



2026 UEC GRAVEL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Elite – Age Groups

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TECHNICAL GUIDE

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document summarises the information needed by the national federations concerning the participation of their riders at the 2026 UEC GRAVEL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. Mainly intended for team managers, this document focuses on the purely sporting aspects of the 2026 UEC GRAVEL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. If you have any questions concerning this document, please do not hesitate to contact the UEC.

2. ORGANISATION

2.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

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|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|
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| Race director | Jan Nys | +32479459917 | Jan.nys@golazo.com |
| Safety manager | Rudi Conings | +32485767440 | rudi.conings@telenet.be |
| Safety manager | Frederik Despegelaere | +32495546273 | frederik@spegelaere.com |
| Course designer | Thierry Guiot | +32496211339 | thierryguiot@hotmail.com |

Event Website: <https://eurogravel26.com>

2.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

UEC Management Board

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| President | Enrico Della Casa (SUI) |
| Vice President | Katarina Jakubova (SVK) |
| Vice President | Raivo Rand (EST) |
| Vice President | Georgios GEORGIU (CYP) |
| Member | Bernd DANKOWSKI (GER) |
| Member | Dafna LANG (ISR) |
| Member | Sabrina TSAKONA TWISS (GRE) |

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| UEC General Secretary | Alasdair MacLennan (GBR) |
| UEC Events Coordinator | Tiziana Lardieri (SUI) |
| UEC Press Officer | Stefano Bertolotti (ITA) |
| UEC Sport Coordinator MTB | Giorgio Baruffi (ITA) |
| UEC Sport Coordinator | Jos Smets (BEL) |
| UEC Photographer | Luca Bettini (ITA) |
| UEC Videomaker | Christian Bohm (ITA) |

UEC MTB Commission

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|-----------|---------------------------|
| President | Josef DLOHOS (CZE) |
| Member | Annina STRUB-BÜHLER (SUI) |
| Member | Thomas BACKTEMAN (SWE) |
| Member | Jurgen PAIL (AUT) |
| Member | David ROSA (POR) |
| Member | Catalin SPRINCEANA (ROU) |

2.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSAIRES PANEL

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|---|--------------------------------|
| President of the Commissaires Panel (UEC) | TBC |
| Assistant PCP (UEC) | TBC |
| Commissaire Belgian Cycling | Luc Geysen |
| Commissaire Belgian Cycling | Eric Follon |
| Commissaire Belgian Cycling | Pieter Van Schelvergem |
| Commissaire Belgian Cycling | Karlien Duysens (finish judge) |
| Commissaire Belgian Cycling | Mia Willems |
| Race secretary UEC | TBC |

Speakers Luc Apers
Paul Petitjean

Timing / live timing Chronorace (www.chronorace.be)

Elite riders do not have to pay a deposit for their chip.

Age group riders are using a seat post tag for their timing which is a throw away chip without deposit.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Houffalize must be covered by the National Federations or teams.

Airports

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Nearest airports: | Liège | 80 km , ca. 1 h |
| | Luxemburg | 118 km, ca. 1 h 20 |
| | Brussels | 160 km, ca. 1 h 45 |
| | Charleroi | 131 km, ca. 1 h 30 |

Trains

Closest train station: Gouvy (25km).

Major train station : Liège Guillemins (68km) with bus connection to Houffalize

Please check the Belgian national railways website : <https://belgiantrain.be>

3.2. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE:

Start & Finish location: Place Roi Albert 23
Houffalize

3.3. ACCOMMODATION

Floreal Houffalize

Le Hameau de l'Ourthe

Rue de la Roche 53

6660 Houffalize

<https://www.florealgroup.be/en/holiday-villages/le-hameau-de-lourthe>

Floreal La Roche en Ardenne

Avenue de Villez 6

6980 La Roche-en-Ardenne

<https://www.florealgroup.be/en/holiday-park/floreal-la-roche-en-ardenne>

3.4. MEDICAL - EMERGENCY - LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Luc Devolder (tel. 0499 192884) on duty at the CP station

Vanherck Evelien on duty at the CP station

First aid stations:

Refreshment area (3 BLS personnel)

Finish area (4 BLS personnel)

Medical station 1: "North" course

Doctor's car (UCI-licensed driver + doctor)

Licensed ambulance 10629 (AMU staff, Badge 112)

Medical station 2: "South" course

Licensed ambulance 15537 (AMU staff, Badge 112)

4x4 emergency response vehicle

1 driver with UCI license + 2 nurses (emergency specialists) + doctor

Finish Line Ambulance:

Ambulance License 40374 (AMU Staff Badge 112)

Medical Team Central Number: 0478 770739

Hospital Hospital Ste Therese Vivalia, Chaussee de Houffalize 1, 6600 Bastogne

Emergency ambulance:: Tel. 112

4. REGISTRATION - ACCREDITATION

4.1. ACCREDITATION

Teams/Officials Accreditation

Can be collected at the accreditation centre, during the opening hours:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Saturday 29 August | 11.00 – 19.00 |
| Sunday 30 August | 08.00 – 10.30 |

Location: Centre Sportif Houffalize, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 15, 6660 Houffalize



Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive 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.

4.2. PARTICIPATION / REGISTRATION

- Elite
- Age groups

Mandatory online registration on

<https://prod.chronorace.be/registration/SelectActivity.aspx?eventId=2156374230452805&lng=EN>

Deadline for registration: Sunday, 23 August 2026 (23:59 CET)

4.3. PERMANENCE / REGISTRATION ROOM

Centre Sportif Houffalize, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 15, 6660 Houffalize

Opening hours:

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Saturday 29 August | 11.00 – 19.00 |
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4.4. TEAMS PARKING AREAS

R.ENT. Houffalize (mobilhomes)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNbwJppaDqf1yZk78>

Rue Saint-Roch 106
6660 Houffalize

Taverneux

6660 Houffalize

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hgQvLgBdKcZxsCcy5>

Route du Vieux Chene

6660 Houffalize

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/oRVb9pFLH6Hbmv8L9>

Societe Agricole de la Meuse

Rue de Bastogne

6660 Houffalize

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/bvWRCBsEdzAWwEHA>

5. OFFICIAL MEETINGS

5.1. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS / LICENSE CHECK

Saturday 29 August 11:00 – 19:00
Sunday 30 August 08:00 – 10:30

Location: Centre Sportif Houffalize, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 15, 6660 Houffalize

All National Federations have to show up at the time of the riders' confirmation to ensure the participation of their riders. The accreditation pick-up for a rider cannot be considered as a confirmation of his participation.

Remarks

- Timing transponders will be handed out together with start numbers and must be returned immediately after the race at the tent located near the finish line.
- At the time of the riders' confirmation, Nationals Teams Team Managers must present their national outfit to the commissaires.
- Race numbers must be collected at the time stated in the Championships programme. Riders' licences and passports must be submitted to the commissaires panel.
- Rider shall ensure that their identification number is visible and legible at all times. The identification number shall be well fixed and may not be folded or altered.
- Please note that training will not be authorised without a number plate.

5.1. TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Date: Saturday, 29 August 2026 @ 15:00
Location: Centre Sportif Houffalize, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 15, 6660 Houffalize

Attendance is required by:

- UEC MTB Commission President
- Representative of the Local Organising Committee
- UCI and National Commissaires
- Team Managers
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Delegate
- UEC Sports Coordinator

6. MEDIA

6.1. MEDIA CENTRE

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

Media accreditations and photographer bibs can be collected during the opening hours of the Accreditation Centre.

Please collect your accreditation as soon as possible upon arrival on site, as it is required to access all areas of the venue. Accreditations must be worn at all times and be clearly visible when passing accreditation checks.

For further information, please contact:

- Stefano Bertolotti, UEC Press Officer: s.bertolotti@uec.ch
- Guy Vermeiren, Local Press Officer: gvermeiren2014@outlook.com

The press centre is located at: Centre Sportif Houffalize, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 15, 6660 Houffalize

6.2. FLASH INTERVIEW ZONE

Next to the Awards Ceremony podium, a flash interview zone will be organised open for the media.

7. ROAD CLOSURES

The race is preceded by a 10-minutes motorbike whose pilot checks that the course is free, marshals are in place and incoming traffic is being blocked or put on the side. The pilot wears a red jacket "Advance".

A second motorbike with a red flag opens the race 300-500 meters before the first riders.

From the moment the first men elite finishes, a motorbike with a visible green flag will start a final lap, indicating the end of the race.

Riders are ranked if they finish within two hours after the first Men Elite.

Riders have priority on the course and are protected with marshals and/or policemen at the intersections and dangerous points and have first right of passage within the above time frames.

Once the motorbike with the green flag passed on rider, he/she will have to respect road traffic regulations but may continue!

8. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

START TIMES

| | | |
|--------|-------|---------------------|
| 138 km | 12:00 | Men elite |
| | 12:03 | Men 19-34 |
| | 12:06 | Men 35-39 |
| | 12:09 | Men 40-44 |
| | 12:12 | Men 45-49 |
| | 12:15 | Men 50-54 |
| | 12:18 | Men 55-59 |
| 92 km | 12:20 | Men 60-64 |
| | 12:22 | Men 65-74 |
| 138 km | 12:27 | Women elite |
| | 12:28 | Women 19-49 |
| 92 km | 12:29 | Women 50-64 |
| 46 km | 12:30 | Men 75+ / Women 65+ |



AWARD CEREMONIES

The award ceremonies will proceed soon after the arrival of the first three winners of each category.

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, any interviews organised and the press conference. Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear at official ceremonies wearing competition clothing.

Jersey and medals

Every European Championship will be awarded with:

- The 1st place: Gold medal and Champion's jersey
- The 2nd place: Silver medal
- The 3rd place: Bronze medal

Location: At the finish line : Place Roi Albert 23, 6660 Houffalize

Prize money

| GRAVEL | MEN ELITE | WOMEN ELITE | |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1.400 € | 1.400 € | |
| | 800 € | 800 € | |
| | 600 € | 600 € | |
| | € 2.800,00 | € 2.800,00 | € 5.600,00 |

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

9. REGULATIONS

CATEGORIES

Races will be split with an Elite category (Men and Women) followed by age categories.

The age categories for both Men and Women mainly focus on riders with an amateur, master or cycling for all yearly license, although also Elite riders of a national level (when not member of any UCI registered Team) can take part in their respective age category.

Age categories are defined by riders' age on December 31st of the year of the European Championships.

AGE CATEGORY

YEAR OF BIRTH

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Women and Men 19 - 34 years | 1992 to 2007 |
| Women and Men 35 - 39 years | 1987 to 1991 |
| Women and Men 40 - 44 years | 1982 to 1986 |
| Women and Men 45 - 49 years | 1977 to 1981 |
| Women and Men 50 - 54 years | 1972 to 1976 |
| Women and Men 55 - 59 years | 1967 to 1971 |
| Women and Men 60 - 64 years | 1962 to 1966 |
| Women and Men 65 - 69 years | 1957 to 1961 |
| Women and Men 70 - 74 years | 1952 to 1956 |
| Women and Men 75 - 79 years | 1947 to 1951 |
| Women and Men 80 + years | 1946 and before |

At the UEC Gravel European Championships, medals and titles will be awarded for men and women as soon as 1 rider is registered in his/her respective 5-years age category.

QUALIFICATION

Since 2026, the set up of the UEC Gravel European Championships have changed as riders now have to qualify in one of the legs of the UCI Gravel World Series in the 12 months prior to the European Championships in order to be able to battle for the European titles.

The top 25% qualified riders per event qualifies for the European Championships.

The names of riders having gained qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series will be communicated on the [UCI Gravel World Series website](#). They will receive an official email from the UCI inviting them to register for the UEC Gravel European Championships via the dedicated online registration portal.

REQUIRED LICENSES

Riders taking part in the UEC Gravel European Championships:

- having a European sporting nationality (In the event of dual nationality, the sporting nationality shall be the one recorded in the UCI DataRide system, which shall be deemed authoritative and binding for all regulatory and eligibility purposes.)
- must hold a valid licence issued by their respective National Federation (daily licences being excluded)
- must have one UCI ID and
- must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UEC Gravel European Championships are held as per article 15.6.013.

Riders must have one of the following licenses:

- Elite license
- Masters license
- Amateur license
- Cycling for all license

PARTICIPATION FOR RECREATIONAL RIDERS

Amateur riders may still take part in the event with a one-day licence, as is standard in all UCI Gravel World Series events. However, they will not be eligible to compete for European titles. They will also be positioned in a second part of the startbox per category.

WILDCARDS FOR HOST NATION

The national federation of the host country will receive a number of wildcard entries. These riders may enter without prior qualification.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UEC European Gravel Championships remain a qualifier event for the UCI Gravel World Championships, held in Nannup, Western Australia (AUS) on 10-11 October 2026.

MANDATORY NATIONAL TEAM OUTFIT

All participants competing for the European titles are expected to race in a jersey representing their nationality, increasing the prestige of the European Championships.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Each rider is responsible for ensuring that they possess adequate medical insurance. This can be ensured either through an individual race license (from a National Federation affiliated to the UCI) covering races abroad or through a private insurance policy.

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

The organizer will ensure that all cyclists who take part in the event possess appropriate third-party liability insurance.

COURSE CHARACTERISTICS

- Gravel races shall take place on any type of unsurfaced roads and can include gravel, forest roads, farm roads and tracks and cobbles.
- Tarmac surfaced roads should not total more than 40% (fourty percent).of the race distance. Cobbles sections are not considered as tarmac sections.
- The course should avoid grass and meadows and should always take place on existing paths and roads. Running sections should be avoided as much as possible and can only occur due to weather conditions. The full course should be rideable in normal weather conditions.
- The majority of the course should have a width of 3 meters. Singletrack sections should be kept to a minimum and only be included in the course where required to link other sections and only where an alternative route for essential event vehicles (for example medical services) is available.
- The following obstacles or sections used in Mountainbike or Cyclo-cross are not allowed in gravel events: planks (obstacles), stairs, drops, jumps, rock gardens, technical single track sections, artificial sand sections, very steep climbs where dismounting is necessary.
- Course distances should be a minimum of 50 km and a maximum of 200 km, considering course difficulty and elevation gain. Race organisers can propose a shorter distance for older age categories. There shall only be one official distance per category per event.

SIGNPOSTING

All signage on the UEC Gravel European Championships course must be placed at least the Monday before the event to allow riders to train on the course.

It is the organizer's responsibility to ensure the necessary authorizations are obtained to place these signs.

A check of all signage must be undertaken the morning of the Gravel race in order to replace signs which may have been removed.

The course must be signposted to a very high standard. The direction arrows should not leave any doubt about the direction to follow.

All signposting bears the logo of the UEC Gravel European Championships. Signs are written in the language of the host country and English.

In addition to standard signs warning participants about dangers along the course or indicating the direction to follow, specific panels must also be installed on both sides of the road as follows:

- panels must be placed to indicate the last: 10km, 5km, 1km, and 500m before the finish line.
- the presence of the next feed zone must be indicated 100m ahead of each zone
- all the technical characteristics of the climbs must be indicated at the bottom of all climbs; this includes: the average and maximum gradients and the length of the climb

SAFETY

As well as signage; where necessary, the LOC should provide Marshalls with a yellow flag and a whistle to be positioned at appropriate distance before hazards to prevent incidents.

All dangerous points must be protected (traffic islands, central reservations, bends, etc.) by straw bales (wrapped in plastic), mattresses or other appropriate safety padding.

Radio or mobile telephone links:

- Radio or mobile telephone support is essential during the event.
- The organization will therefore put in place a system which permits rapid and efficient communication between the people involved in the organization.
- For the well-being of the cyclists (who are increasingly prone to carry a mobile phone during the race), their families and also the marshals spread out over the race, an emergency number will be available (and made public) throughout the event.

RIDERS' COOPERATION

Different categories start with different intervals and quickly merge during the race. It is possible to cooperate, work together and race together during the race. But riders specifically waiting for a group riding behind to help another rider will be removed from the race. Especially men waiting for a woman in a later start group to help push, pull will be **disqualified**.

START PROCEDURE

Riders are placed in start boxes at the starting line, in accordance with their start order and per start group. The entrance to each box must be placed at the back of each box, with riders entering from the side. The start boxes must be large enough to accommodate high numbers of participants.

Elite start order:

The Elite start order will be organised based on the points system. The system is a cumulation of the following points:

- points won during the UCI Gravel World Series events in the elite male/female result per race: top 25: 200-180-160-150-140-130-120-110-100-90-80-70-65-60-55-50-45-40-35-30-25-20-15-10-5 points
- points won during the UCI Gravel World Championships of the previous year in the elite category: top 25: 1000-750-600-500-450-400-350-300-275-250-225-200-180-160-140-120-100-80-70-60-50-40-30-20-10 points
- 50% of the points in the UCI individual elite rankings for Road, Mountainbike Cross Country (XCO), Mountainbike Marathon (XCM) and Cyclo-cross

Age groups start order:

- Each box with minimum 100 riders will be split up with a priority box for riders who are qualified in the UCI Gravel World Series and who have a full year license with UCI ID and a second box with the other riders who didn't qualify and/or have no yearlicense with a UCI ID. These boxes will be merged when moving up to the start line.
- The priority box won't be applied in the smaller age groups with less than 100 participants. Age groups who are combined won't have a priority box, even if the combined box is bigger than 100 participants.
- Access of the start boxes is at the back of the box and will be filled up from the front to the back.
- The start boxes must be separated by tape or fences which may be removed a few minutes before the respective starts. After removal of the tape/fence, the next start group can move to the front to be aligned at the start line.

For all, Elite and age groups:

- The start time for all riders in a same start group is the gun-time of that specific group, and not the moment each rider crosses the start carpet.
- The signs to indicate the start boxes for each category must be installed the day prior to the race to allow riders to understand where they need to be placed the following morning.

GPS DATA

The organizer should provide to all participants the GPX file of the course so it can be downloaded to a GPS device as backup to follow the courses.

TIMING

The event is timed for all the participants, for the entire length of the course.

The timekeeping company must produce an overall ranking per category and gender with a separate elite title for the elite categories.

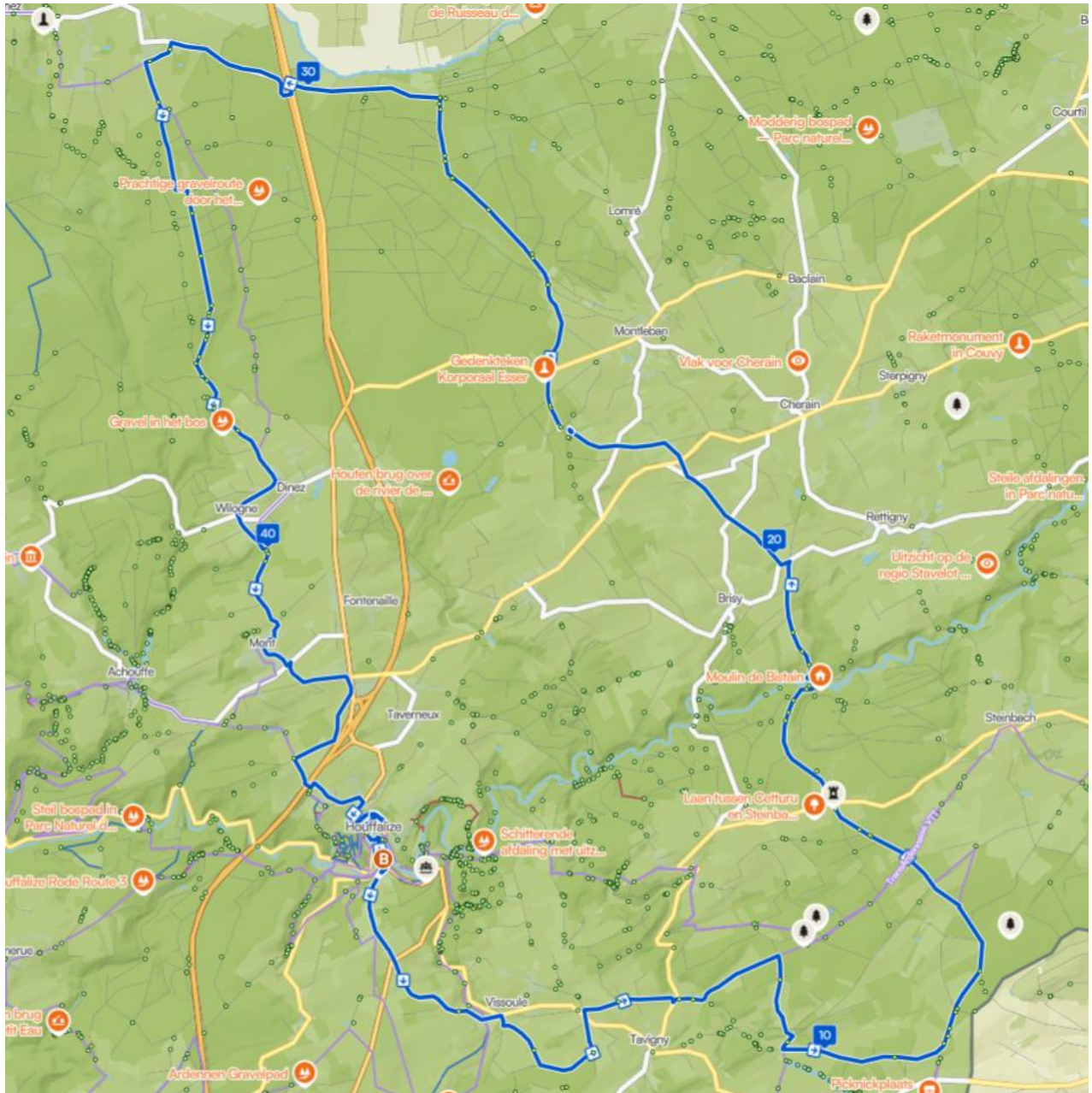
The start time is synchronized with the gun shot and not when each individual rider crosses the start transponder loop (GUN time principle).

Publication of results

Organizers must use the official UCI names of the categories in their communication and official results: ME (or men elite), M19-34, M35-39, M40-44, M45-49, M50-54, M55-59, M60-64, M65-69, M70-74..., and for women WE (or women elite), F19-34, F35-39, ..., F60-64, F65-69...

10. COURSE MAP

https://www.komoot.com/nl-nl/tour/2870261060?share_token=aTthbWQOrW61niW3GfbHDpv8dsyN7F6RFq43bk2Encl7GXG3SF&ref=wtd&t_s=referral&t_cid=route_share&t_ref_username=3197376804037



11. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The 2026 Bolero UEC Gravel European Championships take riders through the magnificent surroundings around Houffalize. Set along the banks of the winding Ourthe, amid rolling green hills and endless forests, this is a truly striking backdrop for the European Gravel Championships. In this landscape, where unspoilt nature meets undulating terrain, the fight for the European titles will unfold at full intensity.

The updated course remains faithful to its legendary start on the steep Côte de Saint-Roch. This decisive climb immediately sets the tone and returns again in the following lap(s). Along the way, the route winds over beautiful gravel sectors and smooth forest trails. Approximately 70% of the course is unpaved, with the toughest climbs concentrated in the first half of the lap.

For this year's edition of the Houffa Gravel, the finish will not be at the church but on the Rue de Schaerbeek where also the start is located. This road is slightly going up for 300m at a gradient of 3-4%

12. RACE DISTANCES AND SCHEDULE

| CATEGORY | DISTANCE | LAPS | ELEVATION | START TIME |
|--------------------|----------|------|-----------|------------|
| Men Elite | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.00 |
| Men 19-34 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.03 |
| Men 35-39 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.06 |
| Men 40-44 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.09 |
| Men 45-49 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.12 |
| Men 50-54 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.15 |
| Men 55-59 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.18 |
| Men 60-64 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.20 |
| Men 65-69 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.22 |
| Men 70-74 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.22 |
| Men 75-79 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Men 80-84 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Men 85-89 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Women Elite | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.27 |
| Women 19-34 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.28 |
| Women 35-39 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.28 |
| Women 40-44 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.28 |
| Women 45-49 | 141.9 | 3 | 2190 | 12.28 |
| Women 50-54 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.29 |
| Women 55-59 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.29 |
| Women 60-64 | 94.6 | 2 | 1460 | 12.29 |
| Women 65-69 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Women 70-74 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Women 75-79 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Women 80-84 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |
| Women 85-89 | 47.3 | 1 | 730 | 12.30 |

14. FEED ZONES

Feed Zone 1 : Rue de Saint Roch (1 km after the start/finish) : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rP3Qan2mXRbfaFNJ6>



Feed zone 2 : Pisserotte (km 30) : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SPxKVbFXkq5VXwb8A>



The official feed zones are also the only waste zones. Throwing away gels and bars outside these zones means **disqualification**. The course is drawn in a protected and vulnerable area so please respect our nature!

According to UCI and UCI Gravel World Series regulations It is possible to hand out food and drinks as a personal helper/team to your rider outside the official feed zones if you respect the following rules

- No feeding in downhill
- For events with less than 80% gravel: only feeding on paved sections
- For events with more than 80% gravel: feeding everywhere on the course
- Only the official feed zone is also a waste zone

15. BIKES

Any type of bike with dropped handlebars is allowed:

- Gravel bike
- Road bike
- Cyclo-cross bike

Mountainbikes, tandems, E-bikes and recumbents are not allowed.

Handlebars can be of any shape but must be of a one-piece construction with no bar ends or clip-on extensions allowed (triathlon handlebars and any other handlebars extension system are forbidden).

The bike should be minimum 6,8kg (without bottles, without GPS device).

There is no minimum nor maximum tyre width.

16. MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE

According to UCI and UCI Gravel World Series regulations It is possible to give

- mechanical assistance is not provided by any neutral service during the race.
- riders are advised to bring their own spare tire or tubular for the race. (tools have to be foreseen in the feed zones to give riders the opportunity to fix other problems).
- it's allowed to receive mechanical assistance during the race.
- bike change during the event is forbidden. Every rider must finish with the frame he used at the start.
- wheel change is possible throughout the course.

All riders should bring their own tools and spare tire or tubular to the race. Tools have to be foreseen in the feed zones to give riders the opportunity to fix other problems. Riders can change wheels during the event, but have to use the same bike frame throughout the event.

17. HELMET

Wearing an helmet is mandatory for all competitions, throughout the whole race and training sessions. Participants are informed in advance by the organization that they will be barred from the start or that their race number will immediately be withdrawn if they are caught by a member of the organization without their helmet.

18. RIDERS' OUTFIT

Every rider should wear a jersey or skinsuit representing his/her nationality during the UEC Gravel European Championships:

- Riders taking part in the Elite category should wear the official national cycling outfit of their National Federation
- Riders taking part in the age groups should wear a jersey representing their nationality. They can have their own-made jersey, if it respects the colours and design of the original National outfit, but can have private (club) sponsors on it. Riders in the age groups should always respect the existing contracts of the National Federation with a manufacturer/supplier and registered designs.

Riders who are taking part without qualification of without yearlicense of a UEC affiliated federation are not obliged to wear the national team outfit.

19. TV BROADCAST

The race will be broadcasted live on Belgian Proximus TV channel.

20. ANTIDOPING

The UCI antidoping regulations and the specific Belgian laws are entirely applicable to the event.

The antidoping tests will take place in:

TBC

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

21. PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

22. RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The organiser and 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 organiser, the Commissaires Panel and UEC officials.