



2026 UEC CYCLO-CROSS YOUTH & MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

13 – 15 November 2026

TECHNICAL GUIDE

VATRA DORNEI (ROU)

As of 14.10.2026

INTRODUCTION

SUCEAVA COUNTY

Suceava County represents an ancient and dense Romanian core of civilization and culture. Most of its territory lies in the southern part of the historical region of Bukovina. Located in northeastern Romania, Suceava County is known for its rich history, natural beauty, and cultural festivals. The county is home to the Painted Monasteries, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers a range of outdoor activities, from hiking and biking in the Carpathian Mountains in the summer and skiing and snowboarding in the winter.

VATRA DORNEI

More Than a Destination – A Sanctuary of Health

Renowned for its balneary and climatic benefits, Vatra Dornei has attracted visitors for over a century, all seeking balance and vitality. Here, the invigorating mountain climate, pristine air, ideal atmospheric pressure, and optimal altitude foster exceptional conditions for cycling. Thus, Vatra Dornei is a sanctuary of natural health, where fresh air, mineral waters, and mountain serenity come together to offer a complete experience of recovery and relaxation.

Hospitality, Wellness & Traditions

In Vatra Dornei, visitors are greeted with warmth, finding comfort in a wide variety of accommodations, from elegant hotels and modern wellness centres to cozy guesthouses and family-run lodges. Beyond relaxation, guests can immerse themselves in local traditions – from folk music and cultural events to handmade crafts that keep the spirit of Bucovina alive. Every stay in Vatra Dornei becomes a journey into genuine culture, wellbeing, and heartfelt hospitality.

A Pedal Forward

Our proven organizational experience extends to the successful delivery of high-level international cycling competitions, including the Balkan Cyclo-cross Championships, held on January 20, 2024, and Round 3 of the European Cyclo-cross Cup, held on October 26, 2024.

The successful organization of these events demonstrated our capacity to meet the operational, technical and logistical requirements of international competitions, while providing athletes, teams, officials and spectators with a professional and well-coordinated event environment.

This experience has further strengthened our expertise in delivering international cycling events and underlines our commitment to the continued development and promotion of cyclo-cross in Romania.

1. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

1.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Organisation	Asociația Club Sportiv a Pedal Forward 38 Unirii street • bloc g1 • sc. a • etaj 1 • ap. 4 • 725700 Vatra Dornei Romania
	Romanian Cycling Federation 16 Vasile Conta Street • sector 2 • 020954 Bucuresti Romania
Event director	Bogdan Brînză +40 724299591 / race@apedalforward.com
Technical director	Vlad Asimionesei +40 742541542
Permanence and accreditation	Ilona-Elena Nagy +40 755140494
Event website	www.apedalforward.com

1.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

UEC Management board	Enrico Della Casa (SUI)	President
	Katarína Jakubová (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 Events Coordinator	Tiziana Lardieri (SUI)	
UEC Press Officer	Stefano Bertolotti (ITA)	
UEC Technical Coordinator	Jos Smets (BEL)	
UEC Technical Delegate	Eddy Lissens (BEL)	
UEC Photographer	Massimo Fulgenzi (ITA)	
UEC Video operator	Christian Böhm (ITA)	

1.3. COMMISSAIRES PANEL

President of the Commissaires Panel	Bruno Valčić (CRO)
National Commissaires	Roman Iulia, Mareș Alexandru, Stănese Alexandru, Doroga Eugen, Cioclu Iulian, Manea Cătălin Florin
Timing, results	TBC
Announcer	Maximilian Radu Munteanu

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. TRAVEL

By plane

Nearest airports are:

Suceava (SVC) – 125 km (2 hours) to the venue

Cluj-Napoca (CLJ) – 200 km (3,5 hours) to the venue

Airports shuttle - <https://sincarom.ro/evenimente/campionatele-europene-de-ciclocros-vatra-dornei-2026>

- Please write in reservation how many bikes do you have.

2.2. ACCOMODATION

UEC Official Hotel : Kaban Boutique Hotel Vatra Dornei, Strada Republicii 2, 725700 Vatra Dornei

Hotels selected by the LOC :

www.redescopera-taradornelor.ro

www.taradornelor.ro

2.3. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

Location: Vatra Dornei Casino, Strada Republicii 3, 725700 Vatra Dornei

2.4. MEDICAL INFORMATION

A doctor and the paramedics will be present throughout practice and racing. The team will be based next to the permanence.

The medical team will be available at the following times:

- 13.11.2026 from 09:30 to 18:00
- 14.11.2026 from 09:00 to 17:00
- 15.11.2026 from 08:30 to 16:00

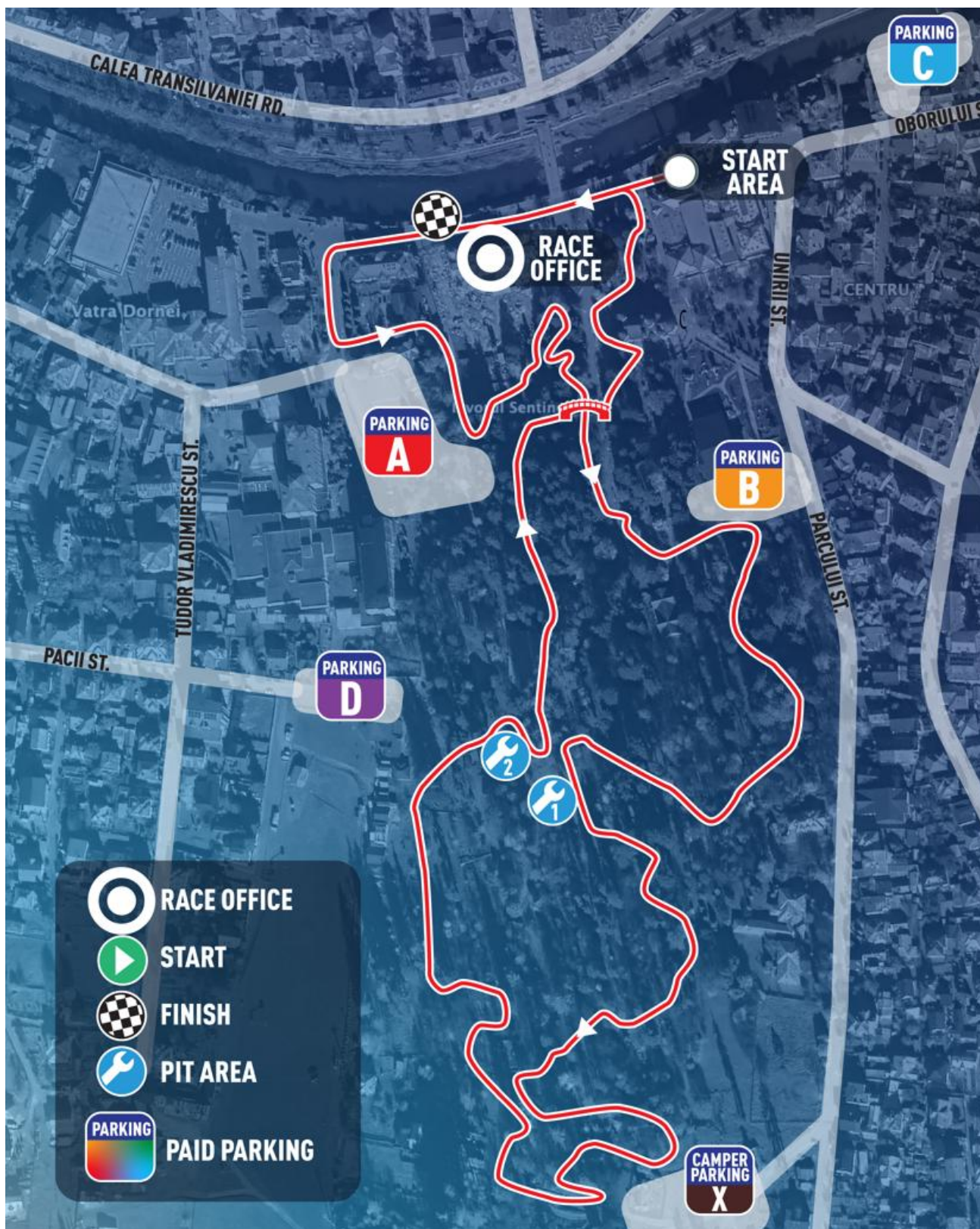
Nearest hospital:

Spitalul Municipal Vatra Dornei, 14 Mihai Eminescu street, 725700 Vatra Dornei

Medical team contact:

Cristina Tabarcea +40 742598574

2.5. RACE COURSE



3. TEAM SERVICES

3.1. INFORMATION OFFICE

The race information office is located at Vatra Dornei Casino, Strada Republicii 3, 725700 Vatra Dornei

The race information office will be used for:

- General information from the participants (logistics, parking passes, etc.)
- Accreditations
- Feed zone accreditation

Opening hours Race information office:

Thursday, 12.11.2026	12:00 – 19:00
Friday, 13.11.2026	09:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 14.11.2026	09:00 – 17:00
Sunday, 15.11.2026	08:30 – 16:00

3.2. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Thursday, 12.11.2026, 14:00

Vatra Dornei Casino, Strada Republicii 3, 725700 Vatra Dornei

3.3. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS

Thursday, 12.11.2026, 17:00 – 19:00	Masters
Friday, 13.11.2026, 09:00 – 10:00	Masters
Friday, 13.11.2026, 16:30 – 19:00	Youth Categories

The license (with copy of passport or ID card) must be presented.

Riders' numbers will be distributed during that procedure.

3.4. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING (only youth races)

The meeting, only for youth races, will take place on Friday, 13.11.2026 at 20:00 in Vatra Dornei Casino, Strada Republicii 3, 725700 Vatra Dornei

Attendance is required for:

- UEC representative
- LOC representative
- Commissaires' Panel
- 1 Team Manager per National Teams and/or Club Teams or Mixed Teams.

3.5. WHATS APP GROUP



4. MEDIA

4.1. MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre location:

Vatra Dornei Casino, Strada Republicii 3, 725700 Vatra Dornei

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

Opening hours:

Thursday, 12.11.2026 14:30 – 19:00

Friday, 13.11.2026 09:00 – 18:00

Saturday, 14.11.2026 09:00 – 17:00

Sunday, 15.11.2026 08:30 – 18:00

Media Accreditation:

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website <https://uec.ch/en/media>.

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

For any further inquire please contact: Stefano Bertolotti UEC Press Officer - s.bertolotti@uec.ch or
local Press Officer, email: elena.b.nicolae@gmail.com

4.2. LIVE STREAM

The finals of the UEC Cyclo-Cross Youth European Championships on Sunday are broadcasted live on UEC website: www.uec.ch as well as on the website of the organiser.

5. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Thursday, 12 November			
13:00	1:00	14:00	Course inspection
14:30	3:00	17:30	Free training
17:00	2:00	19:00	Confirmation of starters / License check Masters
Friday, 13 November			
Finals masters (*)			
9:00	1:00	10:00	Confirmation of starters / License check Masters
9:30	2:00	11:30	Official training
12:00	0:40	12:40	Men Masters 75+ / 70-74 / 65-69
			Women Masters 70+ / 65-69 / 60-64
13:15	0:40	13:55	Men Masters 55-59 / 60-64
			Women Masters 35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59
14:30	0:45	15:15	Men Masters 50-54 / 45-49 / 40-44 / 35-39
15:45			Award ceremonies
16:00	1:30	17:30	Official training
16:30	2:30	19:00	Confirmation of starters / License check Youth categories
20:00			Team managers' meeting Youth categories
Saturday, 14 November			
Qualifications youth			
9:00	1:45	10:45	Official training
11:00	1 lap	11:10	Women 13 Qualifying heat for seeding
11:20	1 lap	11:30	Men 13 Qualifying heat for seeding
11:40	1 lap	11:50	Women 14 Qualifying heat for seeding
12:00	1 lap	12:10	Men 14 Qualification Heat 1 for seeding
12:20	1 lap	12:30	Men 14 Qualification Heat 2 for seeding
12:30	0:45	13:15	Break & Official training
13:30	1 lap	13:40	Women 15 Qualifying heat for seeding
13:50	1 lap	14:00	Women 16 Qualifying heat for seeding
14:10	2 laps	14:30	Men 15 Qualification Heat 1 for seeding
14:40	2 laps	15:00	Men 15 Qualification Heat 2 for seeding
15:10	2 laps	15:30	Men 16 Qualification Heat 1 for seeding
15:40	2 laps	16:00	Men 16 Qualification Heat 2 for seeding
Sunday, 15 November			
Finals youth			
8:30	0:45	9:15	Official training
9:30	0:20	9:50	Women 13
10:00	0:25	10:25	Men 13
10:35	0:20	10:55	Women 14
11:05	0:25	11:30	Men 14
11:40			Award Ceremonies (Women 13, Women 14, Men 13, Men 14)
11:30	0:45	12:15	Official training
12:30	0:25	12:55	Women 15
13:05	0:30	13:35	Men 15
13:45	0:25	14:10	Women 16
14:20	0:30	14:50	Men 16
15:00			Award ceremonies (Women 15, Women 16, Men 15, Men 16)

(*) Once the registration has closed, the schedule for the Masters races may still be adjusted depending on the number of riders entered.

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 2026 UEC Cyclo-Cross Youth & Masters European Championships held on 13-15 November 2026 in Vatra Dornei (ROU).
- 1.2** The event 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** Entrants for European Championships shall hold licenses issued by a Federation affiliated to the UEC.
- 1.4** Riders ages shall be calculated as defined by the UCI rules (5.1.001). The category which will be applied for entries to races for the entire season is the category to which the rider will belong on 1 January of the following calendar year
- 1.5** Body numbers
The riders are obliged to use the body-numbers which will be supplied by the organization. Changes to these are not allowed.
- 1.6** Unforeseen
In those cases in which the regulations do not specify, the commissaires panel, in conjunction with the UEC Technical delegate and the organization (where applicable), will decide.

ARTICLE 2. TYPE OF THE EVENTS

2.1 Categories of riders

Youth

The UEC Cyclo-Cross Youth European Championships events shall be open to the following age categories:

- ✓ Women 13 Year of birth 2014
- ✓ Women 14 Year of birth 2013
- ✓ Women 15 Year of birth 2012
- ✓ Women 16 Year of birth 2011
- ✓ Men 13 Year of birth 2014
- ✓ Men 14 Year of birth 2013
- ✓ Men 15 Year of birth 2012
- ✓ Men 16 Year of birth 2011

All the categories listed above must start in a separate race.

Masters

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|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| ✓ Masters 75+ (*) | From 1952 | ✓ Masters 50-54 | 1973 - 1977 |
| ✓ Masters 70-74 | 1953 - 1957 | ✓ Masters 45-49 | 1978 - 1982 |
| ✓ Masters 65-69 | 1958 - 1962 | ✓ Masters 40-44 | 1983 - 1987 |
| ✓ Masters 60-64 | 1963 - 1967 | ✓ Masters 35-39 | 1988 - 1992 |
| ✓ Masters 55-59 | 1968 - 1972 | | |

* Based on the registrations additional categories may be added.

ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION

3.1 Participation

Only license holders may take part in the UEC Youth & Masters European Championships. A race number is only issued on presentation of the license.

Youth categories

The Championships may be contested by individual riders.

Master categories

All riders aged 35 and over may ride in the UEC Masters European Championships.

However, the following riders are not eligible:

1. Any rider who has ridden in the UCI elite cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships, or UCI cyclo-cross world cup during the current year.
2. Any rider who has been a member, during the current cyclo-cross season, of a team registered with the UCI.
3. Any rider classified with at least 100 points in the latest UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking published before the registration deadline.

3.2 Registration.

Youth riders should register using the following link: <https://uec.evodata.it/landing/index.php>

CX riders' registration opens on

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 (18:00 CET)

Deadline for the CX riders' registration:

Tuesday, 3 November 2026 (23:59 CET)

Masters registration will need to be done through the online registration:

<https://uec.evodata.it/landing/index.php>

CX riders' registration opens on

Wednesday, 3 June 2026 (18:00 CET)

Deadline for the CX riders' registration:

Thursday, 5 November 2026 (23:59 CET)

3.3 Participation fees

Youth categories

The registration fee for the 13, 14, 15 & 16 categories is **€ 20**.

Entry on the day is not available.

Master categories

Entry fee: The hereafter conditions will be applied for the participation of the 2026 UEC Cyclo-Cross Masters European Championships:

- **€ 45 from 3 June to 30 June 2026**
- **€ 55 from 1 July to 31 August 2026**
- **€ 65 from 1 September to 5 November 2026**

Entry on the day is not available.

3.4 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.

The riders are asked to prepare in advance the list of assistants working in the start / finish area and in the pit area. They will be registered during the license check. 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. These bracelets give access to the course without accreditation.

ARTICLE 4. START ORDER

The start order will be as follows:

- Youth categories:

Qualifications: by drawing lots

Finals: Based on the results of the qualifying heats for seeding

- Master categories:

Defending 2025 European champion of the category concerned.

According to the order of the on-line registration.

ARTICLE 5. ALLOCATION OF START NUMBERS

Race numbers are allocated according to the order of the on-line registration.

ARTICLE 6. ALLOCATION OF BOXES IN THE PITS AREA

For each category the pit boxes are not allocated and are free to use according to own discretion of mechanics.

ARTICLE 7. CLOTHING

The riders taking part in the UEC Youth & Masters European Championships represent their country, but are permitted to use equipment of their choice.

The design of the jersey or advertising is not limited except of the UCI World champion Masters jersey.

ARTICLE 8. OTHER RULES

1. The races of UEC Cyclo-Cross Youth & Masters European Championships are run under decisions, conditions and instructions of UEC.
2. Wearing a rigid safety helmet shall be mandatory during competitions and training sessions.
3. The dimensions, weight, configuration and structure of the bicycle must comply with the specifications set out in the UCI Regulations.
4. 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).
5. Using of disc brakes are allowed in cyclo-cross training and competition (1.3.025).
6. 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.
7. Personal high-pressure cleaners are forbidden in the pit area during the championships.

ARTICLE 9 - AWARD CEREMONIES / JERSEY & MEDALS

Every European Championship rider will be awarded with:

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

The 2nd place: Silver medal

The 3rd place: Bronze medal

In accordance with articles 1.2.112 and 1.2.113 of the UCI Regulations, the 3 best riders of each category must attend the official awards ceremony.

Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear in their racing attire but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.

Riders must present themselves at the podium as per the published schedule.

ARTICLE 10 - PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is applicable for all races entered in the UCI calendar.

Article 11 - 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 & PUBLIC

Parking: Parking is available near the race for a fee, campers: 20 EUR / day (water & electricity included), cars: 10 EUR/day

Public admission fee: No fee

