

Bolero



2026 BOLERO UEC GRAVEL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHERE
GRAVEL
BECOMES
GLORY!**



PRESENTERS

- President of the jury : Diego Tosti (ITA)
- UEC technical delegate : Giorgio Baruffi (ITA)
 - UEC representative : Jos Smets (BEL)
 - Race director : Jan Nys
 - Event manager : Ward Depelseneer



PARTICIPANTS

 BEL 520	 CHE 32	 NOR 7
 NLD 298	 AUT 23	 HUN 4
 DEU 214	 PRT 22	 UKR 4
 GBR 180	 SWE 16	 SVK 3
 FRA 154	 LUX 15	 GRC 3
 ITA 76	 LTU 12	 SVN 2
 ESP 59	 EST 12	 ROU 1
 CZE 38	 IRL 11	 AND 1
 DNK 38	 FIN 10	
 POL 36	 LVA 8	
 1799 RIDERS 28 COUNTRIES		

+ 8 non EU riders

3 USA

1 CAN

1 AUS

1 BRA

1 NZL

1 ZAF

PARTICIPANTS

	Men	Women
ELITE	231	47
19-34	405 (281 Q box)	58
35-39	173 (98 Q box)	29
40-44	165 (107 Q box)	26
45-49	157 (109 Q box)	17
50-54	166 (99 Q box)	25
55-59	135 (77 Q box)	18
60-64	137 (69 Q box)	15
65-69	44	4
70-74	21	1
75-79	13	1
80-84	3	-

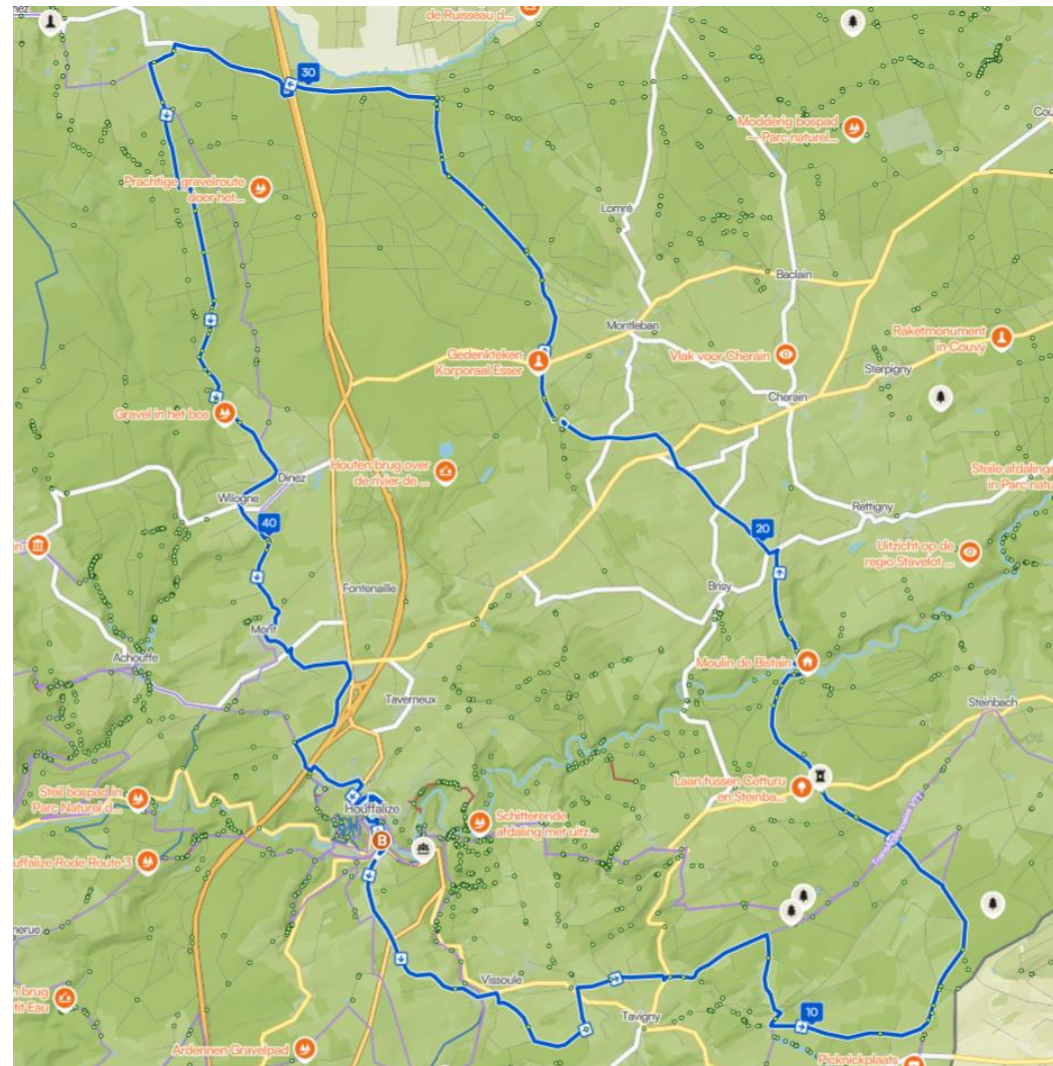
NUMBER RANGE

Elite Men	white	1-250
Elite Women	white	501-620
19-34 Q	grey	1001-1310
19-34	grey	1501-1640
35-39 Q	pink	2001-2130
35-39	pink	2501-2600
40-44 Q	green	3001-3160
40-44	green	3501-3590
45-49 Q	blue	4001-4160
45-49	blue	4501-4570
50-54 Q	orange	5001-5180
50-54	orange	5501-5580
55-59 Q	yellow	6001-6140
55-59	yellow	6501-6580
60-64 Q	light blue	7001-7130
60-64	light blue	7501-7570
65-69	red	8001-8110
70-74	black	8501-8535
75-79	brown	9001-9020
80-84	purple	9501-9505



COURSE

Distance 47,6km - 790m of elevation per lap





Weather forecast – Heat index

WBGT heat index

EK Gravel · EC Gravel - 3 laps · 2026-08-30

17.1 °C

Green zone · peak at 16:00

TIME	TEMP.	RH	SOLAR	WBGT	ZONE
12:00	16.8 °C	80 %	264 W/m²	15.8 °C	Green zone
13:00	17.3 °C	79 %	178 W/m²	16.0 °C	Green zone
14:00	17.0 °C	79 %	197 W/m²	15.8 °C	Green zone
15:00	17.6 °C	77 %	220 W/m²	16.2 °C	Green zone
16:00	18.3 °C	74 %	393 W/m²	17.1 °C	Green zone
17:00	18.3 °C	71 %	315 W/m²	16.6 °C	Green zone

UCI risk zones

Red zone	≥ 28 °C	High risk	Move start or finish times, neutralise a section, or cancel the stage
Orange zone	23–27.9 °C	Moderate high risk	Shaded start area, protect staff and volunteers from the sun, extra neutral motorbikes with drinks and ice, relax the rules on feeding and cooling
Yellow zone	18–22.9 °C	Moderate low risk	Ice vests for the warm-up, cool towels, strict individual hydration plans, ice socks, ice for the teams during the race
Green zone ←	15–17.9 °C	Low risk	Warm-up in the shade, sun cream, light-coloured clothing, normal hydration plan
White zone	< 15 °C	Very low risk	No specific countermeasures

Estimated from the hourly forecast at the start town (Lijegren model, UCI Annex C). The air speed is the expected speed of the peloton: 35 km/h. An estimate, not a measurement on site: on the day it is the device at the start that decides.

WEATHER HOUR BY HOUR

EC Gravel - 3 laps

EK Gravel · Houffalize · 2026-08-30 · racing 12:00–16:00

Dry

gusts 32 km/h at 12:00



Hourly forecast for the start town · averaged over the hour · a short downpour is harder than this number

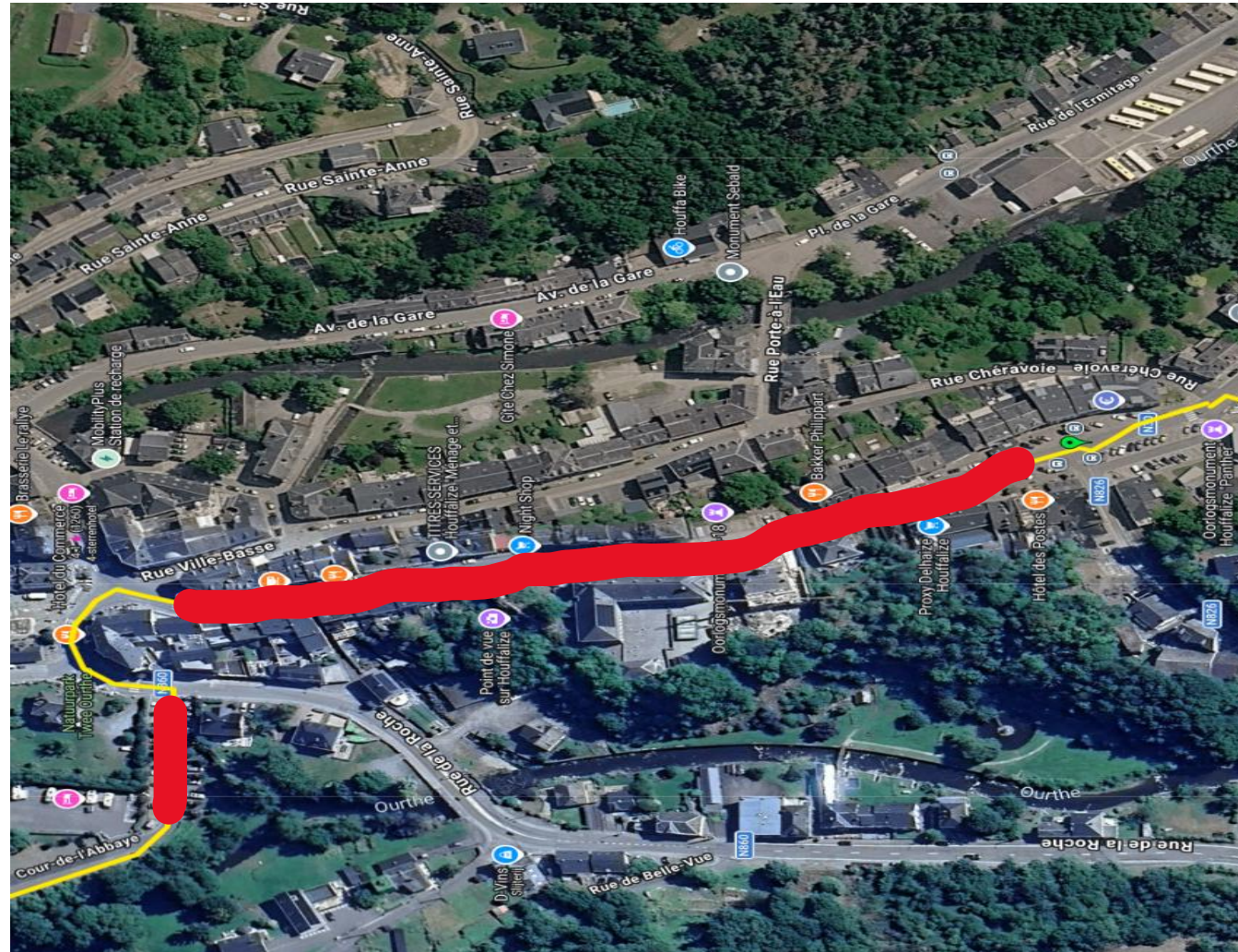


START TIMES

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+



START SETUP



CALL UP ELITES

The Elite start will be organised based on the points system in the UCI regulations.

The system is a cumulation of the following points.

- Points won during the UCI Gravel World Series events in the elite results.

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 rankings road, mountain bike cross country (XCO), mountain bike marathon (XCM) and cyclocross

IMPORTANT: we start call up 25 minutes before the start per race number

START ORDER AGE GROUPS

- The start boxes will open from the morning onwards
- The start boxes with more than 100 riders at the start will be split in a first part with qualification and UCI ID and a second part for riders without UCI ID or qualification.
- The other categories will be all together in one box. Combined starts will never have a split line-up.
- Start order is on a first come, first serve base



- The race will also be part of the Gravelking UCI Gravel World Series and therefore count as qualifier event for the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships which will take place on 10-11 October in Nannup (AUS)
 - If you finish within the 25% first of your UCI age category, you are qualified
 - You can collect your qualifier medal at the après-bike area line after the race
- We won't do separate UCI podiums. Only in case a non-European elite rider wins the race, he or she will be called separately to the podium. This will never be applied for the age groups.

DISTANCES

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



RACE NUMBERS

 Elite	 19-34	 35-39	 40-44	 45-49	 50-54
 55-59	 60-64	 65-69	 70-74	 75-79	 80-84

- All categories will have different colors of back numbers so that riders are not confused and know their opponents
 - Males and females of the same age group do have the same color of back number
- The start time of your group is the GUN time of your start, meaning that your position at the finish line is also your result in the race!
- The number you received is a back number, not a number plate! You also receive a seat post sticker.
 - Race numbers on the right side!
- Elites will receive an active transponder which needs to be returned after the finish. They also have to put the seat post sticker as back up timing!

JERSEY

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.
- **WORLD CHAMPIONS MUST WEAR THEIR WORLD CHAMPION JERSEY**

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

PARKING

- 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/bvWRCBsEdzwAWwEHA>

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!



FEED ZONE 1

Local lap: 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>





FEED ZONES

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 downhills
- Only feeding on paved sections
- Only the official feed zone is also a waste zone

PODIUM CEREMONIES

- Podium ceremony: Open Air podium finish line
 - Top 3 riders of each category must attend
- Cycling outfit mandatory (bib + shirt, national colours)
 - Without cap, headband or glasses
 - Immediately after the finish of the top 3
- Elite podiums get priority upon their arrival and flash interviews



NEUTRAL SUPPORT

- Everybody is asked to bring their own spare tubulars or have a repair kit with them
 - Changing wheels outside the feed and tech zones is allowed.
 - Riders can change wheels, but not bikes

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 (only applicable for categories with 100+ riders)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- All age categories, even starting together, will have separate results and titles, even if there is only 1 rider at the start
 - Control carpets (timing) will be positioned at strategic places
 - You can follow “live” passages and results online via <https://prod.chronorace.be/Classements/ListeRapports.aspx?eventId=2156374230452805>
(Link is also found on the website)
- We only accept an official complaint before the podium ceremonies

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

For all riders and spectators, there is one emergency phone number

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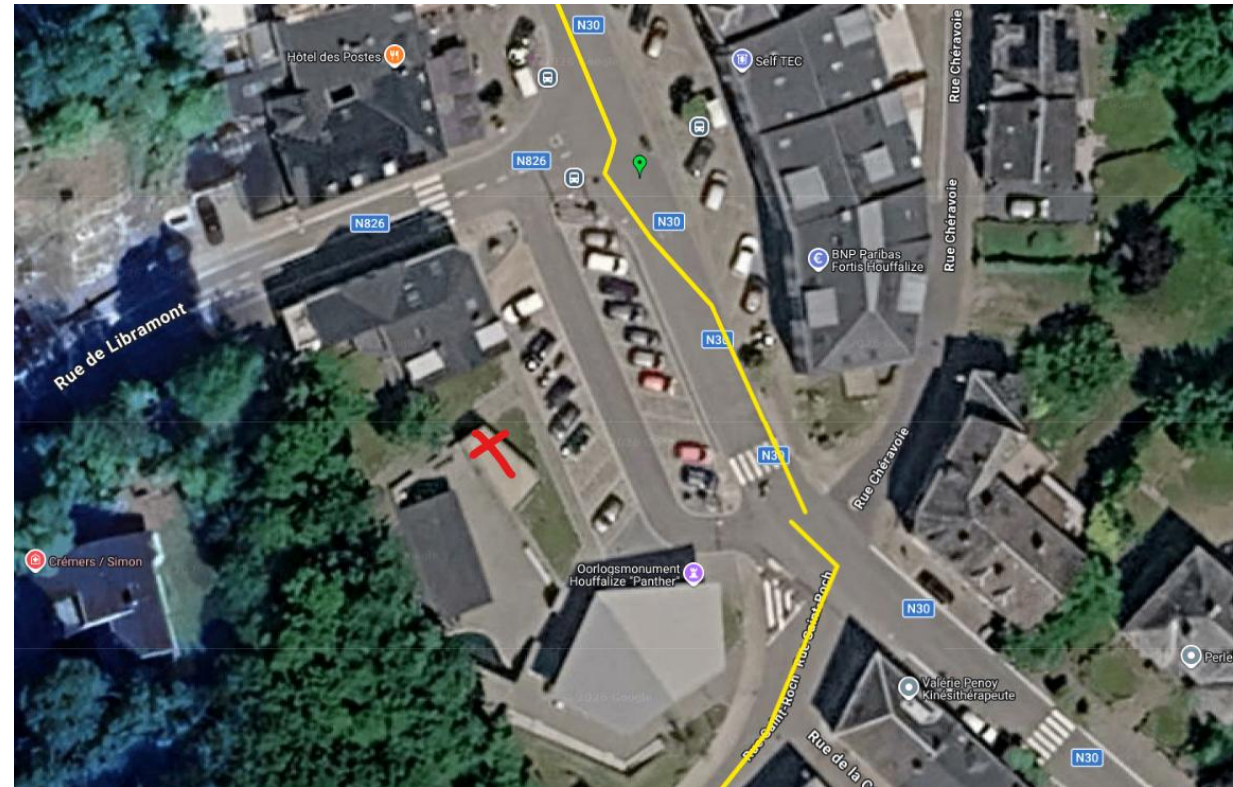
Phone number for non-urgent help or unrepairable damage :

+32 479 49 99 91



DOPING CONTROL

There will be chaperones who will pick the riders to go to the Doping Control
It's not the responsibility of the rider to check if (s)he need to go to the doping control. There won't be a list displayed



UEC will follow all UCI/ITA rules, protocols and procedures. It is the responsibility of all riders, teams, coaches to read and follow all advice and documents provided by UCI/ITA.

- European Champion jersey guidelines -

UEC Masters European Champion



UEC European Champion



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