


# 2026 UEC CYCLO-CROSS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Elite – U23 – Juniors

## Zeddam (The Netherlands)

## 7 - 8 November 2026

# TECHNICAL GUIDE

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# 1. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

## 1.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Organising Committee: Golazo
Email: info@golazo.com
Website: https://ek2026.nl/

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| President: | Christophe Impens (BEL) |
| Race director & course: | Erwin Vervecken (BEL) |
| Event manager: | Jeffrey De Voecht (BEL) |
| Project manager and Communication: | Anne Philipse (NL) & Ilja Tersteeg (NL) |
| Press and Communication: | Guy Vermeiren (BEL) |

## 1.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| UEC Management Board | Enrico Della Casa (ITA/SUI) | 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 |

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| UEC General Secretary | Alasdair MacLennan (GBR) |
| UEC Events Coordinator | Tiziana Lardieri (SUI) |
| UEC Technical Coordinator | Jos Smets (BEL) |
| UEC Technical Delegate | Eddy Lissens (BEL) |
| UEC Press Officer | Stefano Bertolotti (ITA) |
| UEC Photographer | Massimo Fulgenzi (ITA |
| UEC Video Operator | Christian Bohm (ITA) |

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| UEC Cyclo-Cross Commission | Peter Privara (SVK) | President |
| | Geert Barby (BEL) | Member |
| | Edward Collins (GBR) | Member |

## 1.3. COMMISSAIRES PANEL

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| President of the Commissaires Panel | Ernesto Maggiono (ITA) |
| Technical commissaire (UCI) | Jurgen Deryckere (BEL) |
| UCI Commissaire (UEC) | Bruno Valcic (CRO) |
| Commissaires (KNWU) | Miranda Colenbrander, Wilfred Haan, Erwin Kistemaker<br>Honoré Pieters, Sara Rodney, Laurens van de Klundert,<br>Leo van der Linden, Franklin van Rooy, Jeroen van Summeren |
| Race Secretary | Mia Willems (BEL), André Vanlint (BEL) |
| Timing, results | Chronorace |
| Announcers | Niko De Muyter & Johan van der Made |

# 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

## 2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

**Nearest International airports :**
Schiphol : 135 km from Zeddam and takes an 1,5 hour by car, 2 hours by train.
Eindhoven : 120 km from Zeddam and takes 1 hour and 20 minutes by car, 2,5 hours by train.
Düsseldorf (GER) : 100 km from Zeddam and takes 1 hour by car, 2,5 hours by train.

**Via public transportation:**
To travel by public transport, you can plan your journey via: https://www.ns.nl/en or https://9292.nl/en.
All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card.

## 2.2. VISAS

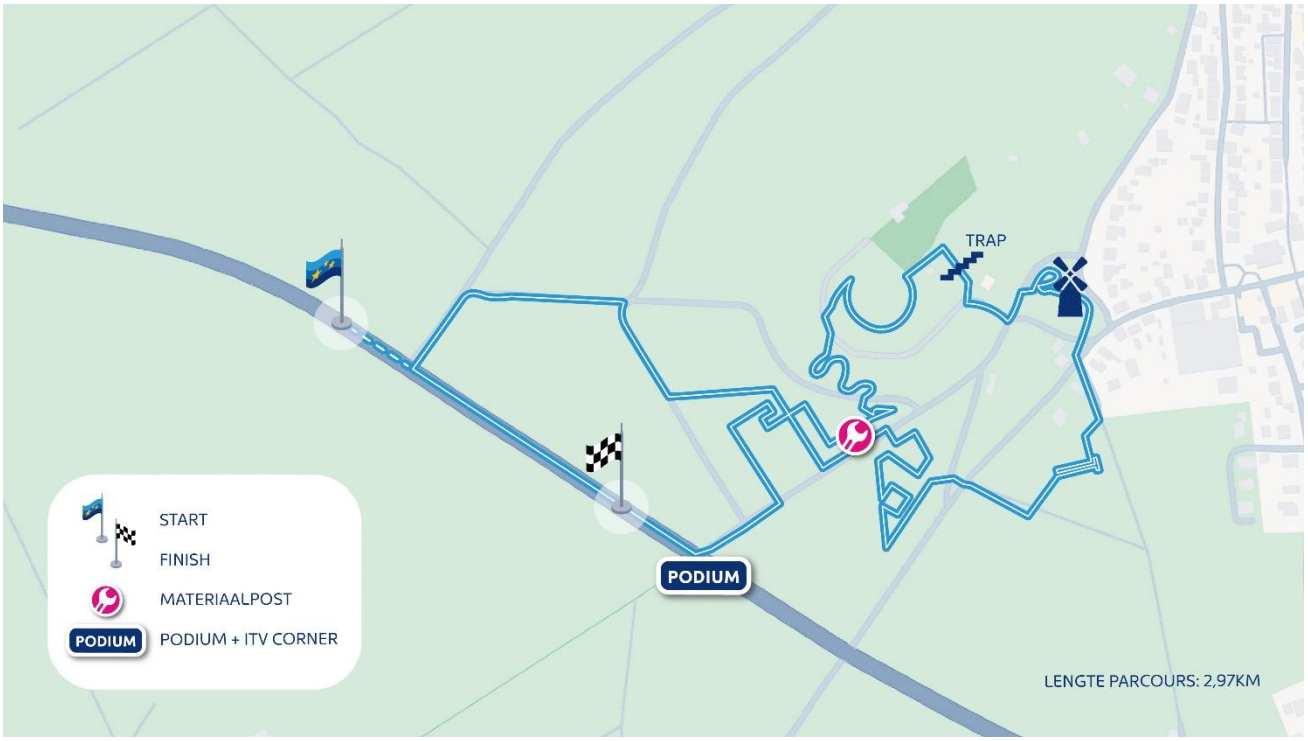
Each Federation is responsible for obtaining the necessary documents and visas for members of its delegation. Here you can find an overview of countries that require a visa: Visa to travel to the Netherlands

For all invitation letter requests please contact the UEC: mail@uec.ch
All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in the Netherlands.

## 2.3. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

Beekseweg-Oude Eltenseweg
7038 HA Zeddam

## 2.4. RACE COURSE



## 2.5. ACCOMMODATION

**UEC Official Hotel**
Havezathe Carpe Diem, Langeboomsestraat 5, 7046 AA Vethuizen

**Other preferred accommodations**

Hotels:

Marveld recreatie te Groenlo: https://www.marveld.nl/hotel
Hotel de Ploeg te Varsseveld: https://www.hoteldeploeg.nl/hotel/
Hotel Heerlyckheid te Bredevoort: https://heerlyckheid.com/
Hotel Villa Ruimzicht te Doetinchem: https://www.hotelvillaruimzicht.nl/slapen-bij/
Hotel De gouden Karper te Hummelo: https://degoudenkarperhummelo.nl/hotel/#hotel
Hotel de Koppelpaarden te Lichtenvoorde: https://dekoppelpaarden.com/
Hotel de Roode Leeuw te Terborg: https://www.deroodeleeuw.com/hotel
Hotel de Zonneheuvel te Beek: https://hotelzonneheuvel.nl/hotel/
Stadshotel Doesburg te Doesburg: https://www.stadshoteldoesburg.nl/overnachten/
Hotel bakker te Vorden: https://www.bakkerinvorden.nl/kamers/
Hotel Bosrijk Ruighenrode te Lochem: https://bosrijkruighenrode.nl/hotel/
B7B hotel Emmerich (Dld.): https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/emmerich

Bungalowparken:

Marveld recreatie te Groenlo: https://www.marveld.nl/bungalowpark
Landal Stroombroek te Braamt: https://www.landal.nl/parken/stroombroek
Bosrijk Huighenrode te Lochem: https://bosrijkruighenrode.nl/vakantiehuizen/
De Twee Bruggen te Winterswijk: https://www.detweebruggen.nl/accommodaties/
Residence Lichtenvoorde te Lichtenvoorde: https://www.topparken.nl/vakantieparken/residence-lichtenvoorde

## 2.6. MEDICAL – EMERGENCY

**Emergency**

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| Emergency | 112 |
| Police | 112 |

**Medical team of the Organising Committee**

Medical team : Red Cross NL (Tobias van Essen +31 63 02 89 737)
Emergency number outside the competition hours: 112
Fire department (3km) 112

**Hospitals**

- Slingeland Ziekenhuis
  - Kruisbergseweg 25, 7009 BL Doetinchem
    - *Approx. 16mins from event site.*

# 3. TEAM SERVICES

## 3.1. ACCREDITATION

Accreditations can be collected from Thursday, 5 November 2026 at the accreditation centre:
Ons Dorpshuis
St Jansgildestraat 31
7037 CA Beek

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, 5 November | *09:00 – 11:00* | *(training session volunteers)* |
| | 11:00 – 13:00 | LOC, staff only |
| | 13:00 – 17:00 | |
| Friday, 6 November | 10:00 – 17:30 | |
| Saturday, 7 November | 09:00 – 16:00 | |
| Sunday, 8 November | 08:00 – 14:00 | |

**Permanence (LOC office) is located:**
Finish area
Beekseweg - Oude Eltenseweg
7038 HA Zeddam

**Permanence opening hours**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 5 November | 13:00 - 18:00 |
| Friday | 6 November | 08:00 - 18:00 |
| Saturday | 7 November | 08:00 - 18:00 |
| Sunday | 8 November | 08:00 - 17:00 |

## 3.2. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Friday, 6 November 09:00
Ons Dorpshuis
St Jansgildestraat 31
7037 CA Beek

Saturday, 7 November 09:00
Finish area
Beekseweg - Oude Eltenseweg
7037 CA Beek

## 3.3. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS / LICENCE CHECK

Registration, check clothing and confirmation of starters will take place:
Ons Dorpshuis
St Jansgildestraat 31
7037 CA Beek

Friday, 6 November 10:00-12:00

Team Managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licenses (with copy of 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:

Ons Dorpshuis
St Jansgildestraat 31
7037 CA Beek

Friday, 6 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

Finish area
Beekseweg - Oude Eltenseweg
7038 HA Zeddam

Media Centre Opening hours:

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|---|---|
| Friday, 6 November | 09:00 – 18:00 |
| Saturday, 7 November | 10:00 – 18:00 |
| Sunday, 8 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 berequired 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, 6 November*

10:00 - 12:00 Confirmation of starters / License check
13:00 - 14:00 Course inspection
14.00 - 17.00 Official training - all categories
17.00 - 17:30 Local Youth Race Finals
18.00 Team Managers' meeting

### *Saturday, 7 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, 8 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 2026 UEC Cyclo-Cross European Championships held on 7-8 November in Zeddam (The Netherlands).

**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:

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| Women Juniors (17 - 18 years) | 2009 – 2010 |
| Women U23 (19 - 22 years) | 2005 – 2008 |
| Women Elite (23 years and older) | 2004 and older |
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| Men Juniors (17 - 18 years) | 2009 – 2010 |
| Men U23 (19 - 22 years) | 2005 – 2008 |
| Men Elite (23 years and older) | 2004 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:** **Wednesday, 23 September 2026 (12:00 CET)**
**Deadline for the registration:** **Tuesday, 27 October 2026 (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 the UEC website and **must be sent** to v.petsas@uec.ch **before Friday, 30 October** for the pre-check of assistants' licenses (template form: *2026_UEC_Cyclo-Cross_European Championships_Zeddam_NED_Registration team 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 is determined as follows (art.5.1.043B):***

1. As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual classification of the current season.
2. Unclassified riders by drawing lots.

## Article 5 - ALLOCATION OF RACE NUMBERS

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

The allocation of race numbers at the UEC Cyclo-Cross European Championships shall be as follows:

- Race numbers in sequence from 1 upwards to the national federation of the European champion of the preceding season in the concerned category.
- The other race numbers are issued to national federations on the basis of the ranking of their best individual ranked rider in the European Championships of the preceding season.
- For nations not ranked or not having taken part in the European Championships of the preceding season, the allocation shall be done by drawing lots by the commissaires' panel.

## Article 6 - ALLOCATION OF BOXES IN THE PIT 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 next to 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.

## Article 11 - PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

## Article 12 - 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 card per rider on the day of competition
Beekseweg
7038 HA Zeddam

Parking passes for the National Teams that are valid on Friday will be handed out during the licence check. The parking passes for Saturday and Sunday will be distributed after the team managers' meeting.

Parking UCI-teams
Beekseweg
7038 HA Zeddam

The parking passes for the UCI-teams will be collected in the accreditation centre.

**Attention:**

- Access to the car park is not permitted until Friday, 6 November at 13:00 and is only authorized for vehicles with a valid parking card.
- Camping or staying overnight is not permitted.
- The course will not be accessible before 14:00 on Friday, 6 November.