne de Cyclisme in cooperation with the local organising committee (LOC) will organize the 2025 UEC Cyclo-Cross European Championships held on 8-9 November in Middelkerke (Belgium).
- 1.2 The events will be organized in accordance with the rules of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and these rules will be the reference for everything that is not mentioned in the current document.
- 1.3 The Championships (Junior/U23/Elite) may be contested by riders entered by their National Federation as a National Team.
- 1.4 Entrants for European Championships shall hold licenses issued by a Federation affiliated to the UEC and have the nationality of the Federation doing the entry.
- 1.5 The riders (Junior/U23/Elite) to contest each Championship shall be confirmed by an official of their Federation to the Commissaires during the confirmation procedure, before the start of the Team Managers meeting.
- 1.6 Riders ages shall be calculated as defined by the UCI rules (5.1.001). Junior and U23 riders cannot race with elite during the European Championships, except U23 riders approved by the UCI to upgrade to the Elite category.
Note that this upgrade is valid for the Cyclo-cross discipline only. In Cyclo-cross, those riders will never recover the Under 23 status for the rest of their career.
- 1.7 Body numbers – Clothes
The riders are obliged to use the body numbers which will be supplied by the organization. Changes to these and clothes are not allowed. Riders must compete in their national jersey (where applicable).
- 1.8 Unforeseen
In those cases in which the regulations do not specify, the commissaires panel, in conjunction with the UEC Technical coordinator and the organization (where applicable), will decide.

Article 2 - TYPE OF THE EVENTS

2.1 Categories

The events are open to athletes of the following categories:

Women Juniors (17 - 18 years)	2008 – 2009
Women U23 (19 - 22 years)	2004 – 2007
Women Elite (23 years and older)	2003 and older
Men Juniors (17 - 18 years)	2008 – 2009
Men U23 (19 - 22 years)	2004 – 2007
Men Elite (23 years and older)	2003 and older

2.2 UCI Individual classification

According to Appendix 4 of UCI rules, riders will receive the points corresponding to UCI Cyclo-cross individual classification.

Article 3 - PARTICIPATION

NATIONAL TEAMS (JUNIORS, U23 AND ELITE)

3.1 National Federations may enter the following riders per Championship:

- ✓ **8 riders per nation and per category**
- ✓ **4 reserve riders per nation and per category**

3.2 The National Federations have to register their **riders** (Juniors/U23/Elite) on the UEC website
<https://uec.evodata.it/landing/index.php>

The registration opens: Monday, 1 September 2025 (12:00 CET)

Deadline for the registration: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 (23:59 CET)

Staff and NF Official Delegates will need to register on

<https://uec.getyourevent.online/>

3.3 Attendants

Each rider may be accompanied by a paramedical assistant and two mechanics.

The paramedical assistant and the mechanics must be provided by the organizer with a bracelet, which gives them access to the start / finish zone or the pit area.

Important

National coaches are asked to prepare in advance the list of assistants working with riders in the start/finish area and in the pit area.

This list can be found on UEC website and should be returned to v.petsas@uec.ch for the pre-check of assistants' licenses (template form: 2025 UEC Cyclo-Cross European Champs NF registration teams assistants).

Only those declared assistants will be allowed to receive bracelets to access the start/finish zone or the pit area.

The bracelets must be worn by the people confirmed by the National Coach or National Team Manager, he carries this responsibility. These bracelets give access to the course without accreditation.

Article 4 - START ORDER

The start order for ME, MU, MJ, WE, WU and WJ categories will be as follows:

As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual classification of the current season.

Unclassified riders by nations in rotation as follows:

- For unclassified riders, the start order within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during riders confirmation.
- Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the world championships of the previous season, a place shall be allocated to the next rider in sequence;
- Federations which do not appear in the classification by nation specified above shall, on the basis of the same rotation system, take the last places, in an order determined by drawing lots.

Article 5 – ALLOCATION OF START NUMBERS

Men Elite, Men Under 23, Men Junior, Women Elite, Women Under 23 and Women Junior

Race numbers in sequence from 1 upwards are allocated to the national federation of the 2024 European Champion in the concerned category.

Other numbers are allocated to national federations according to the ranking of their best individual ranked rider in 2024 European Championships.

For nations not ranked or not having taken part in the 2024 European Championships the preceding season, the allocation shall be done by drawing lots by the commissaires' panel.

Article 6 – ALLOCATION OF BOXES IN THE PITS AREA

The pit boxes are allocated the day prior to the continental championships during the team managers meeting as follows:

ME, MU, MJ, WE, WU and WJ categories

1. Separately for each category on the basis of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation of the current season for the category concerned (or the final ranking of the previous season if no ranking has yet been published for the current season);
2. The allocation of boxes to teams that do not feature in the relevant ranking shall be by drawing lots;
3. The president of the commissaires' panel shall prepare per category the number of pits allocated to each nation, taking into account the number of riders. Three boxes maximum will be allocated to one nation. Nations with a small number of riders may be grouped in the same box;
4. The national team managers shall select their preferred boxes in the order determined by points 1 and 2. Any nation that is allocated 2 or 3 boxes must chose the numbers of these boxes back to back;
5. In case of absence of reply of the team manager or blocked situation, the president of the commissaires panel shall fix the relevant boxes allocation. The final distribution of boxes per nation will be communicated to teams and commissaires.

Article 7 - CLOTHING

All riders of **ME, MU, MJ, WE WU and WJ categories** must start in their national jerseys (art.1.3.059).

The World Champions must start with their rainbow jersey.

The advertisements on jerseys have to be in conformity with art. 1.3.057 of UCI regulations.

Each Team Manager must present the national clothing (jersey and shorts or the national skinsuit) to the commissaires' panel at the starter's confirmation and issuing of start numbers.

Article 8 – OTHER UCI-RULES

1. Wearing a rigid safety helmet shall be mandatory during competitions and training sessions.
2. Bicycles used for Cyclo-Cross races must comply with UCI regulations.
3. For the Cyclo-Cross bicycle the width of the tyres (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm and it may not incorporate any form of spike or stud (1.3.018).
4. Using of disc brakes are allowed in cyclo-cross training and competition (1.3.025).
5. For races on the road and cyclo-cross, the use of fixed sprocket is forbidden: a braking system that acts on both wheels is required.
6. Personal high-pressure cleaners are forbidden in the pit area during the continental cyclo-cross championships.
7. The riders undertake to respect nature and the environment throughout the course and not to pollute the site. The littering zone will be the pit area along its entire length. Waste must be deposited on the side of the course. It is strictly forbidden to throw waste directly onto the course or outside the designated area (5.1.063)
8. UCI cyclo-cross teams
 - The European Championships is a competition raced by National Teams and not by Trade Teams.
 - UCI cyclo-cross teams registered with the UCI receive 2 accreditations for the team managers zone in the pit area and 2 parking passes so that Teams' management may assist to the UEC European Championships.
 - The parking pass for UCI Cyclo-cross Teams will not give access to the National Teams parking. If one vehicle must access to the National Teams parking, it must be integrated in the list of vehicles for that National Team by the National coach.

Article 9 - AWARD CEREMONIES / JERSEY & MEDALS

Every European Championship will be awarded for:

The 1st place: Champion(s) jersey and Gold medal

The 2nd place: Silver medal

The 3rd place: Bronze medal

Within 10 minutes following the end of each race (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the European Champion, as well as the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that will be held after each race in the finish area.

Riders ME, MU, MJ, WE WU, WJ categories shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.

Article 10 – PRIZE MONEY

PLACE	ELITE (M/W)	U23 (M/W)	JUNIOR (M/W)
1	€ 1'400,00	€ 700,00	€ 350,00
2	€ 800,00	€ 400,00	€ 200,00
3	€ 600,00	€ 300,00	€ 150,00
TOTAL	€ 2'800,00	€ 1'400,00	€ 700,00

The prize money will be transferred by the UEC directly to the concerned National Federations by mid-November.

Article 11 - ANTIDOPING

The UCI antidoping regulations are entirely applicable to the event.

The antidoping controls will be under the responsibility of the ITA (International Testing Agency) and NADO Vlaanderen.

The antidoping tests will take place at
Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"
Matrozenlaan 16
8620 Nieuwpoort

Article 12 - PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

Article 13 - RESPONSIBILITIES

The Organizer and the UEC will not, under any circumstances, be liable to any accidents or damage that occurs during training and competitions.

The Organizer and the UEC decline all responsibilities towards the riders and others in case of an accident.

For all cases not covered by these specific regulations, the UCI rules will apply. Any problems will be solved between the organizers, the Commissaires Panel and UEC officials.

7. PARKING

Parking National teams + 1 car per rider on the day of competition

Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"

Matrozenlaan 16

8620 Nieuwpoort

Parking UCI-teams

Kwartier "Kamp van Lombardsijde"

Matrozenlaan 16

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The parking passes for the national teams will be collected in the accreditation centre, by one delegate per nation only.

The parking passes for the riders of the national federations will be distributed after the team managers meeting.